

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	PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	USP – University of São Paulo
Semester	2 nd semester 2015 (Fall term 15) and 1 st semester 2016 (Spring term 16)
Field of study	Law
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay was comfortable and safe. The professors and classes were amazing and I think that I learned more in 2 semester in Lucerne than I learned in 5 semesters in my home university. It was an amazing experience.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	It was easy, even because the communal office of Emmen is really connected with the migration office. The only problem is the price, it is really expensive.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The mobility office was amazing and it helped me completely. It was really ok to find a place to live.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	It is really easy. The University is almost inside of the main station and the SBB is really organized, how everything in Switzerland.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	It was easy too. The information was really clear.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	They are good too.
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	German is important. Even it is not essential, it is really important for the life in Lucerne. One week is not enough and the course was more about integration than to learn German. I learned some words in German, but it happened because I had to use in the day life. The course should be during all semester.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The classes were the best part of my experience. I have never had so good professors in my academic life (in my home university I have more or less 12 professors in each semester and I did 5 semesters there). The lectures and materials were amazing and I learned more in two semesters in lucerne than I learned in 5 semesters in my home university. I will really miss it.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	Everybody was really nice with me, the assistance was amazing.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is really expensive! If the currency exchange is not good is even worst. It is almost impossible to eat in a restaurant and the rent is more expensive than in others countries in Europe. The transport is really expensive too. Everything is expensive in Switzerland. But there are some ways to make life easier, for example, the budget products in the market. The study material is a swiss material, so it is expensive too. But the University is really open to help you and normally the books are available in the library and the

	<p>readers are available on Olat (the system).</p> <p>The money transfer was easy because the students that come to Lucerne before than me told me the ways to make it and I chose the best option to me.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>How I don't speak German, my cultural life was harder. Today is really easy to meet a place because Google really help us in this and the university offers a lot of options of sports (what it is amazing!), even in German the sports are really easy to play.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>My home university is an old university and University of Lucerne is a young university. My home university has tradition, a university life. The students living the university. Most part of us are always there and our agenda is with a lot of activities of the university (study groups, extension programs, parties every week and entities). This is possible because we have a long History and during all this time we were constructing these groups. In the other hand, to be old makes us really bad organized, the classes are always in conflict, sometimes we have two exams in the same time and our professors are, most part of them, terrible. The infrastructure is also really better in Lucerne. At my home University the build is really old and everything is old, the chairs, tables, boards, everything are really bad. If it rain a lot there is a possibility to have water inside of the build. To write we use a piece of wood for support. There are a lot of chairs broken and some classes are impossible to teach because there is a lot of noise from the street. My country is really hot 90% of the time and we don't have air condition in 99% of the rooms.</p> <p>About the Library, we almost don't have one. Our library is in a terrible build (separated of the main build) with terrible structure for books. Because of this they don't really actualize the library and, in general, we don't have the books (material of the classes) available. It is not possible to study there too.</p> <p>I will miss the library, the good professors, the organization and the structure. I missed a university life while I was in Lucerne.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I study the welfare state and Switzerland is a good place to live a welfare state and I choose Lucerne because I don't speak German and I don't speak French very well and I could come to Lucerne just speaking English.</p>
<p>Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> too short X too long <input type="checkbox"/> just right</p> <p>But one semester should be too short.</p>