

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	Tel-Aviv University
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2012
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Had the best time in Luzern! Beautiful city in a beautiful country, very interesting studies in a great university. Met some special people I wouldn't have met in any other chance, which will stay in my heart forever. A very unique and recommended experience.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	I used my European passport so I had a smooth entry procedure, but I know I'm lucky- for Israelis need visa in order to study in Switzerland and that's very expensive. I understood the formalities are really strict, but as mentioned I didn't go through them.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I would recommend staying in the student lodging, because it's relatively cheaper than renting your own place (it's still quite expensive, but that's Switzerland). I've stayed in the student accommodation in Emmenbruecke, The people and flat mates were really nice and fun, but the adjacent building is now under construction and it's very noisy, dusty and disturbing. Our building shook like in an earthquake, and personal property was harmed. No one has informed us about the situation in advanced, and complains that were made to the landlord were unanswered. Only after we announced we will avoid paying rent until we get an answer we got a respond. The university staff didn't step in either. There is a new student accommodation in the city itself, closer to the university, perhaps it is better to stay there,
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Trains and public transportation in general are very accurate and precise, as can be expected in Switzerland. The university building is very close to the main station and therefore easily accessible. In general- any place in Switzerland can be reached by the wide rail system.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Courses registration is simple, and well-explained in the guidebook provided by the university.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The university is located at the heart of the city- right next to the main rail station, minutes away from the lake, the old city and actually pretty much everything. One new building so everything is in the same place.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Studies are interesting and not that demanding (naturally some more than others, but overall not very stressful).

<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>The university's staff was very nice, helpful and patient, and had an answer for everything. The mentors were really helpful as well, and had organized some nice activities for the incoming students as a group, and in addition every mentor had made some private activities with "their" students. There was some contact with local students, as part of the courses (if a specific assignment had to be done), or in faculty/university's parties.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Cost of living in Switzerland is VERY high, and it's quite hard to keep a budget. It's highly recommended to buy the "half-fare card" for the transportation!</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The university offers a big variety of free sports classes- and it is highly recommended! The locations are scattered all over the city so everyone can find the one they like and can reach to easily. Although everything is in German, you can just mimic everyone else. It's really fun, and a good way to balance all the chocolate and cheese 😊</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>I found the studies to be easier than in my home uni.</p>