



Final Report on your Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

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

Mobility Program	PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	Doshisha University
Semester	Fall term 2016
Field of study	Culture Sciences, Bachelor
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>It was my first time to stay in the European country and my semester here was fascinating. Switzerland is even greater country than I expected. It has 4 official languages and it means that it has varieties of culture. Through this semester, I think I improved my German, French and Italian (unfortunately, I still cannot speak Retro-Romansh) linguistic skills. There are so many places to visit, many things to do and many people to interact with in Switzerland.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>I'm from Japan so I didn't need to apply for an entry visa because Japan made an entry visa exemption treaty with Switzerland. On the way to Switzerland from Japan, I transferred to another plane at Frankfurt, Germany. When I was entering the Schengen area there, the immigration officer wasn't willing to accept my entering because I didn't have the visa. I explained that I would apply for a resident permit in Switzerland instead and finally was permitted.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>I stayed in the student residence, Gerliswillstrasse 10 in Emmenbruecke. The nearest train station is the next stop from Lucerne so it takes 8 minutes by train to go to school. Also, it takes 15 minutes by bus and 30 minutes by bike and 1 hour on foot from the residence to University of Lucerne. It costs 660 CHF to rent a large room per month. It costs cheaper to rent a small one. I shared a kitchen, 2 bathrooms with 4 roommates. Each room has a bed, a desk and a chair, a closet, tablelamp, a bookshelf and a mirror etc. You can use laundry machines and dryers, iron for free. They are equipped in the basement. There are 2 supermarket, Lidl and Migros near the house. Also, it takes 15 minutes on foot to a shopping mall, Emmen center. You may buy everything you need there. The owner of the dormitory will give you all of the information you need.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>I bought a half fare card of SBB (Swiss transportation company) for a year. It costs about 150 CHF to get it and you can buy most of the transportation tickets at the half price. It's so reasonable that I recommend you buy it even if you stay here for a semester. I went to school by train so I bought season tickets of "zonen 10" in Luzern. It costs about 60 CHF per month and I can go to the University and the gym in Allemand from my resident with the ticket. Also, you can take trains and buses to most of the stops in Luzern with it.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>I belong to the faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences so I registered for the courses via online syllabus on the website of the University of Lucerne. I can get the course materials via OLAT on the website. Academic records will be sent to your address in your home country after the semester.</p>
<p>Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>University of Luzern is located near the Lucerne station and it has three library (one is located in the main building). The University is not so big but provides you a great</p>

	opportunity to interact with other students and teachers closely in the small classes.
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	Before the semester begins, the intensive German language courses are held. Depending on your linguistic ability, you can choose which classes to join from A1 to B1. It's a good chance to meet other exchange students.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I had 3 courses, 10 credits during the semester. 2 of them are seminars and the other is colloquium. · Introduction to Political Psychology: biweekly, 4 credits, assertive participation, 2 short essays and 1 presentation · History of International Relations: biweekly, 4 credits, 1 essay (8 pages) · The Anthropology Research Colloquium: every Wednesday, 2 credits, assertive participation
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	If you have any questions, you can always make a contact with Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors and so on by e-mail. They sometimes hold events for the exchange students such as a welcome BBQ and a farewell dinner.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	I brought some amounts of cash but I usually used my credit card. I had 2 cards. The one is pre-paid card so in the case my money is running out, I can ask my family in my home country to pay the money into it. I didn't open bank accounts here.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	You can play sport at the gym in Allemand, the next stop from Lucerne. In summer and fall, you can go swimming in the lakes and hiking then in winter, you can go skiing and skating near Luzern. There are many museums in Lucerne. Especially, KKL is one of the best. You can not only enjoy art exhibitions but also concerts.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	Computers in the library are a little old-fashioned but you can use Wi-Fi on campus. The cafeteria is open in limited time, only during lunch time.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I'm majoring in art history and interested in visiting foreign countries and being soaked in the culture. Before I came here, I had never been to European countries. European art is dominant all over the world, therefore, I really wanted to study there. Switzerland itself is a great country, it has 4 official languages and then various culture but not only that, it has good accesses to other European countries. During my stay, I visited Paris, Milano and Helsinki etc. and enjoyed the cultural differences between the countries and areas.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right