



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	SEMP/ERASMUS (inside Europe)
Home university	UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
Semester	Spring Term 2015 and Fall Term 2014
Field of study	LAW I am in my bachelor year but I studied master courses at the university of lucern
Name and E-Mail (optional)	

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	Switzerland is a beautiful country, the views are breathtaking and it's a complete different air to that breathed in London. The place is clean everywhere, you can even use public toilets!! Everybody is very accommodating and willing to help, I was worried that my lack of German would put me in a bad position but most (almost everyone) speaks english and it's really easy to feel welcome. The atmosphere of the city is very relaxed and chilled out, the small cosy bars and restaurants and the scenery adds to this feeling.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Coming into Switzerland was very easy, be sure to be prepared with photographs and paper work and all meetings will be as easy as they seem on paper. Most places will give you a checklist of the things you need to bring and do, so just follow this. if you are stuck the university provide excellent help and assisstant.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	My university sorted this out for me, I simply had to pay the money.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	VERY VERY easy! Transport in switzerland is very reliable, there is an app which makes planning your journeys extremely easy it includes boats, trains and buses. I would advise that you buy the half fare travel card and if you plan on travelling around switzerland more then get the gleis 7 which enables free travel after seven.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Everything is set out in a clear easy to understand email. There are many people around you doing the same thing and going through the same processes so if you don't understand something it is likely that somebody else will know exactly what to do. there is a large variety of courses on the master English courses, all taught in a different way. Some are spread throughtout the term with permanant lectures, some are three day block courses with a variety of different lecturers and others are guess lecture courses with professors from all around the world. This gives you great freedom with your timetable, so you can enjoy switzerland and succeed in your courses at the same time. Exam results are emailed to you quickly with a guide to convert the grades to what you are used to.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The university itself is very small. This is nice because you get to know everyone on your courses and your lecturers know you by name. There are many events put on by the university to enable you to get to know course mates and other erasmus students, the events also allow you to talk to swiss people and they can help you with things in switzerland.
German course at the university „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage	I did not participate so I cannot comment
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	You need 30 credits to pass the year. Most courses in English are 6 credits, but there are some 4 and the smaller guest lecture courses are usually 2 credits. I would say do what interests you and forget about the credits because most of the papers you have to write are lengthy so its important you have genuine interest in the topic you are writing on.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Sometimes its difficult to get hold of the student advisers but once you do they are a great help. there is a facebook group with the erasmus students which makes meeting up and going out very easy, it means you can tag along to trips out of the country and day trips around Switzerland.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Expensive! Everything is expensive in Switzerland, be prepared to give up luxuries :)
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	The university put on a great sports programme, this is excellent as there are not many gyms around switzerland. This includes aeorbics, indoor rowing, volleyball, badmington, spinning, tennis etc. There are also many beautiful running paths. You

	can meet people from all across the uni at these sports events. Hiking is a great leisure activity to take up in the spring and summer and skiing is a lot of fun in the winter. Everything is very close and easy to get to.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	The classes in Luzern are a lot of fun and much more interactive than in the UK. In Switzerland the classes are a lot smaller and hence allow for much deeper discussion and stronger bonds to be made. Lucerne offers many more trips for its students to get to know each other better. It's easier to get hold of lecturers in Switzerland and they are more likely to give you help with things you find tricky. The library at Luzern is not so big and sometimes during exam season it is difficult to find a place to study.
Reasons For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?	to broaden my experiences, to postpone graduation, to experience a different culture
Duration If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility	too short