

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 engines.</u> 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		□ PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	University of Oslo	
Semester	Fall term 2017	
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 a wonderful stay in Lucerne, Switzerland. All of my subjects at the university were inspiring. I met a lot of great new people during my semester abroad. Since Lucerne is almost in the middle of Europe I made some great experiences travelling around Switzerland and countries nearby.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Being a Norwegian/European, the entry into Switzerland was an easy process. I got all the information I needed from the International Relations Office in sufficient time before my arrival.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I ended up living in an apartment in Lucerne, not in connection with the student dorms. If you want to rent an apartment yourself, www.smart-apartments.ch is a nice website to check out.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Upon my arrival in Lucerne I bought a "Swiss Half Fare Card", which costs approximately CHF 120. By showing the card you get 50 % discount on all train rides. If you are planning to do some travelling in Switzerland by train, I would really recommend buying it (since travelling can be a bit expensive).
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The International Relations Office was really helpful with answering questions regarding the prearrangements and assisting in the process. Based on all the information we received, the process was quite self-explanatory.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The University is located by the train station, in the "heart" of Lucerne. You get easy access to everything Lucerne has to offer right outside the University. The University is not too big, and it takes little time to get an overview. Being a quite new university, the infrastructure was good.
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I participated in the German Short Course at the beginning of the semester. It was nice to meet all the exchange students and get to know some German basics.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The classes varied a lot in content, syllabus and grade of difficulty. I would recommend participating in several classes the first week to get an insight in what the class is really about before finally deciding which classes to attend. Note that most of the classes have oral exams.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The assistance at the university was great. The Facebook group for incoming students with relevant information upon arrival and information about upcoming events throughout the stay was great.

Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is an expensive country, so it is probably wise to make a budget before arriving.	
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne has a lot of great restaurants to visit. (Even more in Zürich just a short train ride away). If you are into hiking, there are lots of options for you nearby.	
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	At the University of Lucerne, the classes ended only one week before all the exams. There was little time to study for the exams at the end of the semester, compared to my home university.	
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	Mainly because of the location in the heart of Europe. But also, because the university offered a lot of courses I was interested in.	
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	□ too short □ too long ⊠ just right	