

Final Report



I decided to complete my Erasmus here in PH Zug as teaching has always been my passion and I have always aspired to travel and study in as many places as possible. Hence, I decided to explore the different teaching systems in Switzerland. Having studied German as part of my final exams in high school, I believed studying in Switzerland would be a great opportunity for me to learn some more German. Having studied in PH Zug for just shy of four months now, I have had an abundance of positive experiences.

First and foremost, the faculty provided us with a large amount of practical experience in preparation for the professional world. We got the opportunity to complete a professional teaching placement in the International School of Zug and Lucerne. This teaching experience has been the highlight of my teaching experience thus far.



Not only did it enlighten me into the vast possibilities of teaching but it also allowed me to see teaching in a completely different light.



I gained an abundance of insights into various teaching methodologies and felt completely confident in teaching lessons due to the continuous encouragement and support of my host teacher. Likewise, modules provided by the PH such as Music Methodology 1 and Speech and Voice Training allowed me to teach with increasing confidence and discover teaching methods I had never thought of before.

One of which involved teaching Dynamics in a Music lesson which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Likewise, the module Nature and Science opened my eyes to the endless possibilities of Inquiry Based Learning, another valuable teaching tool used at ISZL. I also got the chance to learn new teaching and language skills.



I particularly enjoyed expressing myself in a new language such as German. As the modules on offer are similar to those of my home university, this made it easier for me to transition and integrate into the college and consolidate my learning.



Another system offered by the PH which I found completely helpful, was the use of a Buddy System. Our Buddies made us feel completely welcome at the PH and went out of their way to organize and invite us to various events and excursions in order to integrate us into the college. I have gotten the chance to meet a variety of people and make lifelong friends.

Similarly, the small number of students in the University helped me to make more personal and cooperative connections to both students and lecturers. The lecturers were completely accessible and helpful at all times and this really helped me transition into the different teaching system. I especially enjoyed the Music Methodology 1, Drama and Guitar lectures as I always felt welcomed and enthusiastic entering the class.

One aspect I struggled with was finding accommodation. As the student accommodation at PH Zug was full and due to the high rental costs in the canton, we were left with very little options in terms of accommodation in the canton of Zug. Nonetheless, we decided on an accommodation in Lucerne.



This averaged at about five hundred and fifty francs per month. However, one aspect we failed to consider when choosing a suitable accommodation was the cost of travel between Zug and Lucerne which ended up costing us an additional two hundred francs per month. This is something I believe should be greatly considered before coming on Erasmus. Nevertheless, we enjoyed exploring the two cantons and would not wish to change our experience in the slightest.



As a teacher, I believe my Erasmus experience has been completely beneficial and has offered me valuable inputs to incorporate into the classroom. As humans we are constantly adapting and changing throughout our lives. This experience hence has taught me the importance of trying new things like Sport and Woodwork which I never would have imagined myself doing before. Therefore, I hope to implement the same positive attitude towards change that I have developed on my Erasmus Exchange into my future classroom.

As a foreword, not only has this Erasmus experience helped me to become a better teacher, but it has also taught me to be flexible and confident in myself and I have no doubt that this will greatly benefit me in my pedagogical practices going forward.

