

Final Report on Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max 2 pages) in German or English in complete sentences (no keywords).

Mobility program	ERASMUS
Home university	University of Copenhagen
Field of study	Law
Semester	Fall term 2013
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

General impression	I had a great exchange to University of Lucerne. The city of Lucerne is beautiful and
Please describe your stay in 4-5	there are many things to see and do. The city is old but the University buildings are
sentences	new and modern. Good opportunities for transportation back and forth to the Universi-
	ty, which is, located right beside the main station.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland	The immigration in Switzerland is easy as long as you have your documents in or-
Immigration formalities, visa	der/prepared.
Searching for rooms/ accommo-	I stayed in an apartment by my self. It is quite expensive to rent an apartment, and I
dation	recommend the student residences that the University offers, both for an economic
Experiences and useful addresses	and a social aspect.
Public transportation	The public transportation is good but also quite expensive. I recommend you buy a
Train, bus, accessibility of university	"half-fare"-card when you arrive in Switzerland. The card itself is expensive, but you
buildings	definitely save money in the end, if you plan to travel.
Prearrangements	It is easy to register for courses. If you can speak every day English, you will have no
Registration for courses, language	problems attending the English classes. Most of the tests are closed books exams. If
tests, academic records	they are written exams they will be with ballpoint pen. In many of the courses you will
	be graded 50% on assignments or your attendance during the course.
Information on university	The buildings of the University are new and modern. The University is located right
Location, size, infrastructure	beside the main station in the center of Lucerne.
German course at the university	I recommend that you register for the "German for Beginners" course. This is a good
"German for Beginners" visited?	way to learn a little German and to meet other exchange students. No matter if you
Content of course, usage	are experienced or not in German, this is a good way to meet fellow exchange stu-
	dents.
Studying at the university	Most of the courses is credited 6 ECTS, with classes once a week. The readings are
Content of lectures, credits,	manageable. Most of the courses have "readers" that you buy at the University.
assessments	
Assistance at the university	If you have questions concerning the exchange it is easiest to write an e-mail or call
Student advisors, Mobility Office,	the Student advisors. The Student advisors office at the university mostly speaks
mentors, contact with other students	German.
Budgeting	It is quite expensive shopping groceries, so in general the living costs are high. The
Living costs, study material,	study materials are mostly affordable "readers" that you can buy at the University.
money transfer	
Living/ leisure	There are many things to see. The nature around Lucerne is beautiful, and there are
Meeting places, sports, culture	many trips you can go on. There are sports activities at the University. It is easy to
	take the train to Zurich, which I highly recommend (buy a half-fare card).

Comparison

What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?

The courses at the University are only credited 6 ECTS and you only have classes once a week. Consequently the substance of the courses is quite superficial and you only get an overview of the course.