

## 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	University of Texas	
Semester	(Fall term 16 or spring term 17 or both?)	Fall 2017
Field of study	Main subject? Law	Study level? □ Bachelor ⊠ Master
Name and E-Mail (optional)		

General impression	I had a wonderful semester here in Lucerne. I could not have asked for better interna-		
Please describe your stay in 4-5	tional friends, classes or location. This semester has put a cherry on top of my legal		
sentences	studies and I would recommend it to anyone.		
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland	The visa requirements were rather confusing to me, and I never did pick up my actual		
Immigration formalities, visa	visa, but I did receive my residence card. I was also unaware that I needed to register as soon as I got here.		
Searching for rooms/ accommo-	I did not realize the Emmenbrucke housing was not actually in Lucerne.		
dation	,		
Experiences and useful addresses			
Public transportation	Manageable but expensive. At home, students get all buses for free.		
Train, bus, accessibility of university			
buildings			
Prearrangements	This was all easy to do.		
Registration for courses, language			
tests, academic records			
Information on the university	Indifferent.		
Location, size, infrastructure			
German course at the University	I enjoyed the welcome week for getting to know other students, but did not find the		
"German Short Course" visited?	German course particularly helpful.		
Content of course, use?			
Studying at the university	Grading is quite different here than at home, and I had never taken oral exams be-		
Content of lectures, credits,	fore, but they are manageable.		
assessments			
Assistance at the university	Great and very helpful.		
Mobility Coordinator, International			
Relations Office, student advisors,			
mentors, contact with other students			
Budgeting	It would have been helpful to understand the banking systems better here. I did not		
Living costs, study material,	understand that Swiss banks do not accept checks and that rent is to be paid through		
money transfer	the post office.		
Living/ leisure	The student gym hours of availability were difficult to work around. 4 days a week I		
Meeting places, sports, culture	cannot exercise there, and on the days they are open, only from 6-9 pm. This made it		

	difficult to plan my days with transportation and meals.		
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	I love the break times in classes here! Usually in a 2-hour lecture, I cannot focus the whole time, so the 15 minute breaks help. I disliked how rarely the building was open to student studying, especially on the weekends. The student housing is not conducive to studying and there are fewer public areas to study here than at home, so I felt unable to study properly on the weekends without the use of the library on Sundays and Saturdays after 4.		
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I chose University of Lucerne because of its location and course offerings. I wanted to be in the alps as well as take more humanities based law courses, as opposed to business based. It was also highly recommended by two Professors of my university. It lived up to all expectations, and I had a wonderful semester at this school.		
<b>Duration</b> Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	□ too short	□ too long	⊠ just right