

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	PARTNERSHIP
Home university	The John Marshall Law School
Field of study	Law
Semester	Spring term 2013
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	The stay in Lucerne was very pleasant. Everyone was very welcoming and ensured that the stay went as smooth as possible.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Switzerland is definitely strict on short term stays within the country. Because the United States is not part of the EU, it was quite expensive to get a residence pass.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	This was slightly more difficult because I decided to find a private flat instead of living in a dorm, however, everything worked out perfectly.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	I did not frequently use the buses, however, the trains were for the most part easy to navigate and were always on time.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration was easy. The school provided step by step instructions to make everything simple.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The Universities location is perfect. Right on the lake and next to the train station.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Studying human rights and international law classes provided me with an insight on a field of law I have no previous knowledge of. All the professors were extremely knowledgeable.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The events set up by the University at the beginning of the semester made it extremely easy to meet students from other countries.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	The study materials were extremely cheap compared to my home university. The living cost in Lucerne is quite high, though.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne's central location made it easy to travel both within the country and to the surrounding countries.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	The University is definitely more laid back than my home University making it a less stressful environment. It is difficult to compare them because of the different teaching methods and because most of the classes I took were survey classes.