



## Final Report on your Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

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

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| <b>Mobility Program</b>           | <b>SEMP</b> (Erasmus inside Europe)          |
| <b>Home university</b>            | Copenhagen University                        |
| <b>Semester</b>                   | Fall term 2016                               |
| <b>Field of study</b>             | Law, Master                                  |
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| <b>General impression</b><br>Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences                             | I am looking for a word that can describe my stay. I don't know if I should go with wonderful, educational, exotic, exceptional, perfect or best time of my life. However there is one thing that I am sure of, I will never regret choosing Switzerland or University of Luzern. I warmly recommend University of Luzern to everyone!   |
| <b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b><br>Immigration formalities, visa                               | Since I am a citizen of the European Union entry and arrival was easy. The University was helpful with immigration formalities and provided all new students with a guide. However I ran into serious trouble with my insurance and it felt like a large burden for a exchange student, but the administration of University of Luzern solved my problems within 15 minutes. The administration of University of Luzern is very efficient and helpful. I don't think there are many universities if any with an administration there is that professional. As a new student you can always count on the administration's guidance.   |
| <b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b><br>Experiences and useful addresses                       | The University helped to provide housing. I ended up in a wonderful flat in Steinhofstrasse with a view over the mountains. Here I was honored to live with 4 nationalities. That gave me a greater culture understanding and friends hopefully for the rest of my life.   |
| <b>Public transportation</b><br>Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings                   | It is very easy to get to the University, since it is located right next to the train station. I walked everyday from the student housing but there is also buses.   |
| <b>Prearrangements</b><br>Registration for courses, language tests, academic records                | University of Luzern has a fantastic system that allows exchange students to explore several courses, before deciding what courses they are finally following. This is wonderful because it allow you to develop a feeling of an academic area before taking a final decision and I believe it gives a greater academic passion in a University. Because of the very good administration of University of Luzern prearrangements are smooth.   |
| <b>Information on the university</b><br>Location, size, infrastructure                              | The University is small, which is nice because   |
| <b>German course at the university</b><br>"German Short Course" visited?<br>Content of course, use? | I enjoyed the German course very much. The teaching was difficiated, challenging although I was taught german for 8 years and a good way to make friends and learn about swiss culture. I think all exchange students should participate also the native german speakers, because the course also give useful insights into swiss culture and the social aspect of the course is important. The best part of the course was the chocolate tasting, the visit to the transport museum and the fact the class was so small and had two teachers so it almost felt like having a personal teacher. I will like to add that my german teacher help me find an appropriate german course afterwards, that I attend and loved the entire semester. |
| <b>Studying at the university</b><br>Content of lectures, credits, assessments                      | I followed a lot of great courses among them can I especially recommend prof. Kuhn's course on Financial and Monetary politic and the course in international arbitration.   |

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| <p><b>Assistance at the university</b><br/>Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students</p> | <p>The assistance of university of Luzern and the administration was fantastic. Some student and mentors loved to engaged with exchange students and the outcome of that was a great culture exchange and friendship. However I wish that University of Luzern had more swiss student join in, since it was my impression that many of them would like to, but did not find the courage or did not have a lot of knowledge about the exchange program. I think that the exchange program could create more value to swiss students and exchange students if the interaction was supported more by the university.</p>  |
| <p><b>Budgeting</b><br/>Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>  | <p>Don't let the living cost scare you away! The quality of most goods and life is just so high, so Switzerland is worth it!</p>   |
| <p><b>Living/ leisure</b><br/>Meeting places, sports, culture</p>   | <p>University of Luzern provide a wide range of different sports. There is something for everyone at University of Luzern. I tried several different classes such as Body Pump and yoga and found them great.</p>  |
| <p><b>Comparison</b><br/>What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>  | <p>University of Luzern is better than my home university in several areas. The administration, the leisure time activities and the availability of the professors are better. The workload is a little bit lower at University of Luzern.</p>   |
| <p><b>Reasons</b><br/>Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>   | <p>Because I love Switzerland. I wanted to gain a better understanding of the political system because I think we can learn a lot from the semi direct democracy form. I love the Swiss nature and the mountains. I wanted to get a feel of Swiss German. Also Switzerland is one of the most developed countries in the world I wanted to get a better understanding of why and learn about the identity and mentality of the people behind the success of Switzerland. Swiss cuisine is also something that I love to enjoy, and it is more than just chocolate and fondue.</p> <p>I choose University of Luzern because I thought they had the best courses that fitted with my interests. That was a major reason too. It also played a role that the webpage was in english and it was easy to get information about the university's course.</p> |
| <p><b>Duration</b><br/>Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>  | <p>way too short</p>   |