

Partner country of the month: Romania

This month, we are pleased to present our three Romanian partner universities "Alexandru Ioan Cuza' University", "Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca", and "University of Bucharest". To give you some insights into the country, the cities, and the universities, we have put together some information below.



General facts and figures:

Capital: Bucharest

Population: 19.4 million

National holiday: 1 December (Great Union Day/ Unification Day)

Currency¹: Romanian leu (plural: lei), €1 = 4.87 RON

Time zone: UTC +2 OESZ, UTC +3 OESZ (March to October)

Official languages: Romanian

A brief **language lesson**²:

German	Romanian
Hallo	Salut
Tschüß	La revedere
Danke	Mersi, Mulțumesc
Bitte	cu placere
Ja	da
Nein	nu

Romania has been in the European Union since 1 January 2007. It is one of the largest countries in the EU, both in terms of area (eighth largest) and population (sixth largest). The Danube flows through Romania, and is considered to be the most important river in the country.

Romania is currently undergoing the process of joining the Schengen area.³

¹ <https://bankenverband.de/service/waehrungsrechner/> (as of 28/09/2020)

² <https://www.rumaenisch-lernen.de/tipps/die-30-wichtigsten-woerter-auf-rumaenisch/>

³ https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/countries/member-countries/romania_de



Bucharest

Bucharest is the country's capital, and it is located in the central area of the Romanian Plain in southern Romania. The city has a population of around 2.2 million, making it the seventh largest city in the European Union. Bucharest is sometimes referred to as "little Paris" thanks to its countless attractions and its architecture, which is said to resemble that of Paris.

The National History Museum and the National Art Museum are two of the city's well-known museums. Romania's Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest is one of the largest and most expensive buildings in the world. In fact, it is the second largest administrative building in the world, right after the Pentagon in the United States.⁴ The building was once known as the "House of the People". The architecture of the Arcul de Triumf is particularly reminiscent of Paris. Constructed after the end of World War I, it was built with Paris' Arc de Triomphe in mind.

Herestrau Park is the largest and oldest park in Bucharest (17 hectares), providing a leafy oasis in the middle of the city. Bucharest is known above all for its versatility and the contrasts between the traditional and the modern, the young and the old, and the poor and the rich.



Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest

Our partner universities in Romania



1. Alexandru Ioan Cuza' University

The University Alexandru Ioan Cuza' is located in the city Iasi, which is about 400 km north of Bucharest and west of the border with the Republic of Moldova. The population of Iasi is about 367,000. Our partner university is not only the oldest university in Romania, but also one of the most prestigious universities in the country. About 24,000 students are enrolled in its 15 different faculties.

The university has its own museum and the oldest and largest botanical garden in Romania. It was also one of the first universities in Europe to join the Erasmus+ programme. The university also has an impressive sports centre, offering volleyball, football, and gymnastics. In Iasi, you can enjoy a variety of different Romanian foods (such as ciorba soup), regional wines (cotnari and gramma), a impressive views of the landscape.

⁴ <http://www.ziel-rumaenien.de/der-parlamentspalast-das-wahrzeichen-bukarest/>

The surrounding area is perfect for hiking, climbing, and fishing. Iasi also offers music festivals and theatre performances. The city is known for its many religious monuments and sculptures.

If you are interested, please watch the university's [video](#) for international students. You will find more information [here in our Publisher](#). The following [link](#) will take you to the university's website.



Entrance of the university



Alexandru Ioan Cuza' University's dining hall



Botanical Garden



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2. Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca

The Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca has about 45,000 students spread over 21 faculties, making it the largest university in Romania. It was founded in 1872 and is known for offering courses in many different languages. It is possible to study there in five different languages. The three main languages of instruction are Romanian, Hungarian, and German.

Cluj-Napoca is the second largest city in Romania and is located north of Bucharest. It is surrounded by breathtaking rivers and mountains. The city was awarded the title of "European Youth Capital" in 2015, highlighting its attractiveness for students and young people. Cluj-Napoca is also called the heart of Transylvania, where many different cultures meet. Transylvania is located in central Romania, and is naturally known primarily for its history and the myth surrounding Count Dracula. With festivals such as the Untold Festival or International Festival, the city is appealing for young people.

If we have piqued your interest, we encourage you to watch the [video](#) of Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca. You will find more information [here in our Publisher](#). The following [link](#) will take you to the university's website.



Entrance of the university



Central Library of Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca



Botanical Garden



3. University of Bucharest

This partner university is located in the Romania's capital. It was founded in 1864 and is one of the most important and oldest universities in Romania with 19 faculties and approximately 32,000 students. It was the first university in Romania to make it into the top 600 universities in the world. In addition, the "University of Bucharest" has been leading the list of the country's best universities in terms of research for several years now. It also has a wide range of university sports facilities, such as its own swimming pool and tennis courts. In addition, university students have access to the Central University Library, one of the most modern in Europe. Bucharest has a wide variety of bars and restaurants.

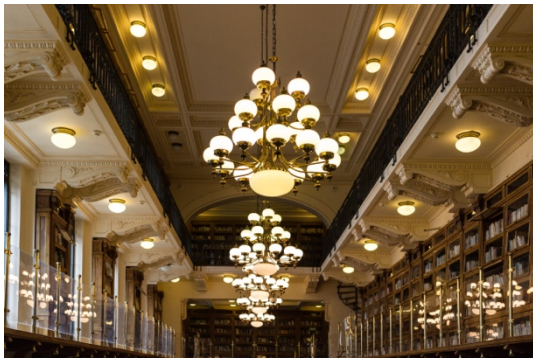
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Faculty of Geography



Dinosaur Geopark



Library



Entrance to the Faculty of Law

The application deadline for bachelor's and master's students for stays in the following academic year is always 1 **December**. Erasmus+ means students pay no tuition fees at the foreign university. In addition, a monthly grant of €330 is awarded for your stay in Romania. You will find more information on financing [here on our website](https://www.ino.uni-bayreuth.de).