

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).

The report will be posted on the website of the University of Lucerne and may also be viewable via internet search engines. A subsequent amendment or deletion of data (e.g. name) will not be possible after the report has been submitted! Please send the report back in Word format only.

Mobility Program	SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)
Home university	Kingston University London
Semester	(Fall term 16 or spring term 17 or both?) both
Field of study	Main subject? Law Study level? Bachelor
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	A very welcoming host university, in the beautiful Canton of Luzern. The staff are really welcoming and are available to help if you need it.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	My entry into Switzerland was pretty straight forward. However, wasn't aware of the additional CHF70 needed to pay once you receive the permit.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	This was very easy, as the university sent me links to aid me. I stayed at the Student Mentor Foundation on Steinhofstrasse. Would highly recommend staying here, as it is in a perfect location, with access to buses to University or a twenty-minute walk
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The transport system is very easy to navigate. However, it is very expensive, so would recommend getting a half-tax card, even though it costs a lot of money to buy, it is beneficial because you will make your money back within the first month.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	This is very easy to carry out, but when registering for courses, I got confused with the different semesters so enrolled for the wrong classes for the semester that I was attending, this could be explained a bit better.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The university is in a great location and is very easy to find as it is right next to the train station and the lake. It is also a very easy university to navigate yourself around.
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	It was ok, the teachers were great. However, would be beneficial if it was offered as a class during term time. The course offered by the Student Organization has limited spaces that fill up quickly
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The lectures are very interesting, there are lots of classes that are on offer, that are not offered by my home university, and the guest courses were really interesting as well, as they were often taught by professors from around the world who are the best in their field.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	All the staff at the international relations office were great and are willing to help you if you need it and they often go out of their way to help you and offer you any assistance and guidance if you need it.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	It is very expensive to live in Switzerland, however, once you find good places to shop for cheaper food e.g. Lidl, Aldi, Ikea it is not as bad as first anticipated.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	It is such a beautiful country to live in and there is a vast number of things to do e.g. hiking, skiing, water sports, visiting different cantons. It is also central Europe, so the

	rest of Europe is very accessible, and it's very is easy to get cheap flights through EasyJet or a Flixbus from Zurich to another part of Europe.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	It is in such a beautiful location, however, the only classes that are offered in English are masters classes, so as a bachelors student it was quite difficult to jump to a higher level of study. However, it has provided me with the essential skills needed to complete the final year of my bachelors degree and shown me that I have the capability to complete a masters after my bachelors.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I chose Luzern because of its beautiful location and to learn a different language and because it is in central Europe giving me the opportunity to travel Europe more. I was only supposed to stay one semester, but I ended up staying for the whole year because I enjoyed my first semester so much.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input type="checkbox"/> just right