

## 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</b>
<b>Home university</b>	University of Texas
<b>Field of study</b>	Law
<b>Semester</b>	Fall term 2013
<b>Name und E-Mail</b> (optional)	

<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I had a very good housing experience and enjoyed the classes at the University. The professors were knowledgeable and related well to the variety of students they were teaching. There were also a number of programs early on that allowed the exchange students to get to know one another.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	Getting the necessary formalities for coming to Switzerland was a bit confusing and stressful. I did not feel as though I was adequately advised as to what documents were needed for my Visa nor what documents I needed for registration with the canton and the city.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	The University provided me with access to two different student-housing locations. The housing search was very easy, and the accommodations were great.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The bus system in Lucerne is very good. I ended up walking the town frequently as well. The train station is centrally located and very near the school.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registering for courses was intuitive on the website once I figured out the layout of the site.
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	The University was conveniently located right on Lake Lucerne and seemed to be well run.
<b>German course at the university</b> „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I did not take the German for Beginners course.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I found the course work to be very manageable and it allowed for plenty of travel time. The lectures were generally interesting, and the professors did a good job of attempting to integrate the class into discussion. We were provided with comprehensive class evaluations at the end of the semester if anyone had problems with a certain class or teacher.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	While we were given student advisors, I never personally interacted with mine, nor did I ever really seek to. I thought the staff did a fine job in assisting us in our education. It would have been nice if the mobility students would have had a few events organized with the general student population.
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	Living costs and books were affordable, but other than that, Switzerland is an expensive country. I did have to budget my outside expenditures. Money transfer was not a problem.

<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	Studying at the University allows for time to travel throughout Switzerland and the rest of Europe. Lucerne itself is a quiet town, but it was a nice place to return to after trips abroad.
<b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	