

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).

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Mobility Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe) <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	Charles University in Prague
Semester	(Fall term 16 or spring term 17 or both?) Fall 2017
Field of study	Main subject? Sociology, economics Study level? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	UNILU has provided me more, than just a study experiences. Thanks to the international office, we had the chance to see and visit other places around Switzerland. They have been always willing and happy to help. The time I spent here just flew by.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	I have arrived in the beginning of September and thanks to all the well-prepared informational papers, I had no problem to manage my immigration duties.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I have used the JUWO housing in Emmenbrücke. It might not seem like much and you need to take train to get to school, but I believe, we had a great time here. The prices are unreasonably high; I dare to say, because some of my friends found cheaper housing in shared flats near the city center. Neither the level of accommodation was comparable with Steinhoff, where they had much nicer environment and housing equipment for the same price. The only positive think about Emmenbrücke were the people I had the chance to meet here.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Public transport in Luzern is well managed, even though it is expansive to travel around. Nextbike has been popular for night travels back to Emmen, when just the night transport was going.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	I had a bit of a problem with registration to courses, due to the fact, that the system is complicated and in the beginning of the year, it was going through some major changes. I had the luck in my study supervisor who helped me to register for all the needed courses.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	Location of the UNILU is unbeatable. When the sun is shining, you just cross the road to get to the beautiful lake.
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I was visiting the one-week German course, which was great because we also received some nice facts about Swiss culture, and what we need to see in Switzerland. Then I had the chance of going to the German course provided by SOL, which started in mid-October, which was not enough. One hour a week is just not enough for beginners to learn some better German.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The system of studies differs from my home university. There is much more work during the year than in the exam period (at least that applied for me). I had a luck on teachers as well. Just in some cases, the credits didn't reflect the level of the course.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors,	The Mobility office took really well care of us. I have enjoyed every single activity they planned for us, and they were always helpful. Student advisors organized some really good trips – beer factory, chocolate factory, tour de Luzern, etc. They old did a really

mentors, contact with other students	good job in showing us around.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Living costs in Switzerland were predictably higher, but when you don't want to starve, you need to count with some extra money.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Sports provided from HSCL vary and everybody can pick from a wide offer. We also went to cinema, concerts in KKL, and traveled a lot around Switzerland. We also organized many parties by ourselves, and that was one of the best parts.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	The different style of teaching and examining suits me much more. Back home (Charles University) we have a lot of oral exams and the study year is not that full as the here. But I personally liked the progressive work more. Every week we had many texts to read, true, but teachers always guided us through them and it was easier to understand the whole topic.
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I have never been to Switzerland and I wanted to discover this country. Also, it is not that far from home, so my family and friends could come to visit me. I also picked UNILU because I have checked their study programs, which were really interesting for me.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input type="checkbox"/> just right