

assessments	highly relevant and interesting for me. The credit- and assessment systems at UNILU are quite different from my university in Germany, which is why it is advisable to get in touch with both universities early while thinking about the learning agreement.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The mobility coordinators of the International Relations Office were extremely helpful in, basically, every regard. From preparing important documents, organizing international student events, to just being the first to talk to for whatever issue comes up. The student advisors at the respective faculties were also very helpful when it came to subject/studying related questions.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	The living costs in Switzerland are extremely high in international comparison. Therefore it is advisable to look for additional financial support when studying here (scholarships, study credit, or other state-financed programs e.g. German Bafög). This is also true for prices within University (although they are relatively cheap compared to anywhere else in CH). To make your stay here affordable I recommend: buying groceries exclusively at ALDI / LIDL, preparing food in advance (you will save a LOT of money when cooking vegetarian / vegan) and take it to Uni, avoid printing study material, drinking in bars or eating in restaurants, fast food and the UNILU cafeteria (even though the food is really good there).
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	If the weather is good one of the nicest places to meet and hangout is around the lake, e.g. at Uffschöttli. There are many good mountain hikes around Lucerne, the closest being Pilatus, Rigi and Stanserhorn. If you feel fit enough avoid the expensive cable cars, then it is completely free. There are varieties of sport courses that UNILU offers and there are many things to see and explore in the historic part of Lucerne city. One of the cheapest beers and relaxed bars you will find at Neubad. If you plan to travel a lot individually, it might be worth buying Half-tax card. Otherwise we found that it is cheaper to rent a car most of the time.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	I liked the interconnectedness of the different faculties and how easy it was to take courses in them. In my home university (University of Potsdam) it is much harder to take courses in other faculties to this extent. The only thing that surprised me negatively is that you cannot use public transportation for free with your student card, which is the standard at German Universities.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I mainly chose UNILU because their offered courses fit very well in my field of study. Besides, I love the mountains and nature, which Switzerland both famously has a lot of. I also enjoyed the close proximity to winter-sports areas such as Engelberg and Melchsee-Frutt.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input type="checkbox"/> just right