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	ERASMUS (inside Europe)
Home university	Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic)
Field of study	International Relations (Political Studies)
Semester	Fall term 2013

General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay in Lucerne was according to my expectations. Everything went really smoothly. I finally got to know Switzerland and I met many interesting people from all around the world. Beside that I improved my language skills and still had a lot of free time.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Since I am from European country, everything went well. Officers were helpful and english speaking. Registration procedures are simple.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I applied for a room in student house after one of the previous students advised me to do so. There have not been any problems with arrangements. http://stuwoluzern.ch/
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	University is right next to the main train and bus station in the city centre. Public transport works perfectly. Monthly pass (2 zones) costs around 55euros.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration for the courses is simple and explained in materials sent by university and mobility office. Also informations about courses are accessible on the internet.
Information on university Location, size, infrastructure	University of Lucerne is quite small, what guarantees personal contact between the professors and students. It is also young with nice a comfortable building with all the necessary equipment and facilities.
German course at the university „German for Beginners" visited? Content of course, usage	German for Beginners is a very good start before the beginning of the semester. This way you can know the other exchange students, get to know Lucerne and catch some basic german phrases.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	University has nice offer of courses in english. It was no problem to find enough courses to fullfill my credit limit. Level is really good thanks to personal approach and level of research regarding political science. I was fully satisfied.
Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Everyone is very friendly and can answer any kind of question. Usually everything was in the materials we got. If not, there is no problem to solve anything thanks to great communication. Mobility Office was great support especially at the beginning, when they explain all the steps we have to take to avoid problems.

Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	It is generally known, that Switzerland is an expensive country. But once I oriented myself, it was not hard to find acceptable way of life. Monthly I was paying around 450euros for accommodation, 55 for public transport, maybe 250 for food. It is possible not to spend more than 900euros per month also with some trips, but that is still very individual. Study materials are in electronic form (for political sciences, law faculty has special readers, which cost around 20francs per course.)
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne is culturally quite rich, problem might be costly events and services. Night life might be also interesting, but the clubs are mostly mainstream orientated. University offers many sports opportunities.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	University of Lucerne is better equiped than my home university. I really appreciated the atmosphere and the effectivity of the whole building. There is place for any kind of activity. There is also plenty of pleasant working space.