

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	PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	Singapore Management University
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Field of study	Bachelor of Laws
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>It was a great experience staying here in Swiss. The infrastructure and city was clean and organized. The people were generally polite and helpful. The mountains and the sights are breathtaking, making it adventures and journeys to the outdoors highly attractive.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>There were somewhat too many formalities in terms of registration requirements. It could be somewhat confusing to register at the cantonal, immigration office with possible duplicates of documentations needed. A more streamlined process would be ideal.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>The school provided helpful information as to the student accommodations that were available. However, it would have been more helpful if the school provided more assistance or advice in helping students secure private accommodation.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>The punctuality of the trains and buses were impeccable (if rather expensive). The University building is situated very prominently and conveniently near the main Lucerne train station and bus interchange.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>The registration for courses was generally clear. However, it would be even better if an email confirmation was sent to confirm successful registration. The OLAT system did not reflect successful confirmations for all courses, especially courses that had to be applied via personal email to the professors.</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>The University is generally well-equipped with the basic necessities.</p>
<p>German course at the university „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>It was a useful introduction to the German language, and the basics such as counting and greetings were covered.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>The timing of the classes were generally adequate, with 2 hrs being a perfect balance between covering enough content and avoiding the possibility of students losing attention.</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>The opening hours were somewhat restrictive, so there were relatively few chances to do open consultations with faculty members. Aside from that, the assistance at the University was generally adequate.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>It was very expensive to live in Switzerland, especially owing to the recent currency increase of the Swiss Franc. Living expenses were bearable by not eating out and doing most of the shopping at Migros or Coop.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The University has a very robust sports program which I personally enjoyed. These included activities like badminton and strength training.</p>

<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The duration and content of the classes of the University of Lucern was definitely must easier to absorb than at my home university. On the other hand, there must necessarily be a compromise on the academic rigor of the courses.</p>
<p>Reasons For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>A chance to learn more about the civil law system and interact with European cultures.</p>
<p>Duration If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility</p>	<p>Precisely</p>