

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	University of Sheffield
Field of study	Law
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I have had an amazing time in Switzerland and I just wish I could stay longer. The teaching has been brilliant, the subject choices varied and interesting and everybody around the university has been incredibly helpful and kind.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	It wasn't as difficult as I thought it might have been but having to find the migrations office and pay extra money did fulfill Switzerland's reputation of being expensive.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I did this through the university so it was incredibly easy.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Always on time, always clean, always space. Expensive compared to the UK but so much better. 200 m walk to train station from accommodation, 100m from the station to the university was ideal.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Would've been nice for Erasmus forms to have been able to pre-register but being able to sample the classes meant I ended up choosing classes I might not have done normally
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	Location incredibly convenient, size was smaller than I am used to. Could've done with better gym facilities and more online things, such as information and course mailing list subscription, being in English.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	No problems here at all. A great mix of everything to suit every person.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Never got a reply from my student mentor which was frustrating but every member of staff I came across was incredibly helpful and so nice that any problem I had was fixed immediately
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Slightly more expensive than home but I was prepared for that, if you shop around it isn't too much worse. The reader system of just buying a booklet of what you need is a great idea. Money transfer resulted in a lot of expenditure.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Living in Emmenbrucke there is a lack of places nearby to go and sit out in the sun but there are lots of green parks and places to go in Luzern. A gym facility that was open 7 days a week would be a great improvement, people would be willing to pay towards this, I'm sure.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	There is a far better support structure here with members of staff always around and willing to help. As mentioned more extensive sports facilities would be a bonus and a full translation of information also. Otherwise Luzern has been virtually perfect.