

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	Doshisha University
Semester	Fall term 2015
Field of study	Law, Bachelor
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I liked staying in Luzern very much. This city is comfortable to live and we can enjoy climbing up mountains and relaxing by the lake. Prices are expensive, so I couldn't go to the restaurant often. Instead, I had a lot of fun parties with exchanges from around the world.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	01.Sep.2015
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The information about accommodation was provided by the University of Luzern, and I stayed at the student dormitory, Gerliswilstrasse 10. It takes approximately 10 minutes to get to the University. There are stations (both train and bus), supermarket and the post office within 5-minute walk.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The University of Luzern is just next to the Luzern central station. There is the bus terminal out of the train station. It's very convenient to commute by both bus and train.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	For the course registration, we use OLAT. We can easily enroll or cancel our courses and the details and materials of courses are uploaded here. The necessary condition of the English exam's score was not too high (as for IELTS, 6.0). But I felt I should have had much higher score to understand lectures here perfectly.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	We can enjoy the beautiful scenery in Luzern before or after studying. Quite peaceful and refreshing location. The size of this University is comparatively small, hence size of classes are also small. It's different from my home university, and in smaller classes, active discussions were taken place, it was impressive for me and I could know other students better including foreign culture. I liked its library which opens from 07:30AM. There are enough self-study space. I also often used the computers there, but all of them were old ones and I had a little difficulty to do some work.
German course at the university „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage	I took the lowest leveled German course for four days. First, we learned some greetings, then numbers and easy expressions. For me the class was quite useful. Teacher is nice, she taught us not only German but also important information for living in Switzerland.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I took 2 regular courses and 2 guest lecture courses. Introduction to Swiss law (4 credits), Terrorism and the law(6), U.S. Constitutional law and Death Penalty(2) and Health and Human Rights(2). Introduction to Swiss law was opened only for exchange students and we had some excursions to Prison or Federal Council, they were precious experiences for me.

<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>They taught us every information in detail, for example, how to register courses and about insurance. This might be one of the advantages to go to smaller university, it was a big help for the student like me who has difficulty to deal with complicated procedure.</p> <p>In addition, there are a lot of events offered by University. They were really nice opportunities to meet new people and share information with them.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>I paid CHF147.00 for the staying permission and CHF35.00 for resident registration. (Japanese don't need VISA) The rent is CHF594.00 per a month including electric and water expense. The commuter pass costs CHF58.00 per a month. Insurance (SWISSCARE) costs CHF79.00 per a month. Usually, food expense is less than CHF250.00 per a month with doing my own cooking and never eat out.</p> <p>When it comes to study material, I bought only one textbook for the guest lecture courses, which costed about CHF13.00. Almost all materials are uploaded on OLAT or sent by the email so I didn't spend much money on studying material.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>Instead of not going to the restaurant, I often had a party in my kitchen. And Switzerland has a lot of beautiful mountains, we can climb up them on a sunny day.</p> <p>I played basketball and volleyball. It's very nice to have chance to exercise and we can try other activities like yoga or paraglider.</p> <p>I think there are many common features between Swiss and Japanese cultures. Punctuality, peaceful and people's character might be similar too.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Better than my home university A lot of discussion classes. Location. Useful library.</p> <p>Worse than my home university Computers are old. But most Swiss students use their own laptops.</p> <p>Although it's inevitable, prices in cafeteria is expensive.</p>
<p>Reasons For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I wanted to study abroad in a country which has diversity. There are various people come to Switzerland and it has four official languages. I thought Switzerland is an interesting country and decided to apply for the University of Luzern because I liked its beautiful scenery.</p>
<p>Duration If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility</p>	<p>to short</p>