

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	Ewha Womans University
Field of study	Political Sciences
Semester	Spring term 2013 ~ Fall term 2013
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I think my experience in Switzerland was very nice because I could study with great nature of Switzerland. There were quite many English courses in the Faculty of Social Science in Fall semester, so I had opportunity to study with many other foreign students.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	I received Swiss visa in my own country. It took about 3 months, so students would be better to apply for their visa several months before they come to Switzerland. I think the fee for registration and migration was too expensive. Unfortunately, because I lost my migration permission card, I had to pay additional fee and fee was ridiculously high.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	Searching for the accommodation was not difficult because when I was decided as an exchange student of University of Lucerne, my dorm was assigned automatically. (in Emmenbrücke) And my dorm was quite good because it is near from university (8min by train) and it was well equipped.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	There are both train and bus from my dorm to school, and it did not take me a long time. (8min by train and 15min by bus)
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration of courses was quite complicated, but thanks to other students who came one semester earlier than me, I could easily register the courses without much difficulty
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	Location is really nice because the university is right next to the main station. The size of university is quite small, but infra was clean and new.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	In spring semester, there were not much English courses in Social Science faculty so I couldn't listen to a lot of kinds of lectures. But in Fall semester many English courses were held. I had a few difficulties because here, the way of studying was quite different from that in my home university.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Using the email, I could contact with Mobility Office quite easily. Student advisor was also kind and friendly. She answered to my questions well and quickly. But I think that the university should plan some events for foreign students to let mentees (foreign students) to meet mentors more often.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Living costs are, of course expensive because it is Switzerland. But because supermarkets like Lidl, Coop, or Migros are near from the residence or school, so students can get foods or commodities in comparably low price.
Living/ leisure	With the student ID card, I could enjoy some great concerts in KKL in low price and

Meeting places, sports, culture	also listen to sports courses run by Hochschule.
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The better thing was that the university is near to the main station and it is near from my residence in Emmenbrucke. Also, the university building was new and clean to study and stay in. But I think university should plan and make some more programs or events for foreign exchange students</p>