

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).

Mobility program	PARTNERSHIP
Home university	Singapore Management University
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2012
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I had a wonderful time in Lucerne with many fond memories of the people I have met over the four months. It was great to experience living in the cold weather because Singapore is always so hot. I learnt a lot about myself since I have never lived independently before. On the whole, it was one of the best experiences I have ever had.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Immigration was smooth and I did not need a visa from Singapore.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The school was helpful in finding appropriate accommodation. I was very satisfied with the spacious rooms at Steinhofstrasse and the convenient location.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The university was very accessible from the student accommodation and it helped that the buses and trains were never late so plans could be made easily based on the SBB website.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration for courses was quite clear in the translated handout. The German introductory course was very useful in helping me integrate into Switzerland and should be continued.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The location of the university was very convenient since it was close to the old town and also had most basic services available nearby in the train station. Although the school was smaller than I expected, the classrooms were quite spacious and directions easily found.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Lectures were very interesting, especially for the Introduction to Swiss Law course which I took for no credit. It would have been better if exchange students would be given the option to take written exams earlier or perhaps take an oral instead of written exam. This is because it was tough to manage studying for exams and regular school work at my home university at the same time.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The mentors were all very friendly and approachable. The personal mentor assigned earlier was not as relevant as those whom we met at the Introduction to German course or other events subsequently. Perhaps mentors could be introduced and assigned as we arrive in Lucerne on the welcome event.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Cost of living was high, but manageable if food was bought in bulk from the big supermarkets like Coop, Migros and Denner. Reading Material was also reasonably priced, although the price of photocopying or printing is really high. Money transfer was convenient as soon as a Swiss Bank Account was made.

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The range of free sports activities offered by the school was very impressive. The old town was also very fun to explore. The KKL was very impressive and every exchange student should attend at least one concert there. The Swiss people are really so nice and understanding that I had no trouble travelling around any part of Switzerland.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>There is more project group work at my home university which might be good or bad to some people. I would say that the pace of life and stress at the University of Lucerne is definitely much lower and there is less emphasis on class participation. It is also wonderful that Lake Lucerne is nearby because my home university is in the heart of the city.</p>