



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).

Mobility Program	SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe).
Home university	Kingston University United Kingdom
Semester	Fall term 2016
Field of study	Law, although I am a bachelor student most of the faculty courses are master courses
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay in Luzern has been a pleasurable and meaningful experience.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Immigration was straight forward for me, I did not need a visa and I guess that might also made a huge deference. I did a pre-arrival visit and started the process quite early so I didn't have to rush around much.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I had a student accommodation via the university's Student Mentor Foundation@unilu.ch ? But they are very helpful in assisting students. The accommodation was excellent however, flat mates may have a positive or negative impact on your accommodation experience.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The university is very central and connected to public transport. Both trains and buses. Awesome location.
Prerearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration of courses was easy. And issues just ask any of the module administrators and you are good to go
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	Excellent
German course at the university" German Short Course "visited? Content of course, use?	. Language was not long enough personally, because it is a different (German) to what I learnt before arriving here. Three days was just about to learn the pleasantries e.g. Gruezi, Wie goots Ihne? Dangge, guet, und Ihne? Etc. Well that's just about that!! I guess it's all one needs to integrate. Content excellent but needs independent studies which, I personally did not have to do. It is very useful.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Content of lectures excellent, credits and assessment is according to the academic systems in Luzern so there is not much to it. Credits varies between courses. E.g. Introduction to Swiss law equals 4 credits, International public is 6 credits.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	I had all the help that I needed to settle down. The international officer was exceptionally helpful, for example, I had issues with the bank when trying to open an account. The internal officer got involved and problem solved. I had a personal mentor who was very supportive as well, she travels from Zurich to meet with me whenever we need to catch up on stuffs.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Living costs are quite high in Luzern, study materials are equally expensive. I did not have any issues transferring money because of internet banking.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	There are lots of meeting places that one can socialize, most of the time information is in German, however, you can ask anyone kindly and they are more than happy to

	translate for you in English. Most Swiss speak English although English is not an official language here.
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>It is unfair to compare the institutions, because from an exchange students' perspective, everything could have been better for various tangible reasons;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Out of comfort zone 2. Language barrier 3. New policies 4. Time difference etc. <p>But, could it really? It is just a matter of getting to know and familiarize oneself in a new environment and make it feel like home.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I was interested in knowing more about the Swiss cultural diversity, economic and social structures, and political systems.</p>
<p>Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p>+ too short but I guess I can always come back for visit.</p>