

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).

Mobility program	ERASMUS
Home university	Bournemouth University, UK
Field of study	Political Economics Advanced Macroeconomics China-Rising Power and Influence
Semester	Spring term 2013
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I totally enjoyed my semester at UNILU. I was particularly impressed by courses content, found them very interesting, teachers have been extremely helpful. Small classes, super friendly atmosphere. Administration officers have always been happy to help and guide.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	My entry and registration in the country was very smooth. The university provided all the necessary documentation for the registration, and guidance on where to apply for the required residential permit. Obtain the permit within 10 days.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	Very well arranged by the university prior to my arrival. Offered student accommodation in Steinhoff Strasse, Lucerne, 20 min walk to university and central amenities. The accommodation is very well managed, well presented, and equipped with most living necessities for students.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Travelling to the university was very easy. There are many busses closes to the accommodation, and it only takes 7min by bus. Walking is also a possibility, takes only 20 min, plus the beauty of Lucerne makes it an enjoyable activity.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Prearrangements were done much in advance; before I arrived at the university I didn't experienced any misguidance. However, my first days at university were a bit confusing, as we were required to complete the online registration which was in German language only. I found that the system was a bit complex for non-German speakers, it took a bit of time and I had to ask many questions before I was actually able to register.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	Location: perfect. Gorgeous lake view, close to the bus station, train station, central amenities. Size: perfect size. Big enough to have choices, and small enough to meet the same people, make friends and enjoy the social life, I loved it. Infrastructure: impressive. New and well maintained.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I totally enjoyed studying the courses. I have found that the content was very interesting, teachers are very passionate about the subjects they teach: Roland Hodler, Omar Serrano. Small classes, very friendly atmosphere.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	University assistance is simply amazing. Any question is easily and efficiently solved. I found that the induction day was very informative and we were given clear information on who to contact should we need any assistance. I have to mention that mentors are extraordinary, very friendly and always happy to meet up for some socials.

<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Living costs are ok. Study materials were kept to a minimum; I really did not have to invest in lecture books as all the materials were accessible online, also the university benefits from a great library which stocks the necessary books. I was particularly impressed by the cooperation with other libraries, and how efficient their services are.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>Living in Lucerne is very exciting. The town itself is beautiful, there are plenty of places to meet up, and also the university is great at organizing social events for students.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Better: Infrastructure, canteen. Worst: Lack of course options taught in English language.</p>