



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	University of Calgary
Semester	Fall term 2016
Field of study	Master, Law
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>I enjoyed my time at the university. The professors were knowledgeable in their areas and the facilities were modern and convenient. The course load was surprisingly easy: we met only once per week and I rarely had to do work outside of class. The exams were easier than I expected. Overall it was the easiest semester of university I've ever had.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>The process was relatively simple overall, although the help provided by the university only helped if you lived in Lucerne (I lived in Zurich where immigration and registration were slightly different).</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>It wasn't the easiest part, and in the end my roommate and I lived in an Airbnb for the duration of the term. I chose to live in Zurich instead of Lucerne as I knew I would do a lot of travelling throughout Europe and wanted to be near the Hauptbahnhof and airport.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>The public transit in Switzerland is amazing, albeit expensive. I would recommend students consider the GA pass for their four month stay: it includes all rail travel throughout Switzerland as well as all municipal transit agencies within Swiss cities. The only complaint I had was that I had to wait several days for our university student cards which delayed my ability to get the GA earlier in September.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>Registration was straightforward and I got all the courses I wanted. The German language course at the beginning was helpful. I haven't finished all my courses and so haven't dealt with my academic records just yet.</p>
<p>Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>It's much smaller than I was expecting, but it's nice that it's a new building near the Bahnhof. It was nice having smaller classes. The campus gym was difficult to find, however, in addition to being small, having few hours, and not a lot of equipment selection</p>
<p>German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?</p>	<p>I attended the one-week course prior to the start of the semester. It was useful but I didn't retain much of what I learned, unfortunately.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>As mentioned above, it was much easier than I was expecting, which was a pleasant surprise. The content was interesting and more diverse than my home university. I was surprised that two of my classes were tested using short oral exams.</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>There was ample support but I didn't feel the need to make much use of it.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material,</p>	<p>Switzerland is incredibly expensive for visiting students. The one book I bought, for International Arbitration, was very expensive and not that necessary.</p>

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Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	As mentioned above, the gym was difficult to find and not that accessible.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	The facilities are better, the transit options are better, and the difficulty is much lower.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I enjoyed its central location and wanted to go somewhere new in Europe that I hadn't been before.
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