



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	The University of Texas School of Law
Semester	Fall term 2016
Field of study	Law, Master
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>I really enjoyed my time in Lucerne. I made a lot of great friends from all over the world, but I wish I had more opportunity to interact with Swiss students (the activities set up for international students by Swiss students were often on weekends when I was traveling). There are so many amazing places to visit in Switzerland; I highly recommend going to Zermatt to see the Matterhorn, hiking on Rigi and Pilatus, and paragliding (I went in Engelberg). Additionally, Switzerland's central location in Europe made it easy to travel throughout Europe.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>Although I went to the Registration Office the first week I was in Switzerland (mid-September), I did not receive my residence permit until early December, three weeks before I left Switzerland. For a card I only had for three weeks, it was very expensive.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>I chose to stay in a student residence (the Stuwo residence at Gerliswilstrasse 10), so I did not have to look for other accommodation. While I wish the Stuwo apartments had a common area besides the kitchen, the rooms are a good size, and it's nice that the apartment comes furnished.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>The public transportation in Lucerne is very dependable. I had to pay more because I'm older than many of the students, but the Zone 10 pass was useful for going to and from the university. I definitely recommend the pass if you live at Gerliswilstrasse 10 (it will save you money, and it's otherwise a 50-minute walk to school). The university is right next to the main Lucerne train station.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>Registering for courses is easy; it is mainly based on registering to take the exams. You can be flexible in choosing your courses (I switched a few of my courses within the first week) because of this. Some students had problems with not registering for exams on time, so keep that date in mind.</p>
<p>Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>The location is excellent (right by the train station). The "mensa" is nice, and the food there is good and reasonably priced. My only complaint is with the wireless internet. I often had trouble connecting, which made it hard to study at the library (since I use Google Docs for my notes).</p>
<p>German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?</p>	<p>The German short course was excellent. It helped me understand what was going on at the train station, and the introduction to German words for different foods made grocery shopping a lot easier! Additionally, it was a great way to meet other exchange students (the other students in my German short course became my closest exchange friends).</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>The courses I took were excellent. I especially enjoyed International Arbitration and International Trade Law. They focused on international law, which was a new topic for me, and I learned a lot from my professors, who seem excited to have exchange</p>

	students in class.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	I did not frequently reach out for assistance, but my friends who did need help during the semester seemed very happy with the assistance they received. The events that were planned (such as the KKL Tour and the Farewell Dinner) were very enjoyable.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	It is expensive to eat out in Switzerland, so I mainly cooked meals at my apartment. I only had one class with a reader, and I used a book at the school's library for another class instead of buying the book. Overall, the study materials cost much less in Switzerland than they do in the United States.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	I enjoyed walking/running around Lake Lucerne. I attended a few of the sports classes at the university, but I had trouble following along because I don't speak German.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	The internet did not work well at the University of Lucerne, which is not a problem at my home university.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I heard amazing things about Switzerland (and Lucerne specifically). I also had to miss a couple classes to go home for a friend's wedding, and I had been told that professors were very understanding about students having to miss class.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input type="checkbox"/> just right