

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	Faculté des sciences politiques et juridiques Lille2
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2013 and Spring term 2014
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>I'm really happy with my exchange, Lucerne was for me the best opportunity to practice my English by the wide choice of English courses. The University has many partnerships all over the world and it was therefore very interesting to meet people (and amazing people!!) from everywhere. We were a fully united group, we organized different trips in Europe and visited all together Switzerland. We enjoyed a lot the beautiful city of Lucerne, had pick-nick and BBQ along the lake, went skiing, hiking and also many events are organized in Lucerne which makes it a lively city.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>When you arrive in Switzerland you need to register, even for European students, it seems weird first but it's really easy to do it. You just need to know that in Switzerland you have to pay for each service.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>I lived in Steinhof (Student Mentor), the area is really nice and it's only 25 minutes walk from Uni, so you don't need to buy the CHF50 bus ticket! The exchange students live together and the buildings are new and very comfortable. We shared a lot; culture, cooking, sport, movie nights and parties..! I would recommend living in Steinhof instead of Emmenbrücke.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Lucerne is not that big, you can go everywhere by only walking (it's really convenient!). The train in Switzerland is really expensive but you can buy the half-tax card which provides to have each way half price (highly recommended!), trains are on time and Lucerne train station is well served.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>I had no problem to register for courses, at the beginning of the exchange we were all welcomed by the University and they explained us everything. Also, the responsible of international relations are very open and they will help you if you have any problem.</p> <p>You just need to be careful to what expect your home University regarding the number of credits and don't forget to fill in your learning agreement if you are a European student.</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>The Uni is small but it's much better to know everyone, each time you go to Uni you will bump into someone you know. The building is really modern, the library is quiet and you have many books in german, English and French. You can have lunch in the cafeteria, it's pretty expensive so most of the time we grab something in the train station which stand next to Uni and eat at Uni (there is a nice area for lunch, coffee, etc).</p>
<p>German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>I was surprised that most of the exchange students haven't learnt german at all. It has been really good for my English but I have been a bit disappointed of the content of this class. You only learn the really basic stuff in German (boring when you studied german for many years..). However, the class is the best way to meet the other ex-</p>

	change students and the different activities organized by the course were good.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	he lectures are interesting, you are only in small group which gives you the opportunity to participate. Usually, the professors use power point to illustrate the class, so if you are not a native speaker you can easily understand and if you study enough and are present during the classes you will pass all your exams! You have reading assessment for each class, and sometimes you have an oral presentation to do. It takes a bit of time but as you only have about 10 hours of class per week it's really fine and it's also a good way to improve your English.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The Mobility Office pays close attention to you and they will answer you quickly if you have any request. Different events were organized by the Uni, thus we meet everyone and have a good time. Swiss students are nice and they will help you if you turn to them. You will have a mentor, try to meet him/her to get some tips. Also, the mentors group organized events that we really enjoyed (raclette party, hike, brewery visit,..)
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Cost of life in Switzerland is expensive but you can manage it! Fruits and vegetable are very affordable for example. But it's true that some products (specially meat) are really expensive. The insurances are also expensive. The rent in Steinhof is correct. For your class you will have to buy a reader or books, it's expensive, you should expect to spend CHF150 for one semester. I opened a bank account in Credit Suisse, the first year is free for student. It's really convenient to have a credit card here.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne is a good place to live, you have the mountains close and can go skiing or sledging during winter, you can go hiking, walk along the lake and even swimming in the lake, have a coffee in the old town, go for a classical music concert (really affordable for students) in the KKL (one of the best acoustic in Europe, and amazing musicians play here). You have many sports offered by the University. And it's really easy to travel in Europe from Lucerne (and cheap with easyjet!)
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	