



## 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).

<b>Mobility Program</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP</b> (outside Europe)
<b>Home university</b>	the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
<b>Semester</b>	Fall term 2016
<b>Field of study</b>	Law, Master (I'm in Bachelor)
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay was very pleasant. The dorms building was full of exchange students, so we traveled together and explored Lucerne and the area. The nature around Lucerne and in Switzerland in general is beautiful and accessible easily, and it is very easy to get around.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	Relatively, a lot of bureaucracy and preparations, which were performed very quickly and efficiently by the Swiss authorities so there was no problem.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	I first thought about finding an apartment in Lucerne, but then decided to apply for the dorms. The dorms I got in Emmenbrucke (Gerliswilstrasse 10, very central and near the train station to Lucerne) were full of exchange people, which created a great and multi-cultural atmosphere. I lived in a 6 people apartment, which had a fully equipped kitchen, and good facilities. I highly recommend living in the dorms (both Emmenbrucke and Steinhof are great) when in exchange, and I'm sure that had a great impact on my experience.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The transportation from the dorms (Emmenbrucke is a small suburb) to Lucerne was great – we had a train station right outside and had train or bus every 10-15 minutes to the city. The transportation in Switzerland in general is the best I have seen – in almost all of my trips, I used it and it is easy to get around. The university has a great location right on the lake, aside to the central train station of Lucerne, so it was very accessible and easy to get there.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The academic office is helpful and the registration for courses took place after arrival, so it was okay. The
<b>Information on the university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	The university of Lucerne is relatively small and new. The building is lovely and the proximity to the lake is great in the summer and fall. The mobility office was very helpful for us as exchange student in every aspect we needed. The library is great to study in, and was also open on Sundays during exams.
<b>German course at the university</b> "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I took the short German course and found it enjoyable and useful. It was also a good opportunity to meet more students and to get to know the university.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I enjoyed most of my courses. I recommend trying them in the first couple of weeks and then to decide which ones to take. Trade law and terrorism and the law were my favorite courses.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The mobility coordinator and the university team in general were supportive and helpful – with any problem or question. Whenever we had bureaucracy issues or problem with our flat we used the staff's help (the mobility coordinator especially). The mentors were also nice and welcoming, but we did not have much contact with them

	throughout the semester after the beginning.
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	<p>Switzerland is expensive. The study material was relatively expansive to what I'm used to (we do not have mandatory readers, everything is available at the library) and the stay permit through the migration office is costly (240 CHF). There are other insurances which are necessary to an exchange student, costing around 340 CHF more per semester. The rent for the dorms included all bills and was 594 CHF for a small room (which is quite big). I highly recommend opening a free student bank account with UBS bank, they have an offer for Lucerne uni students. Then just transfer money to this account, and withdraw cash or pay with card. UBS also have good deals on cable cars to Pilatus and Rigi during the summer and fall – as well as other useful offers. So it pays off.</p> <p>Another thing is grocery shopping – Lidl is a cheap store in emmenbrucke and if you live on a budget it's the best place to buy dry food, bread and even cheese and meat.</p>
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	<p>The sports facilities at the university are great and free! I really enjoyed the studio classes (some of them require registration online couple of days before). As for meeting places – I loved the Neu bad in Lucerne, wonderful music and cool place. It seemed like Lucerne has many cultural events, taking place all year round. I also recommend going to a piano concert, there are non-expansive tickets and the concert hall (KKL) is a beautiful building.</p>
<b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	<p>I preferred the size of the university of Lucerne, which made the courses more personal. It is also modern and friendly. The location of it is great, and it is way more accessible than my campus at Jerusalem.</p>
<b>Reasons</b> Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	<p>I was looking for a non-English speaking country, and did not want to live in a big city. I was hoping for a place with views and nature to travel when not studying, and Switzerland fitted well to my wishes.</p>
<b>Duration</b> Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short                              <input type="checkbox"/> too long                              <input type="checkbox"/> just right       </p>