

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
Semester	Spring 16
Field of study	Law, Bachelor
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay in Unilu was great, as I got to learn more about Europe and the world in general through interesting modules that helped to broaden my knowledge. The activities organized by Unilu to integrate exchange students were also beneficial and fun. Lucerne is a beautiful place to be in, and I am very privileged to have spent a few months here.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Residence permit
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed in the student house in Gerliswilstrasse 10, Emmenbrucke. Though it is not in the city centre of Lucerne, it is a nice place to reside in, with supermarkets and parks around which are very convenient. Regular cleanings are conducted and I'm privileged to have made good friends during my stay here. I highly recommend this accommodation.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	I take a train to school; it's just one stop away. The university building is very near the Lucerne main station which makes it very convenient.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration for courses took place after we arrived in Lucerne, which is quite different from my home university which requires us to arrange our classes at least a month before our semester starts. It's a different system but I think the registration process was quite easy and efficient.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The school is rather small but cosy. The building is well maintained and located at a good place within the Lucerne main area which is good because we can take walks along the river in between lessons and bask in the bustle of the city. We also get a good view of the lake through our classroom windows which is always nice.
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I felt that the German course was a little short (4days) but I understand that the administrative issues involved in extending the course any further. Nonetheless, I felt it was quite useful as I managed to use some German phrases in my time living here and can roughly understand what people are saying and what different signs mean. However, I felt that some parts of the class were not beneficial; such as when the teacher told us to plan a whole travel itinerary in German and we had to rely fully on Google translate and most of the time we came up with broken German phrases and hardly retained any information.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Studying at the university was enjoyable. Professors are friendly and willing to help whenever we require assistance. The library is also very conducive for studying. I felt the modules offered were also interesting.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International	The mobility coordinators, international relations office, student advisors were very helpful whenever we needed help; be it through email or when I visited them at their

Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	office. The mentors were also quite active on the Facebook group created, organizing different events for us to participate in.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Before coming to Switzerland, I already expected the high cost of living here but it was a little higher than I expected but I have learnt to manage my expenses. Study material was adequate, having readers for some modules which were beneficial to me.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	The sports facilities provided by the school are located a little far from the campus and directions weren't really given by the school so while making my way there for some sports classes, my friends and I got lost while on the way. It's a pity that there isn't a gym in the school compound though. Because it was quite inconvenient to access the sports facilities, I didn't use them after a few times.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	The classes aren't as intense as those in my home university which I felt was good because there is less pressure and might even facilitate better retaining of information.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I haven't been to Switzerland prior to this exchange and have heard that this is a beautiful place so I wanted to spend a few months here to experience the way of living and at the same time get to know more about Europe since I'm in the environment.
Duration 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