

## Final Report on your Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max. 2 pages) 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 engines. 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)   |  |  |
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| Home university            | Università degli Studi di Pavia                                 |                                  |  |  |
| Semester                   | Spring Semester 2018  |                                  |  |  |
| Field of study             | Main subject? Law   | Study level? □ Bachelor ⊠ Master |  |  |
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| General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences                      | I am proud to say that I lived here for some months. Luzern is a beautiful city with an astonishing background, situated in the middle between the lake and the mountains. I met very nice people, studied in a well-organized and efficient University and enjoyed my time here visiting the surroundings. I think it has been an amazing and enriching opportunity.   |  |
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| Entry/arrival in Switzerland<br>Immigration formalities, visa,<br>health insurance | In the first weeks, I was in Luzern I completed my immigration formalities, including permit to stay and health insurance. I went to the immigration office and everything was pretty quick.  |  |
| Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses                | To find my accommodation I used the website links given by both University of Luzern and my home University of Pavia. I asked for Steinhofstrasse because I preferred the location and the prices were good.  |  |
| Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings            | Trains in Switzerland are very useful and comfortable so you can travel and visit very easily the country. Buses are well managed to get around Luzern and in 15-20 mins maximum you can reach every part of this city (i.e. Emmen, Hergiswil, Horw, etc.). The costs are a little bit high per month but during the cold season is always preferable taking a warm bus. You can also rent a bike in a place right behind the station or using the App Nextbike for one of the bikes parked around the city. The University is in the middle of the city and easily accessible from the main station. |  |
| Prearrangements Registration for courses, academic records                         | The University sent an email at the beginning of the semester attaching the list of all available courses. We were only supposed to tick the chosen ones and send back the email to the Office in a period of a couple of weeks. The academic records are always released at the end of July.   |  |

| Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure  | The University is a beautiful and modern building in the middle of the city, 5 minutes walking from the main station of Luzern. It is built on four floors with a big canteen, an amazing library and in the underground level, rooms reserved for gym courses. |  |
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| German course at the University "German Short Course" and/or A1 German Course visited? Content of course, use?      | I joined only the 'Welcome week' German course. It was a beginner level to get started with this language. It was about grammar rules, vocabulary and part of general knowledge about Switzerland.  |  |
| Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments  | I think that the load of work was normally proportionated to the credits. There were some different kinds of examination and types of courses. Depending on the course, there were both oral and written assignments.   |  |
| Assistance at the university International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students | I found a very efficient system. The international relations office was always available and ready to help for every kind of issue. I didn't use the Mentor service.  |  |
| Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer  | The study material was provided by the Studiladen for an acceptable price. The living costs were a little bit higher in comparison to regular Italian prices. Money transfer was easily accessible with UBS or Kantonalbank.                                    |  |

| Living/ leisure  | There are many att   | tractive places in Luz | ern to satisfy everyone's in- |
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| Meeting places, sports, culture  | terests. For the culture, there are an amazing transport museum, the Rosengart art Museum, a beautiful Jesuit Church and so on. University card provides to the student a free season pass for every kind of sport (both indoor and outdoor) included in the list on the website. There is also a big choice of bars, restaurants and other meeting places to go with friends. |                        |                               |
| Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university? | I would say that the University of Luzern has a better organization and a beautiful location. Except that, my home university is very different as background and exams structure so I can't compare too much because I think they are both amazing universities. Each of them has its own characteristics.  |                        |                               |
| Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?          | Luzern was one of my preferences. I thought it was a good occasion to meet some new people, to study different subjects in an international and comparative view and also to improve my English skills. I also liked the position of this city with an easy access to the mountains in the cold season and a relaxing park by the lake in spring-summer.                       |                        |                               |
| <b>Duration</b> Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:                                  | □ too short  | □ too long             | ⊠ just right                  |