

2021

INFORMATION GUIDE
FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS



TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY
OF BRAŞOV

2022

18

FACULTIES

20.000+

STUDENTS

700+

ACADEMIC STAFF
MEMBERS

100

BACHELOR'S DEGREE
PROGRAMMES

71

MASTER'S DEGREE
PROGRAMMES

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PROGRAMMES

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HELLO!

Since you are probably on your first visit to Romania, this guide was aimed at providing you with the most important information you need to familiarize yourself with our city and our university.

It covers some basic facts about our culture and history, followed by a short description of our campus and the things you can do for fun in Brasov, as well as an overview of what you can expect from your stay in terms of a vibrant student life. Last but not least, it suggests whom to contact in case you need any further help.

We wish you success and hope you enjoy your stay with us and you make the most of your time here.

WELCOME TO ROMANIA!

Geographic location

In the South-East of Central Europe

Capital

Bucharest

Official language

Romanian

Area

238391 km²

National Day

December 1st

The celebration of the Great Union at Alba Iulia in 1918

Religion

86.8% Orthodox, 4.7% Roman Catholic, 3.7% Protestant, 1.5% Pentecostal

Climate

Continental temperate: cold winters, with fog and snow; hot and sunny summers, with short rains and storms.

Neighbours

Ukraine; Moldova; Black Sea, Bulgaria; Serbia; Hungary

Population

19.51 million

Ethnic structure

89.5% Romanians, 6.6% Hungarians, 2.5% Roma, 1.4% other small minority groups.

Time zone

East European time (GMT + 2)

Summer time (GMT + 3) starting the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October.

National currency

Leu (plural lei), the subdivision ban (1 leu = 100 bani)

HOLIDAYS IN ROMANIA

January 1-2

New Year

June 1

Children's Day

January 24

The Day of the Union

June 13 2022

Pentecost

April 22 2022

Good Friday

August 15

Assumption of Virgin Mary

April 25 2022

Easter

November 30

Saint Andrew's Day

May 1

Labour Day

December 1

Romania National Holiday

December 25/26

Christmas


During holidays, only health units and restaurants are open.

THE CITY OF BRAȘOV

An aerial night photograph of Brașov, Romania. The city is covered in snow, and its lights are visible against the dark sky. The central focus is the Citadel on Mount Tâmpa, which is brightly illuminated with warm yellow lights. The surrounding city buildings and streets are dimly lit, creating a contrast with the dark night.

A visit to Brașov is an opportunity to experience its cultural life. The statue of Johannes Honterus near the Black Church, by the Finnish sculptor Harro Magnussen, embodies the great Enlightenment humanist who brought Protestantism to Brașov and authored notable pedagogical and geographical writings.

Brașov has one of the finest natural settings in Romania and Europe. The Southern part of the town is towered by the 960 m high Mount Tâmpa, and is neighbored about 10 km farther by Poiana Brașov, a lovely winter and summer resort.

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Braşov, Romania, covered in snow. The city is illuminated by warm yellow lights from buildings and streets, contrasting with the cool blue tones of the night sky and snow. The buildings are densely packed, and the overall scene conveys a sense of a vibrant, active urban environment.

The contemporary city is an active industrial, shopping, tourist and cultural centre, a permanent attraction for hundreds of thousands of tourists from Romania and abroad. Those who, at one time, lived in Braşov come to miss it and wish to return.

The beginnings and development of higher education in Braşov are rooted in the town's cultural tradition and intensive cultural climate. Technical and scientific creation, rich artistic activity in a variety of fields, mass culture, as well as quality teaching and study in schools of all levels, blend together in harmony.

TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRASOV



SOME IMPORTANT MILESTONES

1971

The University of Braşov is established as a result of the fusion of the Polytechnic Institute with the Pedagogic Institute

1991

The university received its current name.

NOW

Transilvania University is one of the largest and the best reputed universities in the region, offering academic degree programmes in a wide range of fields, developing research and providing lifelong learning programmes.

CAMPUS

Our university has two large student halls: Colina Universităţii and Memorandului (Memo). Each of the two student campuses includes a cafeteria.

▣ COLINA CAMPUS

Buildings A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, L, W

1 Universităţii Street

▣ MEMO CAMPUS

15 – 43 Memorandului Street



Internet access is provided free of charge throughout the campus.

OTHER BUILDINGS & FACILITIES IN THE CITY

J Building

5 Turnului Street

K Building

56 Nicolae Bălcescu Street

N Building

1 Politehnicii Street

P Building

50 Iuliu Maniu Boulevard

R Building

148 Castelului Street

S Building

1 Şirul Beethoven Street

T Building

25 Eroilor Boulevard

U Building

**Transilvania University of Braşov
AULA and University Library**

41A Iuliu Maniu Street

V Building

5 Mihai Viteazul Street

Z Building

2 Andrei Şaguna Street

The Rectorate Building

29 Eroilor Boulevard

The Research and Development Institute of Transilvania University of Braşov

10 Institutului Street

Three sports halls (Colina Campus)

This is where you can relax by playing handball, basketball, volleyball, football, ping pong, badminton and tennis or by practising gymnastics, dance or martial arts.

Medical office

43 Memorandului Street, Dormitory no. 10
Phone: 0268 413 672

Campus Police

Phone: 0759 035 001

STUDENT LIFE

A photograph of three young women sitting on concrete steps. The woman in the middle is holding an open book and looking at it with a smile. The woman on the left is looking at the book, and the woman on the right is also looking towards the book. They are all dressed in casual attire. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

The academic year begins on the 1st of October and is divided into two semesters, separated by a one-week holiday, in February.

ERASMUS+ EVENTS

- ▣ Welcoming meeting for incoming students in the first two weeks from the beginning of the semester (each semester)
- ▣ International Students Cultural Night Out (each semester)
- ▣ Erasmus Open Doors – in March (every year)

Academic Calendar 2021-2022

1st Semester

Autum semester (first part) _____	01 st Oct. — 23 rd Dec.
Winter holiday _____	24 th Dec. — 02 nd Jan.
Autum semester (second part) _____	03 rd Jan. — 14 th Jan.
Examinations _____	15 th Jan. — 13 th Feb.
Inter-semester holiday _____	14 th Feb. — 18 th Feb.

2nd Semester

Spring semester (first part) _____	21 st Feb. — 22 nd Apr.
Easter holiday _____	25 th Apr. — 01 st May
Spring semester (second part) _____	02 nd May — 03 rd Jun.
Examinations _____	04 th Jun. — 03 rd Jul.
Arrear exams _____	29 th Aug. — 17 th Sep.

FOR THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE:

1st Semester

Autum semester (first part) _____	01 st Oct. — 23 rd Dec.
Winter holiday _____	24 th Dec. — 02 nd Jan.
Autum semester (second part) _____	03 rd Jan. — 14 th Jan.
Examinations _____	15 th Jan. — 13 th Feb.
Inter-semester holiday _____	14 th Feb. — 18 th Feb.

2nd Semester

Spring semester (first part) _____	21 st Feb. — 22 nd Apr.
Easter holiday _____	25 th Apr. — 01 st May
Spring semester (second part) _____	02 nd May — 03 rd Jun.
Examinations _____	04 th Jun. — 03 rd Jul.
Arrear exams _____	11 th Jul. — 23 rd Jul.

CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE CENTRES

Multicultural Centre

Follow us to keep track of our various visual arts, music or literature events or come by any week day for a tour of our gallery or a reading session in our contemporary art library.

29 Eroilor Boulevard

Confucius Institute

Study Chinese through dedicated courses or learn more about Chinese culture and celebrate its traditions by taking part in our special events.

29 Eroilor Boulevard

Music Centre

You can attend one of our monthly concerts featuring established Romanian and foreign musicians at the University's Aula.

41A Iuliu Maniu Street

Lectorat Français

You are welcome to read, discuss and ask questions about French language and culture or to seek help with your classes.

1Politehnicii Street

THINGS TO DO IN BRAȘOV

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

- ▣ Sică Alexandrescu Theatre of Brașov
- ▣ Brașov Opera
- ▣ Brașov Philharmonic Orchestra
- ▣ Cinema One Coresi Mall
- ▣ The Art Museum
- ▣ Casa Mureșenilor Museum
- ▣ Museum of Urban Civilization

SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

- ▣ Brașov Fortifications: Catherine's Gate, Graft Bastion, Schei Gate, Weaver's Bastion, White&Black Towers, City Walls, Brașov Citadel.
- ▣ The Black Church
- ▣ Poiana Brașov mountain resort
- ▣ "Libearty" Bear sanctuary near Zărnești
- ▣ Bran Castle and the Bran-Moeciu area
- ▣ Medieval fortresses in Făgăraș, Hărman, Prejmer (UNESCO), Râșnov, Rupea, Sighișoara, Viscri (UNESCO)
- ▣ Sâmbăta Monastery

ERASMUS+ FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

REGISTRATION

The registration takes place at the Erasmus Office (29 Eroilor Boulevard, 1st floor), upon your arrival in Braşov. For registration, you are required to present the following documents:

- Passport (and required visa if you come from a country outside the EU) or ID card (for EU citizens);
- 3 passport photos;
- European Health card or proof of private health insurance if you come from a non-EU country.

BEFORE LEAVING BRAȘOV DON'T FORGET TO:

- Fill in your Finalizing Form, get it signed by the authorized persons and present it at the Erasmus Office, one day before your departure.
- Ask your Departmental Erasmus Coordinator to issue a statement about your activity in Brașov (examinations, seminars, project work etc.). In case the results and the grades of your evaluation have not been issued before your departure, they will be sent to your university at a later time (Transcript of Records).
- A written report from you on your experience during your stay in Brașov would be very welcome at the Erasmus Office (Student Report Form).
- Medical Insurance will be paid in each applicant's native/sending country. In Romania, emergencies are free of charge.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Students who will reside in Romania for more than 90 days need to apply for a registration certificate/residence permit. Within 59 days after their arrival to Romania, the student has to report to the Foreigners' Registration Office in order to obtain the registration certificate/residence permit.

FOREIGNERS' REGISTRATION OFFICE

28 Nicolae Titulescu Street, Block C, Ground Floor
500010 Braşov, Romania
Phone: +40 268 407 500/ int. 20355

STUDENT MEDICAL DISPENSARY

43 Memorandului Street
Residence building 10
Phone: +40 268 413 672.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED WHEN APPLYING FOR A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OR RESIDENCE PERMIT:

- Certificate issued by the Erasmus Office of Transilvania University of Braşov (within one week);
- ID card/passport (original + 1 copy);
- The European Health card or a medical certificate (for non-EU students) issued by the Student Medical Dispensary of Transilvania University of Braşov ("Dispensarul Studentesc").
- A statement about your source of financing covering the costs of your stay in Romania (you will receive the statement form "Declarație" at the police office);
- One photo;
- Your lease agreement or contract.

LIVING IN BRAȘOV

The following information should give you an idea of the average cost of living in our country. The amounts may, however, vary according to your personal lifestyle.

MEALS

If you are living in the University Campuses (Colina or Memo) you will find it convenient to have lunch at the Student Cafeteria ("Cantina studențească"), for about 5 euro/meal.

There are evidently many restaurants in town that offer more varied meals from a wide range of European, Asian, Italian or Mexican cuisines, for \approx 5-20 euro/meal.

Food markets and supermarkets are opened every day.

ACCOMODATION

University campus accommodation costs about 100 euro/person/month.

Student bedrooms are fully furnished and equipped with a sink. You will have access to a shared bathroom. No kitchens are available.

Accommodation arrangements should be made in advance by filling in the Student Accommodation Request Form and sending it to the Erasmus Office (incoming@unitbv.ro).

RENTING AN APARTMENT

If you choose to rent an apartment or a house in Braşov, we strongly advise you to contact a real-estate agency ("agenție imobiliară"). They can provide you with information about the most interesting offers on the market.

The accommodation cost varies with the type, location, size and facilities, approximately 150-300 euro/month/apartment. Usually, you have to pay extra for all utilities: water, electricity, gas, telephone, etc., about 100 euro/month.

A deposit representing the rent for the first three months is usually required. It will be refunded at the end of your stay, provided that you leave the apartment in good condition.



If you decide to rent an apartment, a signed lease contract is needed, used also for temporary residence permit application.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Braşov public transportation network is very extensive and services run late into the night; specialized all-night services are also available.

Tickets can be bought at specialized RATBV kiosks or from newsagents, but remember to punch them in the bus. Even though there are no ticket gates when entering the vehicles, it's advisable to have a valid ticket because ticket inspections are frequent. When someone requests your ticket, always ask them to see a job ID.

One bus/trolley bus 2-ways ticket: 5 lei.

For travel pass fares and any additional information please go to <http://www.ratbv.ro/ticket-and-travel-pass-fares/>

TAXI COMPANIES

Taxis are a faster and more comfortable way to get around town than public transportation. Taxis are also relatively cheap. All taxis must have meters and drivers are usually friendly.

Ask the approximate fare in advance and always make sure the driver uses the meter from the start. Check the taxi's door for the price (lei/km).

Taxis are usually parked in designated areas, which are in the proximity of bus stations or other busy spots.

When travelling outside city limits, you may be asked to pay the double fare per km (it is considered acceptable), or you could agree on a fixed amount in advance.

Never get into a taxi that does not have a sign with the company name on top.

BRATAX (bratax.ro/en/)

phone: 0268 948; 0268 315 555; 0726 315 555; 0757 315 555; 0760 315 555

REY TAXI (reytaxi.ro/)

phone: 0268 411 111; 0368 411 111; 0786 411 111; 0752 411 111

TOD TAXI (www.todtaxi.ro/)

phone: 0748 321 111; 0720 321 111; 0766 321 111; 0268 321 111

UBER BRASOV

www.uber.com/en-RO/cities/brasov/

CURRENCY

The Romanian official currency is the leu (plural lei). 1 leu has 100 bani. The exchange rate is established by the National Bank. The current exchange rate is about 1€ = 4.90 lei. It is advisable to exchange money at banks or at Exchange offices available all around the city.

You can use your foreign debit card at ATMs and you will be issued the equivalent in lei of the amount of euro or US dollars indicated by you. Romanian ATMs only accept Visa, MasterCard and Maestro. Depending on your needs, there are several possibilities for money transfer: bank transfer or special transfer (such as Western Union), postal money order ("mandat poștal").

TELEPHONING IN/TO ROMANIA

International dial code for Romania: 0040 or +40
Area code for Brașov: 0268 or 0368

Long distance calls to Romania: dial 0040 (Romania's country code), then the 3-digit area/network code (268 for Brașov), then the phone number.

BANKS

BRD Groupe Soci t  G n rale

5 Mure enilor Street
Phone: 0268 478 629
Open until 5:00 PM

5 Mihail Kog lniceanu Street
Phone: 0268 301 106
Open until 7:00 PM

BT (Banca Transilvania)

17 13 Decembrie Street
Phone: 0268 477 181
Open until 5:30 PM

49 Iuliu Maniu Street
Phone: 0268 547 521
Open until 5:00 PM

ING Bank

65 Zizinului Street
Phone: 0368 406 962
Open until 6:00 PM

27 Eroilor Boulevard
Phone: 0368 406 931
Open until 6:00 PM

BCR (Banca Comercial  Rom n )

90A 15 Noiembrie Boulevard
Phone: 0373 514 227
Open until 5:30 PM

19 Eroilor Boulevard
Phone: 0373 514 227
Open until 5:00 PM

THE POST OFFICE

1 Nicolae Iorga Street (near Modarom)

EMERGENCY: 112

24H PHARMACIES

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65 Nicopole Street
67 Grivi ei Boulevard
12-14 Uranus Street

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