

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	PARTNERSHIP
Home university	University of Texas
Field of study	Law
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My time in Lucerne was wonderful. I met some great new friends that I will have for life. Lucerne is a beautiful place, and with the school's proximity to the train station it was easy for me to travel to other places in Europe. Overall, the university and the town are great, and I would highly recommend this program to others.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	A bit confusing at first, but once I got it all figured out it wasn't a big deal. Alice was helpful in assisting me with meeting all the requirements.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I stayed at Steinhoffsrasse 15 and would highly recommend it. It is student housing that is about a 20 minute walk from school or a 7 minute bus ride. It is nearly brand new and relatively inexpensive.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The train system from Lucerne is very good. The station is right near school and allows for easy access to the Basel Airport and Zurich. The bus system in Lucerne is also good, but it is pretty expensive so I typically walked.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	This was all relatively easy to handle. The registration process is different than what I am accustomed to, but it was not a problem.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	The University location is perfect. Right near the lake and train station and downtown. In addition, the building is beautiful and the size of the school is great. Its not too big but also not too small.
German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	I didn't take any German courses.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The lectures were good. The professors were relatively engaging and all knew there stuff well. Credits transfer pass/fail which is great, and the tests were not overly difficult (although certainly not easy).
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	I received all the assistance that I needed. Typically if I had an issue I would go and see Alice and she would help me resolve it.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Lucerne is a very expensive city. I recommend cooking almost all of your meals, and saving your money for traveling elsewhere in Europe. The study materials are reasonable for the most part thanks to the fact that the professors typically assign coursepacks and not books. I opened up a bank account at Credit Swiss and they were extremely competent. I would recommend using them.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Simply walking around Lucerne is a great experience. It is unquestionably one of the most beautiful places in the world, and the novelty of its beauty really never wears off. There is a soccer team in town but I never went to a game.

<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>Its really hard to say what is better/worse about the two schools because they are so different. I can say that I had my favorite semester of law school at the University of Lucerne.</p>
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