

## 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	□ SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)	☑ PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	China University of Political Science and Law	
Semester	(Fall term 17 or spring term 18 or both?) Fall term 17	
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	Lucerne is a very beautiful city with an amazing view of the Swiss Alps and Lucerne Lake, and is not only suitable for sightseeing but also for studying. During the past few months, I had a really great time: the accommodation is great; the mentors and professors are really friendly and helpful; and the IRO Team here at UniLu put a lot of thoughts into organizing extra-curriculum activities for us.  A visa is a must for Chinese students who are to study here in Switzerland, which
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	lasts only 3 months at most. After that, we were required to submit designated documents and a certain amount of fee to the local migration office to get a residence permit to extend our stay here.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation  Experiences and useful addresses	We were asked to fill in the application for accommodation a few months before arrival, and there were two accommodation on the list: one is located in the city Lucerne and the other is located 5 min (by train) away in Emmenbrucke. Both are great and well managed although the rent differs slightly.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	It's highly recommended that you get a Zone 10 Pass (61CHF/month) at SBB Company so that you can use public transportation in Zone 10 as much as you want within 30 days since the purchase. It's totally worth it since a single journey can be really expensive in Switzerland. And a half-fare card (180CHF/year) is also recommended if you're to take trains and visit other cities in Switzerland very often. Another tip to help you manage your budget: keep an eye on SBB Saver Day Pass with which you can travel across Switzerland as much as you want in a day and the lowest price you can get is 29 CHF; also, Super Saver Ticket available on SBB website and app comes with a sweet price too.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Before arrival, you will get a list of courses available for your semester and the selection of courses can be done on the school website. You can always de-register a course as long as you don't sign up for the exam.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	University of Lucerne is located in the center of Lucerne. It's right next to the main train station and you can see KKL and Lake Lucerne from the school building (yes, we have only one main building but you can still get lost sometimes).
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	I took German courses back at home university, which lay the foundation for my further German studies. At the beginning of the welcome week, you can sign up for a German course provided by teachers here at UniLu. If you want to dig more into it, you can keep an eye on SOL, the student organization at the university that offers

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	free language courses varying from Japanese to German. The teachers, of course, are students here. It's a lot of fun studying a second language.	
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The faculty of law offers a lot of interesting courses on different topics: Introduction to Swiss Law (highly recommended since they took us out for excursions a lot), contemporary media, financial and monetary law and so on. The final exams can be written or oral, of which the latter can be a real challenge to second-language speakers.	
Assistance at the university  Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The IRO Team here in UniLu is so helpful and friendly and so are the mentors who are students here. Our mentors helped us in every way: they picked us up at the airport; helped us get to the accommodation and helped organize great activities, which we really enjoyed.	
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Cooking by yourself, shopping in Lidl and getting Migros Budget Chicken saves a lot.  Never rush to the bookstore because they always have study materials in a PDF form. You can use your credit card everywhere.	
Living/ leisure  Meeting places, sports, culture	Swiss people are really proud of their neutrality. People hike and ski a lot in Switzerland.	
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	What's better here is the accommodation: I can have my own room.  What's worse here is that the courses are too limited.	
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	Switzerland is one of the most beautiful countries in the world; Lucerne is one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland.	
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	□ too short □ too long ⊠ just right	