



RETOUR D'EXPÉRIENCE

Olten, Suisse



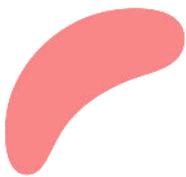
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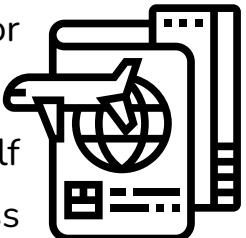
My experience was a 5 out of 5. It was incredible. The country is very, very beautiful. The people are very charming. The level of English of the people is very good. And the university is great. As well as there are many activities and things to do in Switzerland.

If I could go back in time, I would definitely go to that university because I had a really great time, I met amazing people, and the country was amazing.

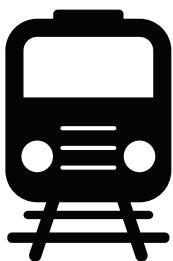


Practical informations

It depends on every case. In my case, I am a Mexican student that has studied her entire bachelor's in France, so I had the student visa from France, and because I have this one, I didn't have to go to Paris for applying for another type of visa.

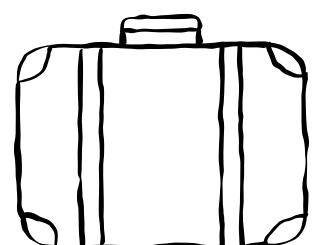


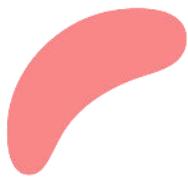
The only thing I needed to do was to go to City Hall and register myself as well as paying 250 francs in order for them to give you your Swiss residence card. But in the case that you are a citizen of any country of the European Union, instead of paying 250 francs, you pay 70 francs and you don't need any visa either. But I would definitely recommend you to call the Canton so that way you can be sure, as well as checking the online websites. But normally, if you have the student visa from France, you don't need any sort of visa that is done in Paris.



I took the train, which was like 5 hours, and it was pretty great. I went from Montpellier to Lyon, and from Lyon to Mulhouse, and then from Mulhouse to Basel, and then from Basel to Olten. It sounds like a lot of time, but it wasn't. It was pretty quick, and it's very easy to get there. You just have to take into consideration that you have to use the SNCF for the French territory, and then the Swiss SBB for the Swiss territory.

What you shouldn't forget is an umbrella because it rains a lot, as well as clothes for the winter and clothes for the summer because back in May it's already kind of hot, but before it's kind of hot and sometimes it even, not that much, but it snows. And something that you shouldn't bring if you're staying in the staff house is like, for example, the pillow, the sheets, and the duvet cover because the staff house already includes it and you don't actually need it.

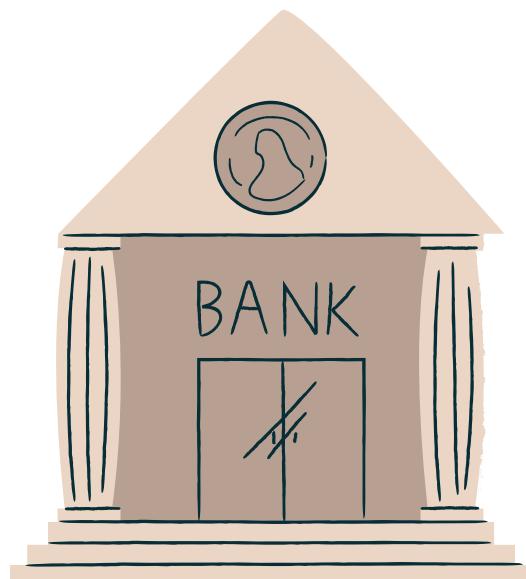




Practical informations

The bank that I would definitely recommend because it has the best exchange rates, it's Revolut. Because the change from euros to francs is always very good, and you don't have any commissions if you pay with that type of card. As well as the university in Switzerland is going to give you, if you apply for it, a scholarship. And this scholarship is 2,200 francs if you come from a European Union university. If you come from a university that is not from the European Union, it's 2,500 francs. And in my case, the bank didn't charge me anything when I received that money, but some international students that had different cards got a huge, huge commission from their banks and some of them lost even 300 francs because of that. So I would definitely recommend you to have Revolut.

What I did that was perhaps a mistake is that I registered my Revolute back in France. And in this case, every time I did the transference to the Staff House of the 400 francs that was what I pay per month, they charged me a fee of 1,31 francs because it was an international transaction. And in the case that I had registered my Revolut account in Switzerland, they wouldn't have charged me that. But still, if you want to use the card in France I would recommend you to register it in France, because in total of commissions from this international transactions it was just 6,55 francs.





Practical informations

It's very important to say that you have to bring your carte vitale from France and as well your European Health Insurance Card that you have to solicit before you come and that is going to arrive at your house if you have assurance maladie. And with this you can skip a lot of fees from health.

But still they're going to ask you for health insurance which I recommend Swiss Care because it's the one that they accept everywhere and it's the one that recommends the school. After that it's very important to say that you have to apply for the exemption of the health and for this you have to pay 100 francs for the entire year.



But with this you're totally insured and if something happens to you, you can go to any hospital. In the case that you live in the staff house, you're going to have the emergency room just in front and all the hospital. So if you need anything you just go there and they won't charge you a thing.

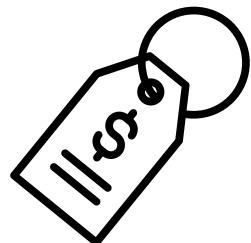




I would just suggest to stay in the staff house. It's where I stayed and where I passed a really good time. In the staff house all the Erasmus live and every floor has 14 rooms. It is very important to say that the only thing that is shared is the kitchen and the bathrooms and you can select if you want to be in a mixed floor or if you want to be in a floor that just has people from your own sex. It is also very important to say that it's very near to this to the school. You just have to walk 15 minutes or less to get there and it's very very close to the train station. You just have to walk 8 minutes to get there. Every room in the staff house has its own mirror, a place to wash your hands, and a closet as well as your bed that already includes the sheets, the pillow, and the duvet, and a huge window, a desk, and also a mini sofa.

So in order to just find the flat, you just have to, when they send you the link where you have to put all your paperwork, you have to select the option that says, it's a question that says, do you want to stay in the staff house? And you put yes. And then you ask for more information. And they're going to give you the email of the person in charge of the accommodation for the Erasmuses. And you just send her messages and send her everything, and she's going to help you.

The total cost of the rent per month in the Staff House is 400 francs, but it's very important to say that when you arrive, you have to give a deposit of 250 francs and you also have to pay for the cleaning of the entire year, 100 francs. So in the first month, you have to be ready with **750 francs**.



Courses selection

Swiss Banking Sector



I would definitely recommend taking this class, because the professors that were teaching there were actual directors of Swiss banks, and one of them even worked in the European Union Bank, and he studied in the US in one of the best Ivy League universities. That class was amazing and was very, very interesting in just two days.

Cross-Cultural Management



I would definitely recommend taking this one. The teacher was a Chinese teacher that knew a lot of things, and she was very nice, and her class was very, very interesting, and it was amazing.

German Beginners class



I would also really, really recommend you guys to take the German Beginners class, because it was one of the best classes, and I learned a lot, and it's pretty useful to know at least some of the basics of German if you're living in Switzerland.

Economic Applied Psychology

I would say not to take this one, because even though it was very easy, it was horribly boring. The only thing that was pretty much scored was a group project and your attendance, but it was just about communication and how to do workshops, and was more than boring. Do not take this one.

Business Processes & Project Management

I would say that the most difficult classes were Business Processes & Project Management, because they taught us how to do the automatization of processes using Camunda, which was amazingly and surprisingly very interesting, but very hard.

Notes

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Being honest, the classes are very, very long. They are four hours each, and during these four hours, it's mostly talking. For me, it was very interesting to see that there aren't any classes in amphitheaters. It's always like in small rooms with 20 to 30 people maximum, and there you normally have time to work in a team, which was pretty interesting for me to see. And in terms of the volume of the work, it's not that heavy. Being honest, I would say that Montpellier University has a way heavier system.

The exams are very different in Switzerland because the school has a lot of technology and they take their exams in an iPad. The exams are normally QSEMs but they do not have any negative points so it's actually great because you can get really good grades. It is very important to say that something that is kind of hard is that the iPad has a keyboard that is in German and you can make a lot of mistakes if you don't actually realize it. But it was amazing and I actually enjoyed far more doing the exams in iPad than in the way we do it at the University of Montpellier.

Switzerland

TO DO LIST



- Attend the Welcome Week organised by the university
- Buy the NightGA or ask the university to know the best tips for rides in other campuses
- Follow Erasmus groups on social media to find out the best events happening
- Plan many travels : Zurich, Basel, Luzern
- Go to Lidl if you want to do food shopping

