

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	PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	Singapore Management University
Field of study	Bachelors of Law
Semester	Spring term 2014
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I had a good time in Lucerne. I was glad to study subjects not offered by my home university, and matured and learnt a lot from living independently away from home. The experience pushed me out of my comfort zone in a good way.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	No problems entering Switzerland.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I enjoyed staying at Emmenbrücke. The accommodation is comfortable and conveniently located near the train station. The kitchen was well-equipped, and there were grocery shops and other complexes nearby.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	It was easy to access the university by train. It was also easy to access other parts of Lucerne by bus.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The information sent to us by email was generally useful, although it was slightly confusing trying to figure out the registration process and what kind of insurance we needed. The Enrolment session was useful in this aspect in helping us understand the registration process and how to register for courses.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The university is small, but conveniently located beside the university. The view is great, and I enjoyed taking my lunch out to picnic. There is food around the university, like Mensa, Co-op, etc.
German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I enjoyed the German course, and found it useful. Generally, I had no problems with the difference in language as most people spoke English, but it was good to know German when grocery shopping or travelling.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The lectures were interesting to me, because there were no similar courses offered in my home university. Some modules are heavier than others, although I took a good combination. The professors are skilled in the subject they taught, and the reading material was not too difficult.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Student mentors (Anna) and staff at the mobility office (Ms Alice) were very helpful. Faculty staff (Madeline) were also quick to reply emails. However, it would have been good to know of the confirmed exam dates at an earlier time. There was some delay in release of the exam schedule for students who requested early exams.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	The cost of living was high, but after getting used to cooking daily meals, it did not seem too expensive. The cost of transport is still very high, even if you do not travel much.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	I did not participate in much of the sports offered by the university.

<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Better at Unilu: Pace of life, flexibility in accommodating early exam dates, school hours, variety of courses offered Worse at Unilu: Availability of reading materials (not available online), nothing much</p>
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