

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 (inside Europe)
Home university	University of Sheffield
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2013 and Spring term 2014
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I have had a brilliant year, with very few complaints! Luzern University has been very welcoming and the city itself is beautiful. It's situated really well for travelling around Europe and the surrounding areas have lots of hikes and ski activities on offer. The fact I don't speak German has not been an issue because the large majority of people speak English and are always happy to help.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	All straightforward. Was useful knowing exactly what I needed before I arrived in Switzerland.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	This was very straightforward. The university provided me with all the necessary details, so I knew who to contact. I have been pleased with the Student Mentor Foundation accommodation.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Public Transport is great in Switzerland. It was also helpful to find out about rail cards during our induction week. It is quite expensive, but efficient. I would definitely recommend buying the half fare card and the after 7 for anyone who intends to travel frequently.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	All simple to carry out and well explained.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The university website is good to find out about these topics and also the university sends out booklets about itself and Luzern. It is a small university, but this is nice because it adds to a friendly atmosphere and made a nice change from my home university, which is very big.
German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I thought this class was beneficial for getting to know new people. I feel that they tried to teach us too much German too quickly though, rather than just sticking to the basics. Also, it would have been good to do it again for the beginning of the second semester to meet the new exchange students.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I have enjoyed studying at the university. A good range of modules are offered, with varied forms of examination. All the staff are helpful and there has been a nice amount of work, which has also given me time to do some travelling and make the most of living in Switzerland.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	My mentor was great at the beginning and a good contact to learn more about Luzern. All staff were happy to answer any questions, and all Swiss student were friendly.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is expensive. However, you quickly learn how to adapt and the university helps where possible. The readers needed for modules are reasonably priced and the university food is also very fair.

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The sports program offered for free by the university has been really good. I have made the most of the gym and a variety of classes. The other social events organized by the university have all been very enjoyable and a great opportunity to meet new people.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>For me personally, I prefer Luzern because I find the staff to be more approachable and I like their style of teaching and examination. I think this is probably due to the small size of the university. I also like that we have readers with the relevant module information, rather than having to buy lots of textbooks. In terms of the city, Luzern is a lot prettier and has more character. However, Sheffield is cheaper and bigger so is a greater variety of places to go out. Overall, Luzern is more suited to my tastes!</p>