

Final Report on your Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max. 2 pages) in complete sentences (no keywords).

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Please send the report back in Word format only.

Mobility Program	SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)
Home university	University of Sheffield
Semester	1 and 2
Field of study	Main subject? Law Study level? Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Lucerne was a beautiful city with fantastic scenery and close proximity to the university, train station, bars and restaurants. I had the opportunity to stay for 2 semesters and enjoyed what the city had to offer during winter and spring. Although most things in Lucerne (and Switzerland in general) were quite expensive, I managed to budget and enjoy myself at the same time.
Entry/arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa, health insurance	Entry into Switzerland was easy and the University was really helpful in making sure we had completed all the formalities in the required time. As an EU student, a visa and health insurance were not required which was an added benefit.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed at the Student Mentor Foundation Lucerne accommodation, which I found to be perfect. This is because it was very close to the bars and the university, which made it easier to get around compared to the Emmenbrucke accommodation which was slightly longer and required you to take either a bus or train to get there.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The public transport in Switzerland was great. I would recommend buying the Half-Fare card if you will be travelling around Switzerland as it will save you a lot of money in the long run.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, academic records	Registration to courses was slightly different from my home university. However, the law faculty are really helpful if you are struggling with registration etc.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The university building is located next to the train station. In comparison to my home university, which has around 27,000 students, Lucerne has a substantially smaller amount of students.
German course at the University "German Short Course" and/or A1 German Course visited? Content of course, use?	The German course was useful in some respects. For instance, it provided you with a good insight into the things to do in Switzerland and the dos and don'ts based on the Swiss culture. However, I felt it was difficult to really learn the Swiss German over the three-day period.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I had to take quite a few courses, as I needed to make up 30 credits. The assessments were oral exams, which I thought were really interesting and different to the usual way of being assessed.

Assistance at the university International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The international Relations Office were super helpful. You can visit them at any point during the week if you have questions or problems and they are really supportive and make sure you make the most out of your experience.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	I expected Switzerland to be an expensive place and I was therefore prepared for the expensive living costs. You will also have to purchase your own study material including readers and textbooks for certain courses.

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The University offers a variety of free sports classes and a free gym located next to the university.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The class sizes are a benefit as you get to know everyone from your courses which is difficult at my home university because of the number of students in the lectures. The events which the university held were also great and they were paid for by the university.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>The scenery and nature of Switzerland was the main reason why I opted to complete my year abroad in Lucerne.</p>
<p>Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p>Just right</p>