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|   | exam in, thus module selection is very self-controlled and flexible.   |
| <b>Information on the university</b><br>Location, size, infrastructure  | The University, in comparison to my home University (UEA) and other University's in the UK, is small in size – this, before arriving in Luzern, concerned me as I was worried about there not being enough people/ enough of a student vibe to make it the uni experience I was so used to back home. However, it did not affect my 'uni experience' at all- there is still a great social buzz amongst all exchange students, from both UniLu and neighboring campuses e.g. HSLU, as well as local students. The University is one building located in the heart of the city and is situated right at the foot of Lake Lucerne, which makes a perfect location for lunch and breaks in-between classes.   |
| <b>German course at the University</b><br>"German Short Course" visited?<br>Content of course, use?   | The German course was firstly a great way to meet all other new students, not just from the faculty of Law, but across other modules too. The course itself was a succinct and useful introduction to German. Following this, students at the University also put on a weekly German course where you can continue to learn if you wish to, and this is free of charge to attend, split into either beginner or advanced classes (you simply have to pre-register).  |
| <b>Studying at the university</b><br>Content of lectures, credits,<br>Assessments   | The University offers a broad range of interesting and stimulating courses. The content is law related, however there is also the opportunity to take courses, often guest courses, which cover subjects and issues outside the traditional law spectrum or focus on other jurisdictions, for example, I selected the courses: democracy and globalization and U.S. Constitutional law and the Death Penalty. Guest courses are worth 2 credits and work off a simple pass/fail (you can request a grade if you wish), these are highly recommended as they engage a lot of discussion and learning is for purposes of pure self-interest and enjoyment, rather than having the pressure of a grade riding on you. Other courses can be either 4 credits or 6 credits, and exams are either written or oral, both of which I found comfortable despite being initially worried about the oral exams. |
| <b>Assistance at the university</b><br>Mobility Coordinator, International<br>Relations Office, student advisors,<br>mentors, contact with other students | <p>The support team at the university is excellent. All points of contact are readily available by e-mail, and you can always organize meetings if you have pressing concerns, or even for any other general issues you may have that might not be related to academia e.g. accommodation, letters being received in the post that you are unsure of.</p> <p>The exchange team also have local student buddies organized for us, and these students are very helpful and keen to ensure that all exchange students have the best time on their year abroad. They are present at the welcome and farewell events, and in my experience have always been around to answer any questions, throughout the year they will also organize bar crawls and excursions to mountains, chocolate factory's plus many other things of interest, as well as take suggestions posed by other students.</p>          |
| <b>Budgeting</b><br>Living costs, study material,<br>money transfer   | I found that I would prefer to pay my accommodation rent in one lump sum per semester where I could, even if it meant being a bit short of money for the first few months whilst I waited for my next student loan to come in. This way I would not have   |

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|  | <p>to worry about saving a certain amount p/m to ensure I had enough to pay my rent, as if this is missed you will be charged a fee.</p> <p>I found the best way to pay rent was through TransferWise, as it saves a lot of money on the conversion fee that would be charged otherwise.</p> <p>I didn't have to buy any textbooks for any of the courses I took, some courses issue a Reader which contains all the material you will need for the course, and these can be purchased from the student shop, often varying between approx. 10CHF – 25CHF.</p> <p>At the beginning of every month I'd like to make note of how much money I have to spend that month and keep track of spending where I could. The XE currency converter was a useful app to have on my phone. Although it is true that Switzerland is expensive to live in, and this can take you by shock at the beginning (as well as put you off going in the first place, like it did me), reality is – once you've found the right places to shop, and when you're not living like a tourist, you can manage just fine as well as having money left over to travel too! BONUS.</p> |
| <p><b>Living/ leisure</b><br/>Meeting places, sports, culture</p>  | <p>The train station is the hub, so if you want to find anyone, tell them to meet you at the station! Best places to socialize I found would be by the lake side, or a place called Neubad (a closed swimming pool, turned into a bar and indoor cinema!). Luzern has lots of lovely bars and areas where you can sit outside to drink.</p> <p>The University's sports programme is the best I have ever experienced. HSLU sports offers a vast range of different sports, and to go to these classes all you have to do is register 3 days in advance (be quick, as spaces are limited), but all are free of charge! This could be paddle boarding, hip hop, volleyball, spin, you name it – they have it.</p> <p>Swiss culture is so rich, and I'm not just talking about the cheese and chocolate! Things to look out for and not to miss: Luzern Festival and Fasnacht!</p>  |
| <p><b>Comparison</b><br/>What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p> | <p>Better- the landscape, organisation of their sports programme, range of classes, oral exams</p> <p>Could be improved - a student's union, societies for students to join and be involved in, a student bar, integration of local students with exchange students, longer library hours</p>  |
| <p><b>Reasons</b><br/>Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>          | <p>Because of the prestigious reputation of UniLu's law school and Luzern being so central meant it would be easier to travel to other destinations too. In addition, Switzerland's environment looked beautiful and the thought of being next to mountains as well as being able to do so many outdoor activities, in winter and summer, meant that I had to choose the University of Lucerne.</p>  |
| <p><b>Duration</b><br/>Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>   | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short (but that's because I really didn't want the year to come to an end!)<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> too long                      <input type="checkbox"/> just right</p>   |