

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
Home university	University of Calgary
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2013
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Loved the city, the school and the people. It really is a beautiful place and you are so close to other countries for easy travel.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	The registration process was quite complicated and involved many steps – some could have been better organized, however the school did help us as best they could
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed in the Steinhofstrasse residence and enjoyed the place. They are the newest residences and the nicest.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Bus schedules are good in Lucerne and extremely punctual. From the residence to school it is about a 6 minute bus ride
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	All the arrangements for classes were handled quite smoothly
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	Location is close to the city center and the train station – the size is smaller than our home campus which made it easy to find classrooms and get around.
German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I did not attend this class.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Courses were interesting and challenging enough to stay focused. The credits were perfect for the amount that I needed to transfer back to the U of C.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	The mobility office was helpful, but the office hours were limited and that made it hard to ask questions. In addition, the registration forms were in German (some of them) and help was not offered for translation. Other than that, the advisors were friendly and very helpful.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is a very expensive country compared to North American standards, so as long as you are well aware of this before coming and plan to eat a lot of meals at home then you will be fine. Save eating out for travelling.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Not much since everything is so pricy, but the school did arrange a few excursions and dinners which was very nice!
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	Better: Types of class that were offered such as: African law and Terrorism law Worse: nothing comes to mind