

## 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).

<b>Mobility Program</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP</b>
<b>Home university</b>	Doshisha University (Kyoto, JAPAN)
<b>Semester</b>	Fall Term 2014 and Spring Term 2015
<b>Field of study</b>	xPolitical Sciences, Bachelor
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	It was a really worth experience for me. The university staff were helpful not only during the semester but also before and after the semester. The curriculums and lectures were organized so I could concentrate on studying. Switzerland is one of the most beautiful and interesting countries in the world.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	I need "Staying Permit" to live in Switzerland more than 3 months.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	The University of Lucerne gave me some information of student accommodation. I choose the room size and applied by email. After that I paid the deposit in advance and this process means the booking the room. (ADDRESS: Gerliswilstrasse 10, Emmenbrucke)
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	There are Train station and bus stop near my accommodation. From my accommodation to University of Lucerne, it takes 5 minutes by train and 15 minutes by bus.
<b>Prerequisites</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	I could check "Course catalog in English" on university's website and enough time to think about it. First I could not manage to register it and asked the faculty stuff. They helped me the registration process kindly so I managed it.
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	The University of Lucerne locates near the main station so it is really accessible. There are the library, gym, rest room, cafeteria etc.
<b>German course at the university</b> „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage	I took Intensive German Course. It was a good opportunity to learn basic German. (Greetings, Numbers, Pronunciation, Basic Grammar etc.)
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I belonged to Political Science department so I mainly took lectures from its subjects. I totally got 7 credits and the assessments were essays and presentations.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	I often asked Swiss students who I met at my home university. And I was helped a lot by Mobility Office Stuff. They gave me many advices about anything. (Hospital, Insurance, Staying Permit, Accommodation etc.)
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	I spent about CHF1000 per month. Many professors updated study materials on OLAT and look by computer devices so I did not need to spend a lot of money for it. I had a bank account and its cash card.
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	I often saw my friends in Lucerne or Zurich. I enjoyed a hiking in the winter and joined a festival (Fasnacht). In addition, I did some road trips to whole Switzerland, France, Germany and Austria. Once a week I got together with my friends and cooked traditional Swiss food and Japanese food.

<p><b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>BETTER : There were small number of students in a class so it was really close between professors/teachers and students. The university stuff was supportive. WORSE : There were few number of Language courses. I would like to take German language course however there was only for higher level students.</p>
<p><b>Reasons</b> For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I studied at the University of Lucerne for my graduation thesis. I am researching about "Globalization of univesities" and really interested in Switzerland. It is because that Switzerland has the highest percentage of study abroad students in non-English-speaking countries.</p>
<p><b>Duration</b> If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> to short                      <input type="checkbox"/> to long                      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> precisely Personally I would like to study at the University of Lucerne longer. However considering the living cost and the rest of time at my home university, 2 semesters were the appropriate duration for me.</p>