

International Relations Office Mobility

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 <u>may also be viewable via internet search en-</u> <u>gines. A subsequent amendment or deletion of data (e.g. name) will not be possible after the report has been submitted!</u> Please send the report back in Word format only.

Mobility Program	⊠ SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)	PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	The Nottingham Trent University	
Semester	(Fall term 16 or spring term 17 or both?) Spring 17	
Field of study	Main subject? Law	Study level? 🗆 Bachelor 🗵 Master
Name and E-Mail (optional)		

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I had an amazing stay here in Switzerland. Lucerne is beautiful with lots to see for its size. It's also so centrally located that it is easy to get wherever you want to go! The university is small enough that you don't get lost and filled with really great and helpful people. They are so welcoming putting on loads of events – hint: go to them there is wine and food!	
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	When I first arrived the email stating everything I had to do seemed pretty daunting but as long as you pay attention to the information provided by the uni the process is very easy. Don't postpone it - it's very simple.	
Searching for rooms/ accommo- dation Experiences and useful addresses	In my experience the university is very good at providing links to accommodation with easy to follow instructions. I would recommend staying in student halls as you meet so many great people – I stayed at Steinhofstrasse which is a big complex really close to the uni.	
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The biggest piece of advice I can give is to get the half tax card as it saves you 50% on all bus and rail travel. It cost me 180 CHF but I earned this back in the first week through savings. Really comes in handy as well if you ski.	
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	While you prearrange your courses before arrival you will have to confirm them with the uni on their system it's a very easy process and allows you to change and swap if you wish. DEFINITELY do the language course as it's useful and it was where I met most of my friends for the rest of the semester.	
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The uni is really central, right next to the train station and adjacent to the lake. It has a really good size and is not too big. Also, the staff is really helpful and offers very good resources.	
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I was in the level 2 course and it involved basic conversation skills such as ordering in a restaurant. It was super helpful as it made me less nervous and my tutor also gave great advice on things to do in Lucerne and Switzerland based on your own individual interests	
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The lectures are really detailed as there are no seminars so take notes but also the lecture slides are provided and are really helpful. Most of my assessments were oral	

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	which at first seemed terrifying but it was actually a great way to sit an exam as it was over quickly.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	There are so many people from all different departments who are ALWAYS around to help with any problem. Make use of their knowledge, they are really friendly.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Living in Switzerland can be expensive but there are ways to save money. With food shopping don't stick to one store. Shop around. In my experience Migros = good for meats. Coop = good for fruit and vegetables (and wine) and other stores such as Denner and Aldi are good for general deals. Luckily most materials can be found online for university, but pay attention to emails about books, though I don't think I spent more than 30/40 CHF on a book. Transferring money can be good for non-Europe currencies I.E US and AUS dollar.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Loads to do. Watch out for uni emails as they will provide visits to lists of cool cultural places and the trips will usually involve food beverages. The free gym membership was great also!
Comparison What is better/ worse at the Univer- sity of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	I got a lot more involved with the uni events here as they are really well put together. The lack of seminars was difficult to get used too but the teaching standard is great.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I chose to come to Lucerne because it looked really beautiful and also because of Switzerland's location. I felt there was plenty of opportunity to travel which there was!! Best decision I have ever made.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	⊠ too short □ too long □ just right