



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	Universidade de Sao Paulo
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Field of study	Law, Bachelor
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay in Lucerne was a moment of deep learning about law, about different cultures, about myself and about coexistence and mutual respect. I was able to get to know more about swiss culture and people. I was also able to compare the swiss law with brazilian law and made my studies broader. But in the end, the most important thing I bring with me are the friends I made in Lucerne and the most beautiful memories of those months.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	The process to get a visa was not complicated, it was quick and costless. The immigration formalities were also easy to deal with. The process to get a permit was expensive, but fast and organized. I did not have any problem regarding my arrival in Switzerland.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I chose not to stay in the student residences and I stayed in Hotel Alpha, a hotel with rooms for students. I enjoyed my experience, made real friends in the hotel and all the staff was friendly and helpful. However, it is still a Hotel, full of guests, so it can be inconvenient sometimes for young people.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Public transportation in Lucerne seems to be pretty accessible. Since my accommodation was in the city center I did not use that much. The trains to travel around Switzerland are really good and have a great quality, it can be quite expensive though.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The registration process is easy and quick. It is possible to find everything in OLAT and all the informations were given in the first meeting on the University. It is always well explained and was not a problem.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The University is located in a modern and beautiful building next to the train station. It is just in the city center and all facilities are walking distance. It has also a good library full of quiet places to study, places to do sports and exercise, a cafeteria and nice spots by the lake to relax during break of the classes.
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	The short german course at the university was pretty useful. Although it is not possible to learn german in one week, the course is really important to introduce us to a general view of the language and the swiss culture. it is also a great way to know the exchange students better and make friends.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The lectures in the university are displayed in a 45 min lecture with 15 minutes break, what makes it more comfortable and not tiring. All the teachers I had were pretty competent and did care about the students. The subjects were interesting and explored a broad range of issues.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The University offers a great assistance. It is much helpfull, The Mobility Coordinator, Uta and Madeleine are always available to help, this was amazing! The mentors also are always trying to show swiss cultures to the interchange students and they are also helpful with a lot of informations about the University.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is an expensive country. Living costs are high, but they can be controlled. There are inexpensive options to buy groceries, for example Aldi, Lidl and Denner. The study material is high quality and not expensive. To make money transfer I have opened a student bank account at UBS and used Transferwise.

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The University offers a huge variety of sports, it is really good. The sport places are modern and fully equipped, I have done volleyball, rowing, basketball and went to the gym and I recommend all of those! The city has some museums and cinemas, but it was expensive. The lake is a good place to meet friends, there are also nice bars and nightclubs in the city.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The infrastructure, the assistance and the sports offer and conditions in the university of Lucerne are better when compared to my home university. Grades in my home university are released earlier and I think it is better.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>Complete an exchange semester in the University of Lucerne was one of the best decisions in life. the University is really good and have different courses, what made me interested since the beginning because they were similar to the areas i used to study. the quality of courses and teachers, the assistance of the university, the facilities and the friends we can find in the university are the reasons I choose to complete my semester.</p>
<p>Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p>just right</p>