

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	SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)
Home university	Charles University in Prague
Semester	Fall term 2015 and spring term 2016
Field of study	Law, Master
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I really enjoyed my stay in Switzerland and I am happy with my choice of the University of Lucerne in particular. It gave me an insight into a different legal system and culture. I liked everything about the organization of the exchange programme and the courses offered were very interesting. The only downside is the cost of living in Switzerland.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	As a student from an EU country the immigration formalities were not complicated, it was actually easier than expected.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The University of Lucerne can help you arrange accommodation in a student dormitory. I had a recommendation from somebody who already had been here and therefore I knew that I wanted to live in the Eichhof dormitory and I was satisfied with my choice.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Public transport works very well in Lucerne but I actually didn't use it so much as I was living in the Eichhof dormitory and the university building is within walking distance from there.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	There were not too many documents needed from the university and also no language test. Registration for courses was possible after arrival in Lucerne and the process was quite easy.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The university building is in the city center, right next to the train station which is a perfect location. There are a couple of supermarkets and post office nearby. The university building is new and very nice.
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I did not visit the German course.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The lectures that I attended were all very well structured and well prepared and I liked that there was mostly a good ratio of going through the information and discussions about it.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	Assistance of the university staff is really great. Every time I needed help with something or just to get information that was no problem. They were all really very nice and helpful. The swiss students who were mentors also helped us if we had some questions and they organized events for us which I enjoyed very much.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	The costs of living in Switzerland are generally quite high, especially the accommodation. The prices of study material were also higher but you can find a lot of material also in the library, so it is not necessary to buy all of them. I didn't open a bank account in Switzerland. I used a credit card from my home country and there was no problem with that as you can pay almost everywhere with a credit card

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The university and student mentors organized a couple of events for us which were great. Apart from that there is a lot to do and see in Lucerne and nearby. You can go hiking in the mountains or if you take the train you can visit some other cities. The only downside is the cost of transportation in Switzerland, but you can sometimes find tickets for discounted prices.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>I really liked that all the materials for the classes (presentations, handouts, readings, statutes) were uploaded on the internet and you could access them anytime. Probably the only thing that I didn't like is that there is not hot water in the university building throughout the year, not even in the winter.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I chose the University of Lucerne because I wanted to get deeper knowledge of Swiss law and I got a couple of recommendations for this university in particular. Apart from that I wanted to practice my German and also the location of the city of Lucerne was an advantage.</p>
<p>Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> just right</p>