

Final Report on your Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max. 2 pages) in complete sentences (no keywords).

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Mobility Program	<input type="checkbox"/> SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	National Law Institute University, Bhopal, India.
Semester	Spring Semester, 2018
Field of study	Main subject? Law Study level? <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	The stay in Lucerne was extremely comfortable. I stayed at a student apartment in Emmenbrücke and commuting to the University was easy with the help of public transport or even by foot or bicycle. The city was clean and well organized, with ample number of signboards and directions, which ensured that I wouldn't get lost.
Entry/arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa, health insurance	I had arrived in Switzerland on the evening of February 8, 2018. There were no problems at the airport with respect to the immigration facilities or the visa. The University assigned mentor was at the airport to pick me up and help me reach the accommodation at Emmenbrücke comfortably.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed at the Gerliswilstrasse 10, Emmenbrücke (Stuwo accommodation) which was recommended by the University of Lucerne.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Since the university building is very close to the Luzern Bahnhof, getting there through public transport was very easy.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, academic records	In the introduction week, the procedure for registration for courses was explained very well and I had no problems in doing the same.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The university is located right next to the Luzern Bahnhof and is appropriately sized. It has beautiful infrastructure.
German course at the University "German Short Course" and/or A1 German Course visited? Content of course, use?	I took up the "German Short Course". While it was useful with some of the basic words, understanding signboards and ingredients in the foods that I was buying at the super market, I did forget many of the sentences that I had learned in the class. I did not expect to speak German by the end of the course anyways and therefore I believe that the course had met my expectations.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Studying at the University was a new experience. I would say it was less hectic than how it is at my home university. At my home university, instead of weekly lectures, I would be required to attend a 1-hour lecture on every subject, on all weekdays. However, the positive aspect was that the long weekly lectures gave me ample time to work and research on the subject on my own during the rest of the week. The credits for the subjects were appropriately assigned in my opinion. I have explained my only concern with the assessments, which were conducted at the end of the semester in the section, titled 'Comparison'.

<p>Assistance at the university International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>The International Relations Office was always quick to respond and very helpful. I could approach the office with the smallest of queries and they always helped me out. The Mentor who was assigned to me by the University was also extremely helpful. I felt comfortable as she would constantly check up on how I was doing and assure me that she would be willing to help me at any time.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Compared to the country that I was from, Switzerland was very expensive. I spent at least 5 or 6 times the amount that I would normally spend in my home country on Groceries. Public transportation was a luxury to me and I almost always chose to commute on the bicycle that I had purchased second-hand (with the help of the Mentor assigned to me by the University, who communicated with the seller finalized the rather cheap deal).</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>I actively took part in multiple sports programs such as Crossfit, Team Rowing, Football and Yoga and also made use of the Gym which we had access to by virtue of being a student at the University of Lucerne. I got to meet a lot of different people while participating in these activities and I would say that the opportunity to take part in these activities was one of my favourite aspects of my exchange experience.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>What's better: An ala carte system of choosing subjects; Highly resourceful library; the system of oral examinations. What's worse: Lesser number of lectures; some oral exams which were so short that they did not extensively test the overall subject knowledge of the student but merely tested their knowledge in the one or two topics that they were lucky enough to be asked questions about.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I saw it as a once in a lifetime opportunity provided by my home University that I couldn't have imagined to let go of. Students in my home University who had already completed their exchange semester in the University of Lucerne had nothing but positive stories to share about their learning experience.</p>
<p>Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right</p>