

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)	SHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	Northumbria Univeristy	
Semester	spring term 17	
Field of study	Law Study level? Bachel	or 🗵 Master
Name and E-Mail (optional)		

General impression	I have really enjoyed my stay here in Luzern. The university was very welcoming and		
Please describe your stay in 4-5	the introduction week made it easy to make friends. Although it has been stressful		
sentences	towards the end, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. It has been one of the best		
	experiences of my life.		
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland	Residency permit. I had to report to the immigration office when I arrived.		
Immigration formalities, visa			
Searching for rooms/ accommo-	During the application process, it was easy to apply to the accommodation. However,		
dation	upon arrival, we had difficulties finding the accommodation, as the information on		
Experiences and useful addresses	direction in the email was very brief and not useful at all. I do think that the		
	Gerliswilstrasse accommodation is dated and should not be at the same price as the		
	other accommodation due to the differences.		
Public transportation	The transport is great throughout Luzern, including getting to and from university and		
Train, bus, accessibility of university	around Switzerland in general.		
buildings			
Prearrangements	I found it beneficial that you can pick more courses than you need too and can drop		
Registration for courses, language	them weeks after so you see which ones you would prefer.		
tests, academic records			
Information on the university	The university is rather small in size but the location is perfect. The university looks		
Location, size, infrastructure	modern, however, I found that the computers in the library seem to be outdated and I		
	found it hard to access anything especially as an exchange student.		
German course at the University	I found the German course very useful. Not only for the teaching but also to bring the		
"German Short Course" visited?	exchange students closer together.		
Content of course, use?			
Studying at the university	I find the lectures are at a very high standard. I feel the credits are rather too few for		
Content of lectures, credits,	the content of the courses compared to back at home. The assessments, I feel, are		
assessments	rather long for the credits received in comparison to my home university.		
Assistance at the university	Whenever I needed assistance, there was always someone there to help. Especially		
Mobility Coordinator, International	the IRO and the Law faculty student advisor. They were great help throughout my		
Relations Office, student advisors,	stay on a number of occasions. Nothing was ever too much, they were always happy		
mentors, contact with other students	to help in any way they could.		
Budgeting	Switzerland itself is very expensive and I found the university could also be very		
Living costs, study material,	expensive for things such as materials and printing. Also excursions that we needed		

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money transfer	to go on. We had to pay ourselves for the trips but the university did reimburse us half of the money back.		
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Once you find out the places that are good to go there is plenty of things to do in Luzern. You just need to do some research on areas that you are interested in.		
Comparison What is better/ worse at the Univer- sity of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	In comparison to my home university, I prefer the university of Lucerne because of the location and its events to bring the students together. However, my home university is much cheaper (as expected) and I feel the content and grading boundaries at home are not as harsh as the university of Lucerne.		
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I chose the university of Lucerne because of its location and the accommodation it has to offer.		
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	□ too short	□ too long	⊠ just right