

## 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 São Paulo
<b>Field of study</b>	Law
<b>Semester</b>	Fall term 2014
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My exchange program was an excellent experience. The University of Lucerne has a very good infrastructure and a supportive team to help the exchange students. Also, the city is really beautiful and organized. I really recommend it.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	I had no problem to gather the required documents. However, it takes up to three months for a Brazilian to have a Swiss visa issued.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	I had no problems with it. During my stay, I was in a hotel/pension but the University never failed to provide proper information on access to student flats if needed.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The University is right by Lucerne's main station. Easily reachable by anyone who needs to take the train or the bus.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registering for courses was quite easy, the system has a friendly operation and the course descriptions were always available. Both my knowledge of languages and my academic records were appreciated in my home University.
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	As I stated above, the University is located right by the main station, so it is of easy access to anyone coming by train or by bus. The number of students is small if compared to my home University but the campus has a good infrastructure to serve them.
<b>German course at the university</b> „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I took this course and, as I already spoke some German, the focus was on remembering structures for everyday situations. I regard it as useful.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I had the chance to take some interesting courses here that would not be available at my home University, such as one about the relation between technology and the function of law and another about terrorism. The content of lectures was overall good. About the credits, as we do not use the ECTS system in Brazil, I will be able to make only a few of them valid. Assessment methods were all described in the first lectures and I had problems with none of them.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The team that deals with exchange students was very supportive during the whole semester. The Swiss students I had the opportunity to meet and work with were all welcoming.
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	Cost of living in Switzerland is high, but I was aware of it before coming because of the brochures available in the University's website. It took me a while to be able to open a bank account, some people could do it faster, but I had no further problems with transfers. Study material was cheap and the University's library is very good.
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	The University gives you the chance to practice a range of sports. Also, Lucerne has several clubs and is a cultural capital in Switzerland.
<b>Comparison</b>	Administrative matters of the University of Lucerne are much more organized and

What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?

easy to understand than in São Paulo. I think it happens due to the size of the institutions and it also part of the "Swiss way of life". The infrastructure is also remarkably better in UniLu. I missed the debate on the national political issues, as it is part of academic life in many law schools worldwide and particularly strong in my home law school. I would have loved to understand a little better the current issues in Switzerland's political life.