

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	National Law Institute University, Bhopal, India.
Semester	Spring Semester 2016
Field of study	Law, Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Despite initial concerns over the cost of my stay, and the inability to speak in German, I could not have imagined a better experience as a student abroad; both as a Law Student, and as a visitor to Europe.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Indians are required to get a visa to enter Switzerland, and then apply for a residence permit here; which is valid until the end of the semester. The process is lengthy, and requires attention to detail. However, it is relatively straightforward.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed in the Emmenbrucke Student House, which was set up by the University. I had a wonderful stay there, as most of the house residents were International Students. I would highly recommend it.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The Swiss Public Transport system, while expensive, cannot be matched for quality and efficiency. Ensure that you buy the long-term passes (Half-Tax and Gleis 7) upon arrival, they ensure a far more affordable experience.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Certain Block Courses require registration before the start of the semester, but most courses can be taken once classes begin. The University allows the option to attend all classes for upto two weeks before having to make a decision.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The University Building is very conveniently located, being a stone's throw away from the Train Station. The Building itself is limited in terms of infrastructure, with a well-stocked library (mostly German Books), but little else. You also have internet access across the building, as well as a café and a lunch hall.
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	Visited. I would recommend that the course be made part of the regular curriculum of International students, as three days isn't nearly enough to grasp the German language.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Most students (varying according to course choice) will have about 6-8 hours of classes a week, which is not a significant workload. The subject choices are interesting, but limited. I do hope that a wider variety is granted to English speaking students, in addition to there being more Exchange students at the University overall. Due to the relatively lower number that attended this semester, a few courses were required to be dropped, resulting in some of us having to make changes to our choices, which was unfortunate.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The International relations office was extremely helpful at the beginning of the semester, making the transition process extremely simple and efficient, while continuously organizing events and excursions for us to be a part of.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is an extremely expensive country to live in, making the costs of eating/drinking out prohibitive for students. However, if one buys from supermarkets and cooks for themselves, the semester can be done on a budget. However, do prepare

	to spend more than you would in your Home Universities. Additionally, the Swiss government requires that all students purchase Insurance, which is an additional cost that must be kept in mind.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Travelling in Switzerland and to the rest of Europe is very convenient, and can be done well within budget if planned in advance. Lucerne is a beautiful place to live, and offers a huge locational advantage by being in the center of the country. For those interested in outdoor sports and excursions, the spring semester is a good time to study in Switzerland because of the opportunities to Ski, Trek, etc.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	Advantages: The Faculty is highly approachable, friendly and extremely competent, making the classroom experience engaging and educational. Disadvantages: Minimal interaction with Swiss students, extremely small class sizes (sometimes a hindrance to an engaging environment) and a limited number of subject options.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	The opportunity to spend a semester in Europe, and experience Switzerland as a local was wonderful; as well as to be part of different classroom environments were the main reasons for my coming here.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right