

Final Report on Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max 2 pages) in German or English in complete sentences (no keywords).

Mobility program	ERASMUS
Home university	Ghent University
Field of study	Communication science
Semester	Fall term 2013
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Switzerland is a beautiful country. The nature and mountains are definitely worth to visit. Luzern is a beautiful city as well. The only thing what is "sad", is that Switzerland is quite expensive compared to Europe, but it's still worth the money.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	You have to fill in a lot of documents. Even when you leave, you need to fill in documents.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed in Steinhofstrasse, the accommodation of the university. I liked it a lot. It's clean and new. I also liked the fact that it gives you immediately the opportunity to get contact with other foreign students.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The transport in Switzerland always is on time. I had never troubles with the transport. The only thing about it, is that it's very expensive. Tip: buy a half fare card or after 7 card.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	I had troubles to find my courses, but the university of Luzern immediately responded to my emails and offered some help. I still think that Uniportal is a complicated system, and OLAT as well.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	University is easy to find, very nice, clean and small.
German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	The course was fun and you get contact with a lot of foreign students. I followed it because I wanted to improve my German because I had German courses, but the course was too simple and more fun than really learning stuff
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	All the courses and teachers were good.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The people at the university are helpful. Don't hesitate to ask help, they will help you and are very friendly. I had some German courses and for me, it was difficult to get in contact with other Swiss students.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	The university accommodation was expensive, but when you compare it to other apartments in Luzern, it is very cheap. As you need to pay in Frank, with every transfer of money, you need to pay extra, this is annoying.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	University of Luzern offers free sport classes, this is very cool. They also did some events for foreign students, which I can recommend to join.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	The courses I followed, were with a few students, max 20. This was very new for me. Also the fact that I could chose courses without exams, was an experience.