

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
Home university	University of Pavia
Field of study	law
Semester	Fall term 2013
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>My experience in Lucerne was very training and positive. Lucerne is a wonderful city and people here are always ready to help you. This period allowed me to enhance my skills in a foreign language, particularly for the vocabulary and the pronunciation. I'm pretty sure it was really profitable, even if it was a short period.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>Since I come from a Country of the EU I didn't have to face specific difficulties in the completion of the required formalities (no visa). I only had to register at the communal office (paying a fee of about 35 CHF) that directly sent my file also to the Immigration Office. The international relations Office of the University helped us to prepare the required documents. I received my temporary permit to stay by mail directly at home after a pair of weeks.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>During my Erasmus I lived in Emmenbrucke. The place was good, especially my apartment was new and clear but the price was high, comparing it to others in Lucerne.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Generally it was good. I had I monthly pass ticket for train and bus but I wish they have a special semester price for students</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>At first I was confused about registration of classes. I think the University should make it clear that you will be formally registered to a class once you register for exams at the beginning of the exchange</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>The university is a modern building and is well-structured. I appreciated the fact that there are a lot of common spaces where you can read or study in peace. The canteen usually has a wide variety of dishes but about 12.00 a.m. is very difficult to find a place to eat sitting.</p> <p>Moreover the university has a really good position because it's near the train station and not far from the city center.</p>
<p>German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>I didn't attend it.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>As part of my studies, I followed the Introduction to Swiss law course, which helped me to better understand the Helvetic society, the functioning of the government, the politics, which are particularly complex in Switzerland. In general the lessons were well-organized and interesting. In every course the participation was very important and usually I had assignments for each lesson.</p>

<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>I am glad that the University hosted a lot of events for the exchange students and people of the mobility office and student advisors were very gentle. People of the different offices were always available and kind so all the formalities went smoothly.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>As everybody knows that life in Switzerland is not cheap so the cost of life is expensive but it's good that for the courses usually you have to buy just readers which are not expensive.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The university organizes a lot of courses of sports. I attended pilates and the room was often overcrowded but this courses are a great initiative.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Each place offers me different experiences and it is difficult for me to say what is better and what it is worst! But I appreciated the fact that in this university, unlike mine, the participation in class is a part of the final grade because this helps you to develop your language. All I can say for sure is that I am glad that I did this exchange programme at the University of Lucerne</p>