



International Relations Office Mobility

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).

The report will be posted on the website of the University of Lucerne and may also be viewable via internet search engines. A subsequent amendment or deletion of data (e.g. name) will not be possible after the report has been submitted!

Please send the report back in Word format only.

Mobility Program	SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)
Home university	Università degli Studi di Pavia
Semester	spring term 17
Field of study	Law Study level: Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	It has been a life-changing and awarding experience, both from an academic and social point of view. I got the chance to meet not only friendly and caring people but also to embrace their different backgrounds and culture. I had also the pleasure to study international subjects that have always interested me.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Luckily, I didn't have much struggle with the immigration formalities: I only had to register at the communal registration office in the city centre and to buy my own Swiss private liability insurance. In both cases, the procedure was quick and not very expensive.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The University of Lucerne provided me with all the useful information about the accommodation. I was suggested to rent a room at Steinhofstrasse foundation, like many other international students. I paid 660 CHF. monthly and it was overall a pleasant stay since I shared my flat with other exchange students attending my courses. The foundation was only 15/20 mins. far from the University and the city centre.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	I did not use many public transport means because I'd rather walk from my flat to the University, not only because the path was quick but also because the landscape and the city vibes were truly beautiful. Although, I seldom travelled to Italy by train and it was not very expensive, if you booked the train ticket a couple of weeks in advance.
Pearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	As for prearrangements, I only had to take a mandatory English test at my home University in order to have access to the study programme.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The University of Law is located in the very city centre of Lucerne, right next to the train station. It is not very big, but it provides all the possible services you might need: besides the big library and cafeteria, the classrooms are extremely net and comfortable and there is also space to relax where students can enjoy a quick coffee or have the possibility to revise before the lecture.
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I did not attend the pre-course of German because I had already learned it in high school.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I attended four courses, namely: International migration law (6 credits), international humanitarian law (6 credits), Internet law (6 credits), United States and the death penalty (guest course, 2 credits) and Law and Economics (block course). All lectures

	were interesting since I had never dealt with those topics before and they were really easy to follow and to take notes to. The lecturers themselves were also very kind and available to answer further questions or to give suggestions.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	Even before arrival, the International Relations Office of the University provided me with all the useful information concerning opening and closing hours of different offices and where to find the different services. On the very first day, the Student coordinator and the student advisors gave an introductory lecture on the programme, the main events and the structure of the courses. They guided me step by step through the entire semester, reminding me of important dates and deadlines and giving me suggestions.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is commonly known for being expensive and indeed the prices were overall more expensive than in Italy. Nevertheless, I didn't have to purchase many books or study materials since the exam questions were mainly based on notes taken during lecture.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne is simply gorgeous: the city centre is very characteristic, right next to the University there is a beautiful and always crowded park on the lake, at KKL (the culture congress centre in front of the University) there are many events which involve young and adults' interests. Important remark is to be given to the Rosengarten Museum which boasts masterpieces by Picasso, Monet and Klee; and to the Lucerne Oster Festival in April which I found truly impressive.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	In Lucerne, the exams are concentrated in only a couple of weeks, whilst in my University the summer session of exams is spread in almost 4 months. Furthermore, in Lucerne I prepared for the exams mainly on my notes taken during class, whilst in my home University in the majority of cases a student is required to buy a certain book and the exams are all oral.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I chose to complete an exchange semester in Lucerne because compared to other Universities it offers a variety of courses in English on different subject matters that were not part of my University schedule and involve up raising questions and concerns, for instance Internet law or migration law. Furthermore, I was really curious to explore and visit Switzerland.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input type="checkbox"/> just right