

## Final Report on Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

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

<b>Mobility program</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)</b>
<b>Home university</b>	Doshisha University (in Japan)
<b>Field of study</b>	Political-science
<b>Semester</b>	Fall term 2012
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My study in Switzerland became quite good experience. I saw so many people from other countries and made many friends and learn so many things like cultural difference and another way to think. It is very common describe for what almost all of students who studies here feel. But actually my stay here is unforgettable memory. What is the most important is to connect this experience to my future, I think.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	For Japanese, you do not need to get any visa. But if you stay in Switzerland over 3 months for a certain reason like study, you need to get kind of a permit of stay. You have to get it from the immigration office in Luzern with several documents.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	In case of me, fortunately Luzern University introduced a good accommodation, otherwise I would have found it by myself.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	You have quite easy access to Luzern station which is located in the city center by both of train and bus from the student house in Emmenbrücke. And also Luzern University is located near to the station.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	I had basic German course before the semester started.
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	Luzern University is located near the Luzern station. According to the statistics, Luzern University is the smallest public university in Switzerland. It has only one building and just two floors. But it doesn't mean Luzern University is bad. It has so many small rooms that students can concentrate on their study.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	As I said, Luzern University has so many rooms for small class so that students can have enough chance to study hard. Many classes that I took imposed much works on students. Actually it was so hard, but it could be useful for you in the future.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Luzern University provides students with many chances to help you start studying in new environment. For example, they are mentors for exchange students or chances to get to know each other.
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	It depends on how to spend your time. If you travel a lot, eat out and visit city in every week, it could cost too much. Otherwise, it costs around 1000CHF per month. Study material is also dependent on class. In case of my class, I did not need to buy any text instead of preparing documents.
<b>Living/ leisure</b>	You can go hiking, seeing an amazing mountain view, and visit nice cities in Switzerland.

Meeting places, sports, culture	land. Also It is easy access to other European countries around Switzerland.
<b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	Luzern University is very small university. It has both of advantage and disadvantage. There are so many small classes that student can have higher education through presentation or discussion. For big university like my home university, it is a little difficult to achieve it because there are too many students to provide a high education for each of them, it means they don't have discussion or presentation frequently. I think one of the disadvantages is that Luzern University has less diversity than big ones. And its scale is small. It means the level of research or a number of books in the library is less than the big one, I think.