

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).

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| Mobility program | PARTNERSHIP |
| Home university | The John Marshall Law School |
| Field of study | Law |
| Semester | Spring term 2013 |
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| General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences | My stay in Lucerne was great. The University of Lucerne planned several lunches and activities to get acquainted with the people and town of Lucerne. They made the transition very easy. The city itself is beautiful, its central location made it easy to travel to other parts of the country and throughout Europe. |
| Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa | The visa process was fairly simple, I received my visa within 3 weeks. However, registering with the city and with the migration office was a hassle and expensive. |
| Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses | Searching for rooms was made fairly easy through the website WGZimmer.ch |
| Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings | The central location of the train station made access to other cities in Switzerland and Europe very easy. The location of the University was near to the train station and was easily accessed on foot. I did not use the bus system during my stay. |
| Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records | Registration for classes occurred after we arrived in Lucerne. The process for registering was very simple and required just a click of a button. |
| Information on university Location, size, infrastructure | The University is fairly small, but has a nice sized library with access to computers, printing stations, and internet. |
| Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments | Studying at the university was great. The content of the lectures was interesting and the professors were informative. I appreciated the fact that classes were each held once a week. |
| Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students | The student advisors were easily accessed by email and provided any information we needed. Professor Moroawa paid particular attention to us, taking us out for a mentor/mentee lunch which was very nice. |
| Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer | The cost of living in Lucerne is much higher than in other places. In particular food and drink costs when eating out were much higher than was I am used to. I wish I would have been more aware of that before I came. Study materials are much cheaper at the University of Lucerne than in Chicago. I paid less than 100 CHF for 5 classes of material. |
| Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture | Lucerne has a good amount of bars and restaurants to eat and drink at. |
| Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university? | Compared to my home university I appreciated the small class size and the opportunity to get to know the teachers on a more personal basis. It was also nice to be able to communicate with the students more easily in the small classes. The cost of school books was much better in Lucerne. |