



<p>assessments</p>	<p>as stressful. I also took intro to Swiss law, which was a little dry but they take you on excursions to Bern and a Swiss prison (with free lunch ;) so it was worth it. Also, you get the chance to visit the chapel bridge tower for the first lesson, in which we got free wine and were all a bit tipsy when we were shown down to the torture chamber. Very fun! By far the scariest but interesting classes were International Migration &amp; Humanitarian law. The professor was quite intimidating and the exams are oral so it isn't good in that respect but such useful subjects that are challenging and interesting.</p>
<p><b>Assistance at the university</b> Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>I can't thank the university enough! All of the offices were so helpful, responding to questions very fast. It can be a bit of a hassle with needing to organize paperwork but once that is over they are great. They also host a lot of fun events- which almost always include free food/wine so everyone was always happy to attend 😊</p>
<p><b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Well as you probably have figured if you come from Australia the exchange rate sucks. You have to pay a lot more than everyone else. I would say though that you get what you pay for – Switzerland is clean, safe and efficient. Groceries don't cost that much when you're just shopping for one- probably spend about 30-40CHF per week. Rent at Steinhoff is 660CHF a month. I didn't need to buy any study material as all content is posted online- much cheaper than home! I opened a Swiss bank account with UBS on arrival and used that, as transaction fees are high. No Australian money cards allow you to load Swiss Francs onto them so that is why I did this. It worked fine for me.</p>
<p><b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>The university offers free sports, which are awesome! I did yoga, dancing and volleyball but there were so many other options. There is also an event called Volley night, which I highly recommend- basically you get into teams and play in a big sporting hall (while intoxicated) it was so much fun. On weekends (and weekdays because student accommodation is awesome) we would generally just hang out at Steinhoff. The common areas are big and good for gatherings. There is quite a bit of nightlife in such a small town I think but we rarely made it out as we enjoyed group dinners instead.</p>
<p><b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Unilu is smaller so it has more time for its students than UOW. I love the grounds and atmosphere of UOW though. But Unilu is really close to the lake so it's great to go sit in the sun after class. It was great to come here for a semester for something different.</p>
<p><b>Reasons</b> Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I chose Unilu because of the location in the middle of Europe. I have travelled heaps throughout the semester, skied a lot too, which has been awesome, and I will be using Lucerne as a base for another couple of months of travel. Lucerne is a beautiful city with lots to do and I have loved my time here.</p>
<p><b>Duration</b> Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> too short                      <input type="checkbox"/> too long                      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right</p>