

# The Spectacular Scenery of Switzerland

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Experience Faculty: Arts + Social Sciences

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While Lausanne provided the ideal comprehensive learning environment, the surrounding swiss cities allowed me to appreciate the natural beauty of this small but scenic country.

Experience Details

Semester: Spring

Year: 2023

Introduction + Preparation

For me, I felt that the research I did beforehand helped me to feel more prepared and confident when entering this new and unfamiliar environment. I would recommend to prepare and be organized as much as you can prior to your departure.

Location Research

Lausanne is located in the French-speaking region of Switzerland, only 45 minutes from Geneva by train. The relatively small size of Switzerland allows for travel between the French, German and Italian regions. The centrality of Switzerland in Europe also makes it an ideal place to be able to travel and explore surrounding countries from.

Financial Preparation

While Switzerland is extremely beautiful and in my opinion provides many benefits to students wanting to study here, the financial aspect should definitely be considered. Switzerland is an expensive country and the cost of living is quite high, compared to other European countries. That being said, by doing some research in advance and looking for ways to make your stay more affordable, it is possible to enjoy this beautiful place while still sticking to your budget.

## Packing

Deciding what to pack depends on whether you will participate in the Fall/Winter semester or the

### **Learning and Adaptation**

As you may know, it takes time to learn and adapt to any new environment. However, the friendliness of the people I encountered in Lausanne made this adjustment much easier to navigate. Having previously studied in French prepared me well for the the experience of studying mostly in French in Lausanne.

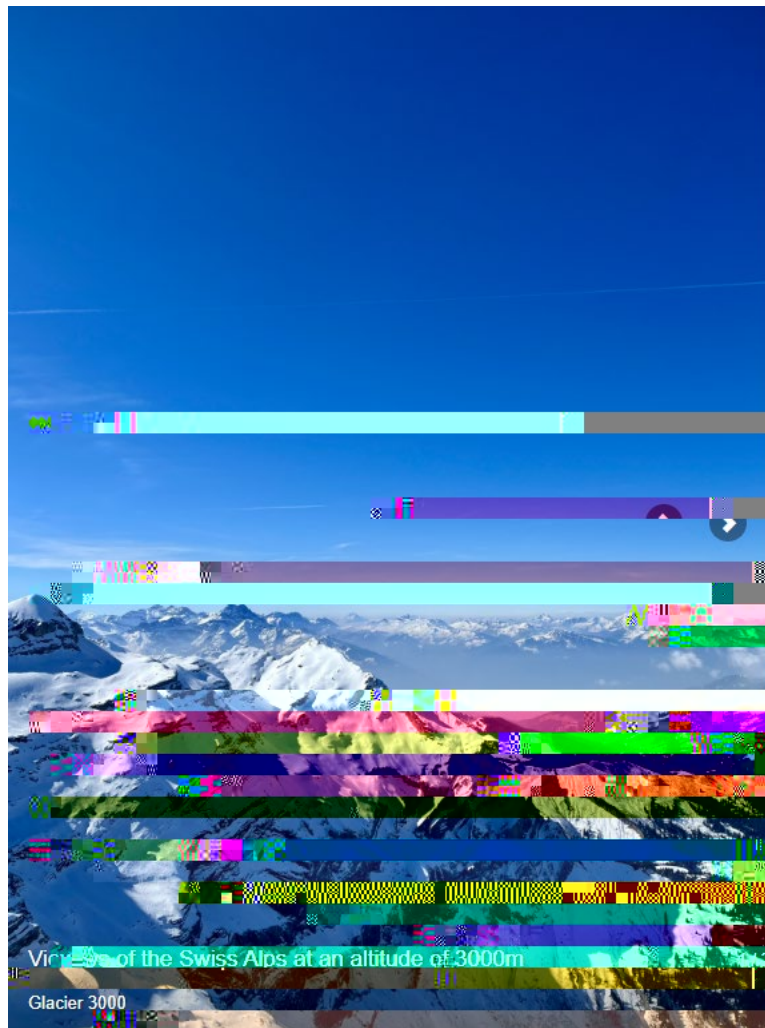
### **Accomplishments and Challenges**

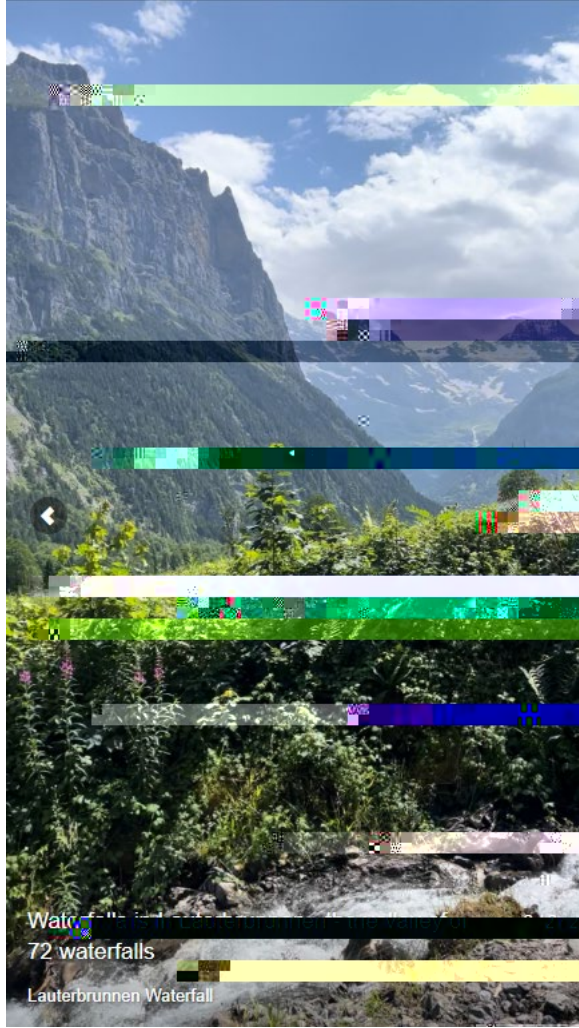
I faced both personal and academic challenged during my study abroad semester, but thanks to friends and faculty members, I was able to overcome and surpass these obstacles. While you may

governmental institutions. In fact, part of my studies there allowed me to visit the UN and observe a session of debates in the Human Rights Council.

### Advice for Future Students

My advice for future students is to do your research beforehand to learn about the institutions that you would like to attend and apply for. It is equally important to research the cities that interest you in order to learn a bit about the social and cultural dynamics before experiencing them first hand.





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