

# Erasmus Report

## 1: Support

I would say that the college was very supportive throughout the entire Erasmus experience. We were welcomed warmly to the college on the first day from the International office representative. Everyone was very friendly and helpful to us and couldn't do more for us when we had questions. The atmosphere was very friendly and we never felt as though we were a separate group from the students at the PH in a negative way.



My experience with my class teacher in ISZL was great. She was always available if I had any questions and gave very useful feedback. The atmosphere was again, very welcoming and she made my school teaching experience very comfortable while also allowing me the space to learn and try new things.



We met our buddies very early on in the Erasmus experience and they were always around if we ever had any questions or worries regarding any aspect of our time in Switzerland. They were so kind and friendly and organised lots of activities for all of the Erasmus students to come together and create lots of great memories!

## 2: Accommodation:

My accommodation was in Hergiswil just outside Lucerne. It was a great, safe location right beside the lake! The name of the accommodation is Universe 9 and its great if you want to meet new people as there are lots of rooms available. It cost about €700 a month but this included all utilities and free access to washing machines and dryers. Due to the accommodation being in Lucerne, I would recommend getting a GA card for public transport. It costs around €300 a month. While this might seem expensive at first, it definitely works out as the best deal if you're planning on traveling around Switzerland or commuting to college every day. Food can be expensive but if you shop in Aldi or Lidl it is much cheaper.



### 3: Overall programme.

The lecturers in PH Zug have been great in helping us whenever we needed it. The courses themselves have been very interesting and varied in content. We had individual piano and singing lessons along with courses that were more theory based. It was great to see the different courses that are available in other countries!



If you get the opportunity to complete the Teaching Practice Program, I would highly recommend it! It has been the most valuable teaching practice that I have done. The teachers are so helpful and want to support you in any way they can. It was amazing to see how different the school system is in ISZL while also learning how you might be able to implement certain aspects into your teaching at home.

I can't say that I faced any challenges that impacted my Erasmus experience greatly. However, it can be hard being away from home, particularly if it's your first time. Just try to enjoy it for what it is and make the most of it.

#### 4: Personal Evaluation:

I would say that Erasmus has benefitted me and my career in many ways. It will always make you a better teacher seeing how other countries teach different subjects and it opens your eyes to how narrow your mindset can be. I would recommend Erasmus, particularly in PH Zug, to others because it can be an experience that is suited to you. Due to it being a smaller college, it is easier to get to know other people, make new friends and learn new things.

