

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	University of Gothenburg
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2013
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I really enjoyed my stay in Lucerne. It is a beautiful city. Everything is very well organized. The public transports to rest of the country and neighbor countries are great. I liked that we were a pretty big group of exchange students from all around the world.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	When we arrived we had to register at the Mobility office at the university and at the Community office. We had got very detailed information on what documents we needed so there were no problems.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed in a student accommodation a 20 minutes' walk from the university. It was possible to reserve it before arrival and I think everyone who wanted a student room could get one. The apartment was modern, the rooms well equipped but the common area had no furniture for hanging out, only a table and chairs for eating. The rent was reasonable.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The university was right by the train station, which I found quite big for such a small city. From the accommodation to the train station buses left every 10 minutes, but we usually walked and I think the monthly pass was expensive.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	No language test. We had to fill in our knowledge in English and other languages if we knew some. We did the registration for courses after a few weeks, so it was possible to attend to different classes before deciding which to take.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The university is pretty small, great location right by the train station in the city centre, It is a modern building, it has a good library with studying areas.
German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I took the german course even though I had studied german before. I didn't advance my german but it was a good way to start and get to know the other students, see the city, and learn a little about the swiss culture and so on.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	There were enough courses in English to do a full time semester. The content was good and definitely on a reasonable level when it comes to work load and pace. I had lectures two days a week. I took six courses, for which I have three written exams and three papers.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Everything worked well.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	The prices at cafés, pubs and clubs are pretty much the same as in Gothenburg. Going out for lunch and dinner is more expensive, and buying groceries might be a little more expensive but I barely noticed.

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>Sports activities are free for students. There was a gym at the university and different classes were held several times a week at different places around town. For a small city, I think Lucerne offered a good variation of restaurants and pubs. There were also a few clubs to choose between. The city is surrounded by mountains so it doesn't take long to go to one for hiking or taking the cable car to enjoy the view.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Both have everything well organized, I experienced them to be quite similar. But one thing that is better at Lucerne's is that you could try the classes before you choose which you want. And on thing I find better at Gothenburg's is that you don't have parallel courses where all exams and papers are due in the end, instead you finish one course at a time.</p>