

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
Home university	The John Marshall Law School
Semester	Spring Term 2015
Field of study	Law, Master
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>The University is a place where you could learn anything that you wanted to--the library is huge, the teachers are great, and the students are diverse. Witnessing the system of education in Switzerland was an upheaval of the way I understood University level education. i.e. very little costs for the students, instead the money is being paid through the taxes paid by the citizens, used by the regions for the purpose of the regions' students, so these students are not crippled by debt. I met some amazing people while I was here and learned a lot about a few cultures that I was not all that familiar with before, and I hope I broke some stereotypes for the citizens of the US. And, of course, the faculty of the University was very welcoming and devoted to their tasks, which made a conducive, yet not overly stressful, learning environment.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>I arrived in Switzerland fine, but had some difficulties getting into my room due to my arriving on a Sunday. I had to go to Vienna to have my visa stamped.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>Use Airbnb.com (People renting their personal property to you) or Booking.com (Hotels) or Hostelworld.com (I think this ones obvious) and you will find something reasonably priced almost anywhere.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Bus passes should come in some sort of semester passs through the school for cheaper than what they cost. Otherwise, the university is directly next to the main station of the buses, trains, and taxis.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>Registration was easy There wasn't much language course in the curriculum--though there was the option to pair up and learn whatever language that you would like with a student at this school.</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>Ask an Architect.</p>
<p>German course at the university „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>I learned completely nothing from the two courses. For starters, the teachers were teaching us both the high german and swiss german words for simple things (numbers, places, basic verbs) which made things confusing. Additionally, the course was one week long, which isn't enough time to learn the German Alphaet..</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>All of my lecture teachers were very well versed in their fields and passionate about the subjects, which lead to some interesting dialogue between them and the students that shared their point of view or not. Im glad that the credits will be bouncing back to</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>Everyone was very helpful.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material,</p>	<p>Money is expensive to continually withdraw through an atm.</p>

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Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	There was a culture of meeting and doing prototypical swiss things together built amongst the exchange students by the mentors and facilitators of the different events. The sports are great if you can get a spot at the football fields or find a basketball court nearby.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	Lucerne is much more diverse in a global way than John Marshall. John Marshall has water fountains, whereas Lucerne does not. And, of course, John Marshall has more courses offered in English.
Reasons For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?	This was a great opportunity to learn some EU/CH law, meet tons of interesting people, and to visit tons of places that I have never had the opportunity to explore yet.
Duration If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to short <input type="checkbox"/> to long <input type="checkbox"/> precisely