

2023

INFORMATION GUIDE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY  
OF BRASOV

2024

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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.

# WHY STUDY IN ROMANIA?

1. You will have a solid university degree recognised all around Europe and beyond – You can benefit from Romanian renowned university tradition especially in the fields of engineering, medicine and science.
2. Low tuition fees and living expenses – While maintaining our academic standards, we have some of the lowest tuition and living costs in the European Union.
3. World's fastest Internet – which seems to be essential nowadays... You can benefit from it for studying, staying in contact and other activities such as listening to music, radio or watching TV on-line.
4. Cultural life – Cinemas, theatres, classical music, festivals, concerts, museums, exhibitions... just choose your favourite.
5. Work opportunities and quality of life - There are a number of possibilities to work as a student: you can apply directly for vacant positions published online, in Call Centres/outsourcing companies where you can work part time, or via personnel recruitment companies that can help you find an adequate job for your student schedule.



If you want to learn more, just go to: <http://romaniatourism.com> or watch the YouTube video "Why not get to know Romania?"

# WHY STUDY IN BRAȘOV?

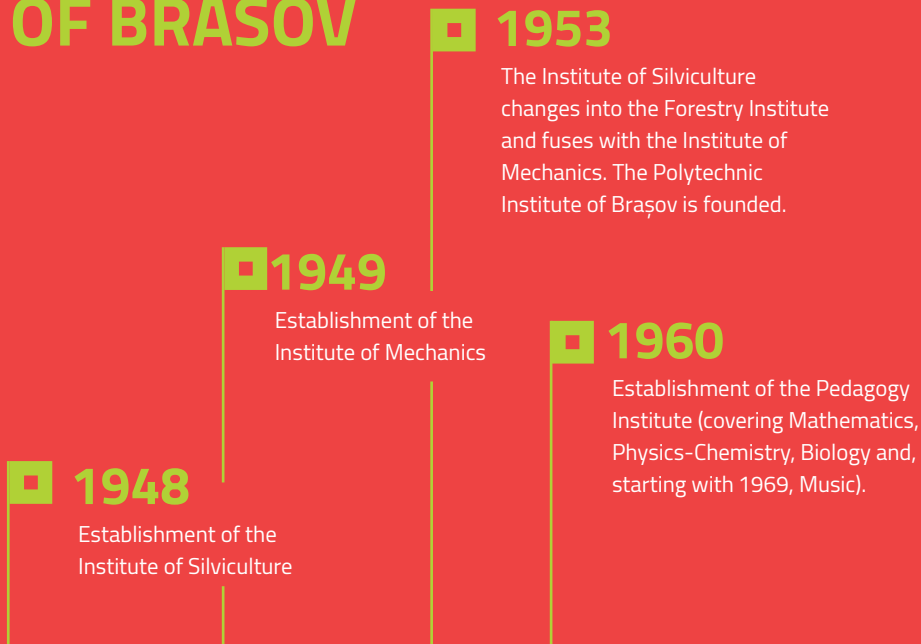
A visit to Brașov is an opportunity to experience its cultural life. The statue of Johannes Honterus near the Black Church, by the Finnish sculptor Harro Magnusen, embodies the great Enlightenment humanist who brought Protestantism to Brașov and authored notable pedagogical and geographical writings.

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.

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 Brașov come to miss it and wish to return.

The beginnings and development of higher education in Brașov 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 campuses: Colina Universității 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 Universității 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 Șirul Beethoven Street

## **T Building**

25 Eroilor Boulevard

## **U Building**

**Transilvania University of Brașov  
AULA and University Library**

41A Iuliu Maniu Street

## **V Building**

5 Mihai Viteazul Street

## **Z Building**

2 Andrei Șaguna Street

## **The Rectorate Building**

29 Eroilor Boulevard

## **The Research and Development Institute of Transilvania University of Brașov**

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 practicing gymnastics, dance or martial arts.

## **Medical office**

43 Memorandului Street, Dormitory no. 10

Phone: 0751 990 430

## **Campus Police**

Phone: 0759 035 001

# STUDENT LIFE

The academic year begins on the 2nd of October and is divided into two semesters, separated by a one-week holiday, in February.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 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 2023-2024

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	Autumn semester (first part) —————	02 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. — 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.
	Winter holiday —————	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. — 07 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Autumn semester (second part) —————	08 <sup>th</sup> Jan. — 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Examinations —————	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan. — 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Inter-semester holiday —————	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb. — 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	Spring semester (first part) —————	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb. — 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr.
	Easter holiday —————	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr. — 06 <sup>th</sup> Apr.
	Spring semester (second part) —————	07 <sup>th</sup> May — 31 <sup>st</sup> May
	Examinations —————	01 <sup>st</sup> Jun. — 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun.
	Arrear exams —————	02 <sup>nd</sup> Sep. — 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep.

## FOR THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

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Re-examinations exams —————	02 <sup>nd</sup> Sep. — 04 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	

The arrear exams calendar will be established by the Faculty Council

# 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.

1 Politehnicii 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

# FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

## REGISTRATION

Citizens of the EU, Swiss Confederation and EEA member states (Norway, Island and Lichtenstein) are exempted from visa requirements.

Nationals of all the EU third countries and all the non-UE countries must apply for a study visa in due time, at a Romanian diplomatic mission or consular office from the origin countries (or the nearest country).

Both categories of citizens will come to the International Cooperation Office to be registered into the data base and to receive additional information concerning their stay in Romania as students of Transilvania University of Braşov.



<http://igi.mai.gov.ro/en/content/studies>

## RESIDENCE PERMIT

After entering Romania, you must obtain a residence permit. It certifies your right to stay in Romania and you can obtain it from the territorial units of the General Inspectorate for Immigration from the country where you live. In order to obtain a residence permit, you will submit personally a number of documents at least 30 days before the expiry of the right to stay granted by the visa.

In order to extend the right of residence (obtaining the residence permit) for studies, whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate student (MA, PhD), you must submit the following documents through the online service available here:



- application;
- border crossing document (passport, travel document, etc.) original and duplicate;
- letter of acceptance for the studies – only required on the first extension of the right to stay;
- certificate issued by the International Cooperation Office of Transilvania University of Braşov;
- proof of means of support amounting to at least the minimum gross salary per country guaranteed in payment for a period of at least 6 months
- proof of legal ownership of living space (original and copy);
- medical certificate;
- fees.

**!** Foreign students who have reached the age of 26 must submit a social health insurance for the right of temporary residence.



## THE TAXES YOU MUST PAY FOR OBTAINING THE RESIDENCE PERMIT:

- the equivalent value (in lei) of 120 euro – consular fee - to be paid at the Treasury (Public Finances - ANAF) Address 7 Mihail Kogălniceanu Street
- 259 lei representing the equivalent value of the residence permit, to be paid at any CEC BANK office or CEC BANK payment machine

Residence permits for beneficiaries of a Romanian state scholarship shall be granted with exemption from paying taxes.

The right of temporary residence for studies may be extended by no more than 6 months after graduation, for the following reasons:

- completion of studies
- endorsements of the graduation certificates

! Foreigners who have not graduated during the initial granted period may be granted a further extension of the right of residence in order to complete their studies for a period no longer than a year.

## DEADLINES FOR THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

The residence permit must be renewed at least 30 days before the expiration of the previous one.

The request for the extension of the right of residence shall be resolved within 30 days from the date of its submission. In case further checks are required, the resolution period for resolving the application may be extended by no more than 15 days.

Foreigners who entered Romania for studies can apply for the extension of the right of residence for a period equal to the total duration of studies and for a maximum period of one year in the case of foreigners participating in a student exchange programme.

## SITUATIONS OF EXEMPTION FOR FOREIGNERS STUDYING IN ROMANIA:

Beneficiaries of a Romanian State scholarship are exempted from payment of consular fees, the residence permit and do not have to prove the means of support.

Foreigners who are Romanian ethnics (who have an ancestor who has or had Romanian citizenship) do not have to prove the means of support.

# 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 studentească"), 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  $\approx$  10-25 euro/meal.

Food markets and supermarkets are opened every day.

## ACCOMMODATION

**University campus accommodation costs about 150 euro/person/month.**

Student bedrooms are fully furnished and equipped with a sink. You will have access to a shared bathroom. You will have access to a shared bathroom and kitchen.

## 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 250-450 euro/month/apartment. Usually, you have to pay extra for all utilities: water, electricity, gas, telephone, etc., about 150 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: 8 lei.

For travel pass fares and any additional information please go to [www.ratbv.ro](http://www.ratbv.ro)

## 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 (martax.ro)**

phone: 0268 944; 0268 313 040; 0770  
313 040; 0723 313 040

### **REY TAXI (reytaxi.ro)**

phone: 0268 411 114; 0368 411 114;  
0786 411 111; 0752 411 111

### **TOD TAXI (www.todtaxi.ro)**

phone: 0748 321 111; 0722 321 111;  
0766 321 111; 0268 321 111

### **UBER BRASOV**

[www.uber.com/global/en/cities/brasov/](https://www.uber.com/global/en/cities/brasov/)

### **BOLT BRASOV**

<https://bolt.eu/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€ = 5 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: 0374 279 730  
Open until 5:00 PM

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

## **BT (Banca Transilvania)**

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

**MODAROM Branch**  
Phone: 0372 727 575  
Open until 5:00 PM

## **THE POST OFFICE**

1 Nicolae Iorga Street (near Modarom)

**EMERGENCY: 112**

## **ING Bank**

67 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 )**

78 15 Noiembrie Boulevard  
Phone: 0373 520 021  
Open until 5:00 PM

19 Eroilor Boulevard  
Phone: 0373 525 843  
Open until 5:00 PM

## **24H PHARMACIES**

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



# HOLIDAYS IN ROMANIA

**January 1-2**

New Year

**June 1**

Children's Day

**January 24**

The Day of the Union

**June 24 2024**

Pentecost

**May 3 2024**

Good Friday

**August 15**

Assumption of Virgin Mary

**May 5 2024**

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.



## Contact information for International students

### **TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAŞOV**

International Cooperation Office  
29 Eroilor Boulevard, 500036, Braşov  
Rectorate Building, 1st floor  
Tel. : +40 737 659 651  
Email: [international.office@unitbv.ro](mailto:international.office@unitbv.ro)  
Web: [www.unitbv.ro/en](http://www.unitbv.ro/en)





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