

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	University of Gothenburg
Semester	Fall term 2015
Field of study	Law, Master
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Luzern and Switzerland is a very beautiful country, probably one of the most beautiful in the world. With the railroad network, traveling in country and around Europe is easy. People are friendly and speak English for the most part.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Coming from within Europe, I had no issues. You need a residence permit, which may require queuing for an hour or so in the cantonal administration office. It's easy though.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The university sets you up with accommodation, however, you may get cheaper if you search on your own. Despite the rent, the accommodation through the university is highly recommended. Steinhofstrasse and Emmenbrücke both are good places.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	10/10 on time always. Trains are expensive, but with the half fare card, everything is half the price. If you buy this upon arrival you will make up for the cost of the card in no time. 2015, the cost of a card was ca 165 CHF.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The administration is very helpful and flexible. I registered and deregistered from courses even after two weeks and there were no issues. English isn't their first language either, so you are all in the same boat.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	Didn't know much about Luzern upon arrival, but on the other hand I didn't look for much information either. The university's website is in English, but everything will be told on the introduction in the first week.
German course at the university „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage	Didn't do much to be honest. It is one week of classes, but no one expects to learn a language in one week. I had some prior knowledge of High German (not to be confused with Swiss German) so the course refreshed my memory so to speak, which I found useful. However, others with less or no knowledge didn't learn much except greetings. However, the course is the first time you meet other exchange students and you make lots of friends here, so don't miss out!
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I usually on take one course at a time, so having five course for one semester was new to me. However, the pace is good and not too fast and the workload is very much manageable. Anyone one with fundamental discipline and that can plan ahead of time will find that courses are easy enough to pass and still have plenty of time to explore the city and country.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The administration is again very helpful and flexible. They will help find a solution to your problem. The student mentors will arrange some activities, especially in the beginning. Teachers are very approachable with problems.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	I travelled a lot, but even if you stay in Luzern most of the time expect that money will disappear fast. Everything is expensive in this country, especially food and meat. Eating vegetarian can save you a lot of money. However, it is worth it. Even if traveling is expensive, do it because the nature and landscape and history in Switzerland and Europe is amazing and you won't find it anywhere else. I found that if you rent a

	7-seater car with a group of people you can get away pretty cheap with the cost of travel. There are airbnb's all around, so accommodation can be pretty cheap as well if you travel in big groups. Study materials are mostly provided for free or online, only a few courses require you to buy books.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Luzern is a beautiful old city. Absolutely amazing. Switzerland I however a modern country. Even if they have a lot of beautiful architecture you need to go outside the city to experience the culture. They have a lot of sports available, hiking in summer and fall and a lot of skiing in the winter. 10/10! Skiing in Switzerland, again, is quite expensive. Going in groups make it cheaper, but Italy isn't far away and is much cheaper though.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	Better: More courses offered in English. I had to take 30 credits to fill up my semester, which meant that I really didn't have much of a choice. I almost took all of the courses available.
Reasons For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?	I didn't know about Luzern before coming here. However, I chose it because Switzerland and the Alps have always been a dream of mine to visit and I wanted to study at a small town and not a metropolitan. Luzern looked perfect and looking back now this has been a amazing time!
Duration If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> to short <input type="checkbox"/> to long <input type="checkbox"/> precisely Too short, would not have minded staying for a month or two longer.