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UNIVERSITY OF IAȘI**

About Romania



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Romania is a forward-looking and rapidly developing member state of the European Union. It is the twelfth-largest and the sixth-most populous country in Europe.

Its economy ranks one of the fastest growing in the EU.



Capital: Bucharest

Population: 19 million

EU membership: 1 January 2007

Political system: semi-presidential republic

Size: 238 397 square km

Language: Romanian

Currency: Romanian Leu (RON)

Climate: continental



The city of Iași



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- ✓ Iași has traditionally been one of the **leading centers** of Romanian social, cultural, academic and artistic life;
- ✓ Metropolitan area of **400.000 inhabitants**;
- ✓ Home to the **first university of Romania** (*Alexandru Ioan Cuza University*) and to the **first engineering school**;
- ✓ More than **55.000 students in 5 public universities**;
- ✓ Most flourishing industry: IT/software – **16.000 employees**;
- ✓ Direct flights to/from: **Bucharest, Bologna, London, Paris, Rome, Prague, Tel Aviv, Turin, Venice, Vienna, Valencia, Madrid, Dublin, Barcelona, Bruxelles, Basel, Milan, Larnaca, Dortmund, Eindhoven, Copenhagen, Billund, Liverpool, Berlin, Basel-Muhouse-Freiburg, Bergamo, Istanbul etc.**



First time in Iași



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- ✓ **1508** – first Romanian print
- ✓ **1640** – first school in Romanian Language
- ✓ **1671** – first Synagogue in Romania
- ✓ **1833** – first Medical Society in Romania
- ✓ **1856** – first Botanical Garden in Romania
- ✓ **1860** – first Romanian University
- ✓ **1876** – world's first Yiddish Language Theater
- ✓ **1896** – first National Theater in Romania



Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași



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- ✓ The **oldest** Romanian university
- ✓ **Full-range** and **high-quality** services for international students
- ✓ **Diplomas recognised** all over Europe
- ✓ **Top research** university in Romania



Short history



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- ✓ **1642** - Academia Domnească, the first Romanian medical school with university status was founded
- ✓ **1859** - Alexandru Ioan Cuza, the prince of unified Romanian Principalities of Moldova and Wallachia, initiated a series of reforms that contributed to the modernization of Romanian society and state structures
- ✓ **1860** - University of Iași, the first *modern* Romanian university, was officially inaugurated on the 26th of October
- ✓ **2005** - The Bologna System has been implemented
- ✓ **2025** - Celebration of 165 years of modern higher education in Romania



Facts and figures



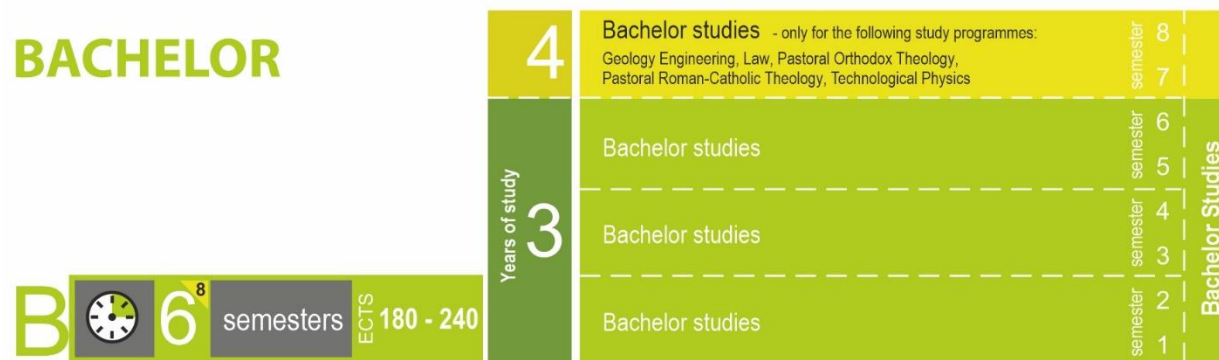
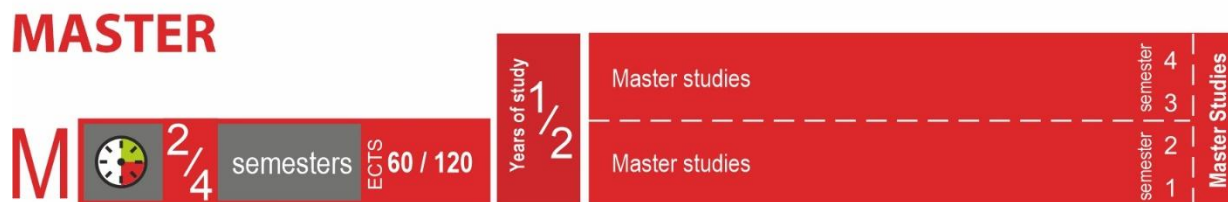
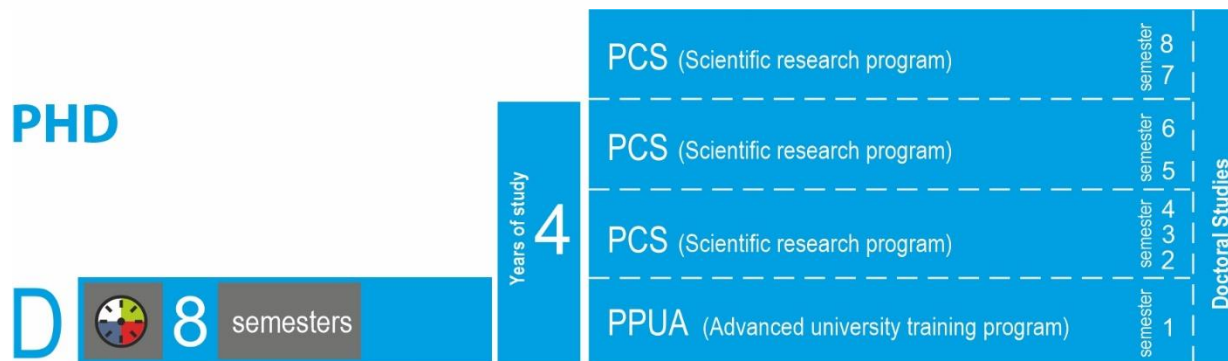
- ✓ **15** faculties
- ✓ **3**-cycles study system
- ✓ Diploma Supplements issued for all degrees
- ✓ **29** Degrees fully taught in international languages
- ✓ **92** Bachelor programs (including programmes in foreign languages)
- ✓ **135** Master programs (including programmes in foreign languages)
- ✓ **14** Doctoral Schools and **29** PhD programmes
- ✓ **25 717** students:
 - **18 584** bachelor students
 - **6 277** master students
 - **856** PhD students
- ✓ Teaching staff:
 - **719** full-time academic staff
 - **75** academic staff with fixed-term contracts
 - **1080** associate teaching staff

Study Programmes



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Faculties



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BIOLOGY



FACULTY OF
CHEMISTRY



FACULTY OF
LAW



FACULTY OF
**ECONOMICS AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**



FACULTY OF
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION
AND SPORTS**



FACULTY OF
**PHILOSOPHY AND
SOCIAL-POLITICAL SCIENCES**



FACULTY OF
PHYSICS



FACULTY OF
**GEOGRAPHY
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FACULTY OF
COMPUTER SCIENCE



FACULTY OF
HISTORY



FACULTY OF
LETTERS



FACULTY OF
MATHEMATICS



FACULTY OF
**PSYCHOLOGY AND
EDUCATION SCIENCES**



FACULTY OF
**ORTHODOX THEOLOGY
SAINT DUMITRU STĂNILOAE**



FACULTY OF
ROMAN-CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

Admission process



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- ✓ **229 study programmes on offer** for the 2026-2027 academic year;
- ✓ **29 study programmes fully taught in foreign languages**, 6 for Bachelor studies and 23 for Master studies.



Branch Campuses



❑ *in the Republic of Moldova:*

- ✓ **Bălți** branch campus (established in 2010-2011) – 4 bachelor study programmes, 3 master study programmes;
- ✓ **Chișinău** branch campus (operational since 2016-2017) – 2 bachelor study programmes, 1 master study programme.

❑ *in Romania:*

- ✓ **Focșani** branch campus (Vrancea county) - 5 bachelor study programmes, 4 master study programmes;
- ✓ **Botoșani** branch campus (Botoșani county) - 2 bachelor study programmes;
- ✓ **Piatra Neamț** branch campus (Neamț county) – 2 bachelor study programmes.

Research



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UAIC places research, innovation and the transfer of knowledge at the heart of its mission. Through its research and development activities, the university supports academic excellence, generates societal impact, and contributes to sustainable development.

Research connected to European priorities

Fundamental and applied research at UAIC seeks to generate impactful scientific knowledge and address the challenges of contemporary society. These efforts align with the priorities of the Horizon Europe programme and the strategic directions of the EC2U European University Alliance.

Main fields of expertise: Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities.



Impact



Interdisciplinarity and societal impact

The convergence of hard sciences, humanities and emerging technologies plays a key role in addressing transversal topics related to several UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as:

- Quality education
- Responsible innovation
- Environment sustainability
- Social inclusion

A European University, open to collaboration

Within the EC2U Alliance, UAIC actively contributes to common research initiatives, supporting the development of European collaborative structures, including Virtual Institutes, and facilitating the participation at international competitive consortiums within Horizon Europe and other European programmes.



Performance

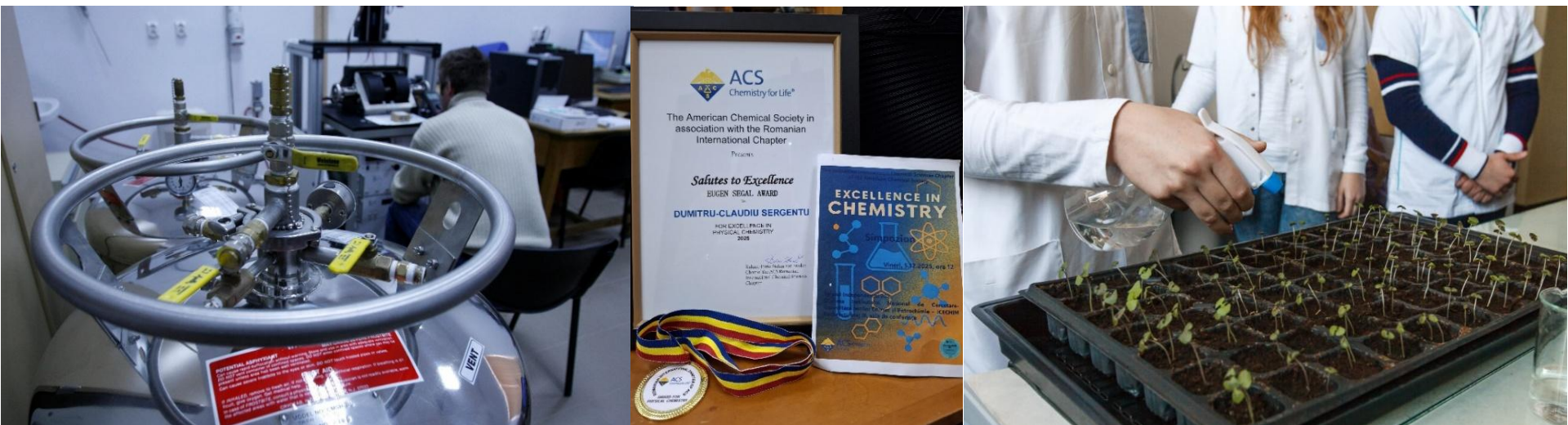


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The academic and research activity of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iași is illustrated by several relevant indicators:

- ✓ Over 100 active national and international research projects (2025);
- ✓ More than 1,400 peer-reviewed scientific publications annually, indexed in major international databases including Web of Science;
- ✓ 120 full-time researchers driving scientific innovation;
- ✓ 25 patents awarded by the Romanian State Office for Inventions and Trademarks and 20 patent requests under analysis.



International visibility



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UAIC's global visibility is confirmed by its positioning in prestigious academic rankings:

- ✓ Ranked 150th in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI), 2025, with outstanding results in:
 - SDG-Based Responses to Global Challenges - 17th place in 100 projects;
 - Student Mobility and Openness - 21st place in 100 projects;
 - Infrastructure / Technologies - 20th place in 100 projects.
- ✓ Ranked 503rd in the CWUR World University Rankings (2024–2025), highlighting the university's competitive position at European level;
- ✓ Top 584 in RankPro World University Ranking 2024-2025.



Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (ICI)

Department of Exact Sciences and Natural Sciences



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- ✓ **ARHEOINVEST** - Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Training in Archaeology , including the *Acad. Mircea Petrescu-Dîmbovița* Archaeological Research Site, Cucuteni- Băiceni
- ✓ **CERNESIM** – Integrated Center of Environmental Science Studies in the North-Eastern Development Region
- ✓ **RAMTECH** – Research Center on Advanced Materials and Technologies
- ✓ **RECENT AIR** – Research Center with Integrated Techniques for Atmospheric Aerosol Investigation in Romania
- ✓ **Molecular Biophysics Group**
- ✓ **Environmental Sciences Group**



Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (ICI)

Department of Social Sciences and Humanities



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- ✓ **Pluralism in Economics, Finance and Society** Research Lab (PEFS Lab)
- ✓ **Sustainable economic development determinants: interdisciplinary approaches** Research Group (DDES)
- ✓ **Philology and Onomastics** Research Group (PhilOn)
- ✓ **Cultural and Social Diversity** Research Group
- ✓ ***Monumenta linguae Dacoromanorum* Biblical-Philological Studies Center** Research Group (MLD)
- ✓ **Digital Humanities Laboratory** Research Lab (DHL)
- ✓ **Contemporaneity Studies Lab**
- ✓ **Medicine, Religion and Philosophy in Greco-Roman Antiquity** Research Group (MRFA)
- ✓ **Reinterpretation of the Middle Ages** Research Lab (REM)
- ✓ **Romanian elite historical and prosopographical** Research Lab (18th and 19th centuries) (CIPER)



Research Infrastructures



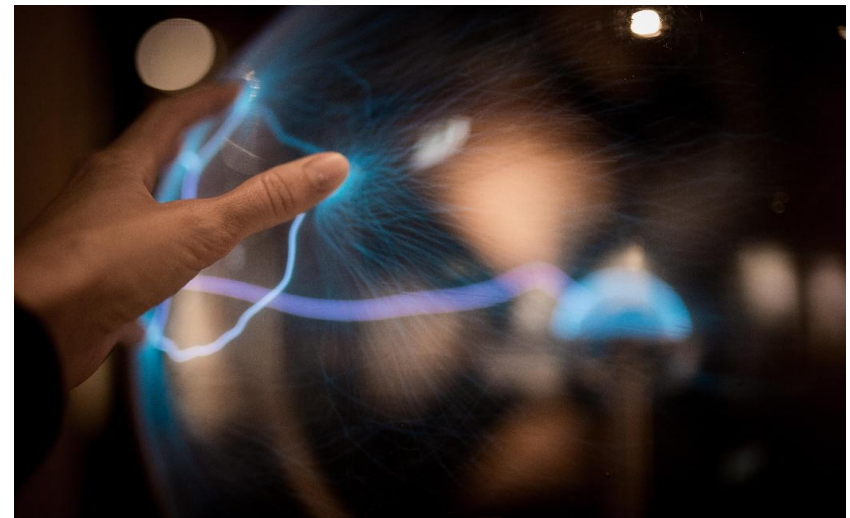
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- **RAMTECH** – Research Center on Advanced Materials and Technologies
- **iTransfer** – Technology Transfer Center
- **RaaS** – Research as a Service Platform

These infrastructures are open to the academic community and international partners, offering:

- Access to high-performance equipment;
- Specialized databases;
- Dedicated technical and scientific support.



Affiliation to the global scientific network



The internationalization strategy of UAIC connects students, teaching staff and researchers to a globally extended academic network, facilitating international collaboration, academic mobility and the development of joint educational and research programmes.

Through partnerships consolidated in Europe, Asia and the two Americas, UAIC promotes:

- study programmes with double diploma;
- international research collaborations;
- the mobility of students and academic staff.

The international visibility of UAIC is sustained by its membership and active participation in prestigious initiatives and academic networks:

- member of EC2U, promoting education and cross-border research at European level;
- participation in 40 COST actions, stimulating scientific cooperation and interdisciplinary publication;
- active implication in major European programmes, such as Horizon Europe, Erasmus+ and Digital, Industry and Space - SHARE ERIC.

Support for early-career researchers



UAIC offers an open and welcoming academic environment for researchers wishing to work at the university – whether as applicants for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships, PhD or master's students, or researchers participating in international mobility programmes.

UAIC provides an integrated support system designed to facilitate both academic integration and adaptation to the local environment:

- ✓ Extended access to high-quality scientific resources, including university libraries and leading international databases (Elsevier, Springer Nature, Clarivate – Web of Science, JHCD, DII –, Wiley, APS, AMS, ACS, IOP, Cambridge University Press, Taylor & Francis, CEEOL, Sage Publishing, RCS);
- ✓ Scientific and academic mentorship, tailored to the profile and the objectives of each researcher;
- ✓ Administrative support for visas, accommodation and relocation, ensuring a smooth transition;
- ✓ Professional development opportunities and integration into the university's research community;
- ✓ Language and cultural programmes supporting social and intercultural integration



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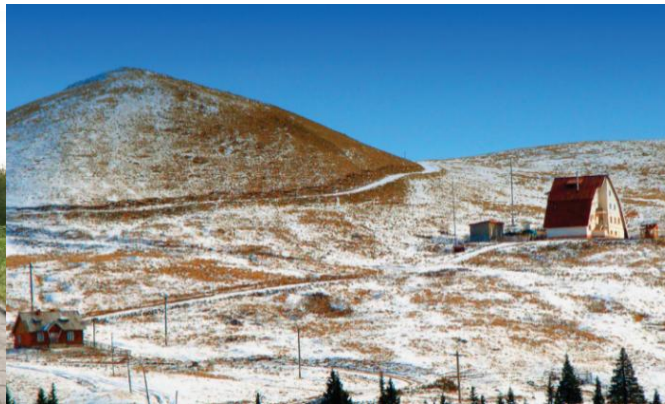
Research and student training stations



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- *Prof. Dr. Ioan Borcea* Biological Sea Station, Agigea, Constanța;
- Center for Research and Development in Aquaculture and Water Ecology, Ezăreni Iași;
- *Petre Jitariu* Biological Station, Potoci, Neamț;
- *Ion Gugiuman* Station for Research and Student Training – Rarău, Suceava;
- *Simion Mehedinți* Station for Research and Student Training, Tulnici, Vrancea;
- Center for Physical-Geographical Research and Monitoring Environmental Quality, Mădârjac, Iași;
- *Acad. Mircea Petrescu-Dîmbovița* Archaeological Research Site, Cucuteni-Băiceni, Iași
- *Vasile Băcăuanu* Station for Scientific Research and Student Training, Ștefănești, Botoșani



Research Stations and Branch Campuses



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Facilities



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***Anastasiie Fătu* Botanical Garden**

- ✓ the first and largest botanical garden in Romania

University Museum

- ✓ illustrates the history of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iași
- ✓ recreates the living conditions of the 6000-year old Cucuteni Civilization

***Mihai Eminescu* Central University Library**

- ✓ one of the cornerstones of university life
- ✓ 2.3 million bibliographic units



International Cooperation



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*Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași is **one of the most active Romanian universities** in the Erasmus programme:*

- ✓ over 1000 outgoing students, 200 teaching and 100 administrative staff / year
- ✓ around 1000 Erasmus+ incoming students and staff / year

In 2025:

- ✓ **over 600 ERASMUS+** partner universities in **66** countries (EU and non-EU)
- ✓ Institutional cooperation agreements with **206** universities in **57** countries on 5 continents



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Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași is a member of several leading academic networks and consortia in Europe and worldwide :

- Coimbra Group (since 2007)
- Utrecht Network (since 2005)
- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (since 2002)
- International Association of Universities (since 1960)
- European University Association (since 2005)
- Transborder Consortium of Universities from Moldova, Romania and Ukraine (since 2011)
- Observatory Magna Charta Universitatum (since 2006)

Since 2020, UAIC has been a member of the EC2U Alliance (European Campus of City Universities), together with eight partner universities: the University of Coimbra (Portugal), *Friedrich Schiller* University Jena (Germany), *Johannes Kepler* University Linz (Austria), the University of Pavia (Italy), the University of Poitiers (France), the University of Salamanca (Spain), the University of Turku (Finland), and Umeå University (Sweden).



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European educational projects

- ✓ ERASMUS+ (EU-KA131-HED, non-EU – KA171-HED)
- ✓ ERASMUS+ KA2 (cooperation projects)
- ✓ JEAN MONNET (networks, chairs, modules)

International students and academic staff

- ✓ around 10% international students and staff

Summer Schools

- ✓ an annual multidisciplinary international summer school (*JASSY*), since 2018;
- ✓ international Summer courses *Romania – Language and Civilisation*, since 1972;
- ✓ several domain-focused summer schools (e.g. in Chemistry, Computer Science, Law, Philosophy, Psychology, Physics)



Study / Internship mobilities



Full-time students of our University may benefit from study/ internship mobilities through:

- ✓ ERASMUS + (EU and non-EU countries)
- ✓ DAAD (*Germany*)
- ✓ FULBRIGHT (*U.S.A*)
- ✓ CEEPUS (*Central and Eastern Europe*)
- ✓ Coimbra Group
- ✓ Utrecht Network
- ✓ institutional bilateral agreements (*EU countries, Canada, U.S.A., Asia, Latin America, Africa etc.*)

Other international academic activities:

- ✓ study programs jointly organized with international partners;
- ✓ international education fairs;
- ✓ international scientific events;
- ✓ a variety of foreign language courses (e.g. Polish, Turkish, Portuguese, Greek, Japanese).

Student life



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- ✓ **Accommodation & Meals** (5700 places in 16 student residences, 3 student restaurants)
- ✓ **Transport facilities**
- ✓ **Psychological, professional and personal counselling**
- ✓ **Volunteering opportunities in students' associations**
- ✓ **On-campus medical services for all students**
- ✓ **Libraries with free Internet access in each faculty**
- ✓ **University sports facilities**
- ✓ **Recreation** – parks, coffee shops, gardens



International Students



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- ✓ **Buddy System** – jointly organised with the Erasmus Student Network Iași
- ✓ **Academic Counselling** - provided by academic staff designated at the level of each faculty
- ✓ **Support with residence permit** - assistance from the International Relations Office
- ✓ **Medical assistance** - ensured by the Student Medical Center on campus
- ✓ **Free Intensive Romanian Language Courses** - beginner level (60 hours), during the 1st semester and the 2nd semester



Events for students



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- ✓ Welcome Days
- ✓ Student Association Parties
- ✓ Central University Library Anniversary Days
- ✓ UAIC Students' Gala
- ✓ Erasmus Gala
- ✓ Night of Open Museums
- ✓ Researchers' Night
- ✓ University Anniversary Days
- ✓ Night of the Companies
- ✓ Sports Events





We are looking forward to
welcoming you in
Iași, Romania!

