

## 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>	NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL
<b>Semester</b>	Spring term 2016
<b>Field of study</b>	Law, Bachelor
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<p><b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>Firstly, I fell in love with the beautiful city of Switzerland and the extremely friendly people around. My stay was very exciting coupled with challenges in understanding German at times. The student housing was very happening with people from different parts of the world and it provided a great opportunity to interact with them. I was overwhelmed with the student friendly approach at the University of Lucerne and the high standards of teaching.</p>
<p><b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>The immigration formalities were pretty simple. But the formalities required to be carried out after the arrival in Switzerland were quite tedious and expensive for a stay of just four months. But there was no difficulty in completing any of them.</p>
<p><b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>All us exchange students were placed in a student housing at Emmenbrücke. It is quite simple to locate the address as it is pretty close to the railway station and the bus station.</p>
<p><b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Switzerland has a very organized public transportation system. The train connections can be easily found out through the SBB app. The University is next to the train station and quite accessible.</p>
<p><b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>The Registration for courses has to be done via OLAT. All the courses are listed on the same portal. All the readings are also uploaded on the same. Although a separate registration form has to be filled in to register for the exams.</p>
<p><b>Information on the university</b> Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>The University is a majestic building surrounded by the Lake of Lucerne in the background. The library is vast comprising of books on varied topics. The class rooms are located on the third and fourth floors and are equipped with sophisticated technology for making presentations. There is a huge cafeteria on the ground floor which offers a wide variety of food options although it is extremely crowded every time. As already stated it is located right next to the station thereby making it highly accessible. Overall the University is a sight not to be missed in itself.</p>
<p><b>German course at the university</b> "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?</p>	<p>I had attended a short German Course. It helped me learn few basics in German. That is "GRUETS" and so on.</p>
<p><b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>I chose around six subjects which amounted to 30 credits. The professors are highly knowledgeable. Also they are quite student friendly and ready to help the students in all possible ways. The content of the courses was academically challenging often trying to address the ongoing concerns in EU and around the world. I had two oral exams and two written exams. Rest were paper submissions and presentations. The assessments being varied in nature helped me in honing my skills in diverse areas.</p>
<p><b>Assistance at the university</b> Mobility Coordinator, International</p>	<p>The Mobility office was quite friendly and willing to assist at all times. I would like to make a special mention of the Mobility Coordinator who was willing to help me at all</p>

Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	times especially with regard to the immigration formalities. Even the student advisors gave us appropriate guidance in all essential areas. The Local students had a very welcoming attitude towards us exchange students.
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is definitely an expensive country. I was pretty apprehensive about it initially but later I stopped my mental conversion into Indian rupees and it was fine then.
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne is a major touristic attraction. Even a small walk around the lake can give one great sense of aesthetic pleasure. Apart from that there are numerous activities round the corner in the University and outside which can always keep one engaged.
<b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	I think the best part of the University of Lucerne is its approach towards students. Rather than burdening students, the University adopts a student friendly model which caters to the true personality development.
<b>Reasons</b> Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I always wanted to move abroad on an exchange programme and my Home University had a tie up only with the University of Lucerne for a complete semester. Hence I decided to opt for Lucerne in pursuance of my goal.
<b>Duration</b> Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right