





ERASMUS +

Information Guide for Incoming Erasmus+ Students

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On behalf of the academic community of our university I invite you to join me on a short and dense itinerary. intellectual By the end of this "journey" will vou discover a part of our culture. country's which reverberates

both traditions and present European achievements, and focuses on the genesis and evolution of the easternmost modern Humboldtian academic institution. Founded in a time of scientific effervescence and emulation of great European ideas, Alexandru loan Cuza University of laşi has been a bridge between the secular values of the civilized Western society and the spiritual beliefs shared by the local people. Our university has gradually turned into a forum of free ideas, a unity of education in the spirit of that which is true, good and beautiful, as well as an emblematical landmark of this region. Free from the constraints of the totalitarian system, in the past two decades, our academic community has been rebuilding the formative vocation of characters, with determination in the creative transmission of quality knowledge and respect for the world's miraculous diversity.

Today, with its fifteen faculties, Alexandru loan Cuza University offers to all inquisitive young minds a large diversity of academic programs which

are aimed to open the way towards their personal fulfillment and social recognition. In a world characterized by rapid and profound changes, where knowledge is the most valuable asset, Alexandru loan Cuza University aims to strengthen the flexibility of learning, to create opportunities for the intellectual and professional development of its students, to assist quality research and to contribute to the society's cultural and economic growth.

Due to its performances, our university has signed partnerships with more than 200 prestigious academic institutions throughout the world and has actively promoted the development of the European Higher Education Area. Prepared to confidently assume the unforeseen paths of the future, Alexandru loan Cuza University of Iaşi openly awaits both diligent students and professors from all over the world.

Consistent with its creed "Fides et Ratio", the University is grateful to you all, who share its joys, and warmly recommends those in expectance to assay its challenges

Prof. dr. Vasile IŞAN







Travelling abroad is a relevant part of education; more so if the visit is academic.

The Erasmus Programme provides excellent educational opportunities for all students.

Our university sent and received the first Erasmus (Socrates, by that time) students and teaching staff in 1998. Over these 14 years, more

than 4,500 outgoing students and almost 900 incoming students turned Erasmus at Alexandru loan Cuza University into an ongoing success story. All the meetings we have with the outgoing students just before their leave and then with the incoming students of that year are rewarding through the refreshing discussions with very good, highly motivated students. Many of our best students become Erasmus students and consequently leave us for one or two semesters. Each of them visits one of our 300 partner institutions. Some of them are enrolled in joint degrees with our partner universities. All outgoing students return not only more advanced in their studies, but also more confident in themselves. Furthermore, they increase, year after year, the trust and willingness to cooperate between our university and our partners.

The Erasmus team and the other student services do their best to make our incoming students feel that Alexandru loan Cuza University is their home away from home. The fact that so many incoming students came for one semester and then asked for a second semester here is their touching way of saying that our work reached its goals. Upon their return, they are the most credible ambassadors of our university, of the city of lasi.

Our university expands the scope of its Erasmus - like exchanges by coordinating 3 Erasmus Mundus projects which join together 35 universities from the EU and seven neighbor countries in Europe and Asia.

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University is ranked 67 in Europe by the number of outgoing Erasmus students. Such a standing is the result of a university-wide work - teaching staff and administrative staff supporting mobile students before, during and after their visit abroad.

Whether we say it at the beginning of your Erasmus visits (that is, you are incoming students) or after its completion - welcome to Alexandru loan Cuza University!

Prof. dr. Henri LUCHIAN
Vice - Rector for International Relations



PART 1

ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA UNIVERSITY OF IAȘI



Our aim:

Make the name of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University as strong and evocative in time as a historic and geographic landmark.

HISTORICAL REFERENCES



- Foundation of the Academic College in Iasi
- Foundation of the Prince's Academy of Iasi
- Reorganisation of the Academy of Learning and Sciences
- Foundation of "Academia Mihaileana"

- Inauguration of the University of lasi:
 - Faculty of Law
 - Faculty of Philosophy
 - Faculty of Theology

- New law of education passed, university reorganised:
 - Faculty of Law
 - •Faculty of Letters and Philosophy
 - Faculty of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Medicine

 Inauguration of the New University Palace (present location)

1933

1948. 1968. 1978

- The Great Union of Romania
- Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
- The Faculty of Sciences becomes the Gheorghe Asachi Polytechnic Institute of lasi (nowadays, the Technical University of lasi)
- Communist Reforms Education (disciplines censored eliminated. or extreme rigidity, restricted academic freedom)
- The University was structured in eight faculties:
 - Faculty of Mathematics -Mechanics
 - Faculty of Physics
 - Faculty of Chemistry
 - Faculty of Biology—Geography
 - •Faculty of Law
 - Faculty of Philology
 - Faculty of History—Philosophy
 - Faculty of Economics

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In accordance with its mission and strategic objectives, with its widely-recognised academic status of excellence in education and scientific research, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University is firmly committed to its policy of internationalization. By using a wide range of different approaches, the University is actively involved in:

- ✓ Disseminating the Romanian language and culture at an international level (the Romanian Language and Civilization Summer School, Open Distance Learning courses, the Department of Romanian Language for Foreign Students);
- ✓ Increasing the awareness of the unity and diversity of world languages and cultures (the Centre for European Studies; permanent French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Greek, American and Chinese lectureships offered by teachers from these countries; compulsory courses on EU languages and culture in all our academic curricula);
- ✓ Fortifying the EU membership of Romania (education of translators, courses on European legislation).

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University develops excellent relationships of academic cooperation in Europe, but also outside Europe with universities in the United States of America, China, Japan, Australia, South Korea, Singapore and South America.



Alexandru Ioan Cuza University attaches the greatest importance to developing multiple partnerships, being a member of the Coimbra Group. the Utrecht Network, the Balkan Universities Network, the founding member of the Francophone Universities Network Alexandru Ioan Cuza (RUFAC) and affiliated, among others, to the European Universities Association (EUA), the International Association of the Universities (IAU), L'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF). Mutual academic trust, academic strength specific to multiple partnerships, exchange intensification for students, teaching staff and also ideas continue to make out of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University an appreciated academic partner and a favourite destination in higher education.

FACULTIES AND FIELDS OF STUDY

http://www.bio.uaic.ro

- Biology
- Ecology and **Environmental Protection**
- Biochemistry

http://www.chem.uaic.ro



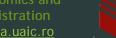
Chemistry

Faculty of Law

http://laws.uaic.ro

- Law
- Legal Studies





- Fconomics
- Business Administration
- Finance
- Accounting
- · Cybernetics, Statistics and Economic

Computer Science

- International Business and **Economics**
- Management
- Marketing
- Administrative Sciences

http://www.math.uaic.ro

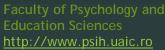
Mathematics



Faculty of Physical Education and Sports



- Physical Education and Sports
- Kinetic Therapy and Special Motricity



- Psychology
- Education Sciences





Orthodox Theology

http://www.ftrc.uaic.ro

• Roman-Catholic Theology

http://www.cse.uaic.ro

http://history.uaic.ro

- History
- Archive keeping
- Archaeology
- History of Art
- Museology

Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences http://www.fssp.uaic.ro

- Philosophy
- Sociology
- Political Studies
- Social Work
- Communication and

Public Relations

- International Relations and **European Studies**
- Cultural Studies

http://www.phys.uaic.ro



• Physics Engineering

Faculty of Geography and http://www.geo.uaic.ro

- Geography
- Environmental Science
- Geology

CSE

Geology Engineering

http://www.infoiasi.ro

• Computer Science

Faculty of Letters http://letters.uaic.ro

- Language And Literature
- Applied Modern Languages
- Communication Sciences











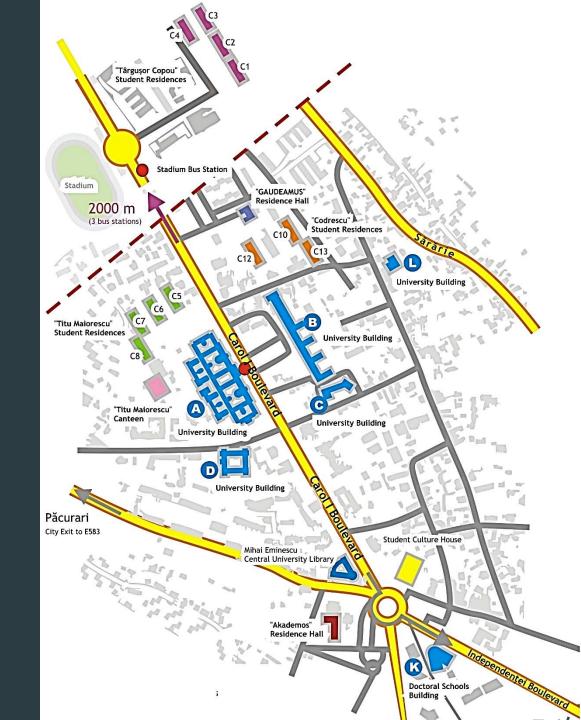






UNIVERSITY URBAN CAMPUS-MAP

"Târgușor Copou" Student Residences: C1 - C4. "Titu Maiorescu" Student Residences: C5 - C8. C8 - Medical Services for Students. "Gaudeamus" Residence Hall. "Codrescu" Student Residences: C10 - C13. C11 - Career Centre for Students. "Akademos" Residence Hall. University Buildings: A, B, C, D, K. Building A: Chemistry, Faculty of History, Faculty of International Relations, Department of (DIR) Law, Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Mathematics, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Faculty of Physics, Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology, Faculty of Building B: Biology, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Faculty of Geography and Geology, Faculty of Building C: Computer Science, Faculty of Building D: Physical Education and Sports, Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, Faculty of Building K: Doctoral Schools **Public Transport Station** "Titu Maiorescu" Canteen



All students of Alexandru loan Cuza University can have access to the University libraries and to other libraries in Iași.

THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY (BIBLIOTECA CENTRALÃ UNIVERSITARÃ "MIHAI EMINESCU")

Access to the library services is possible based on the entrance permit (which is also valid for the library branches). Permits can be obtained from the Permits Office, the Central Library building, ground floor.

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

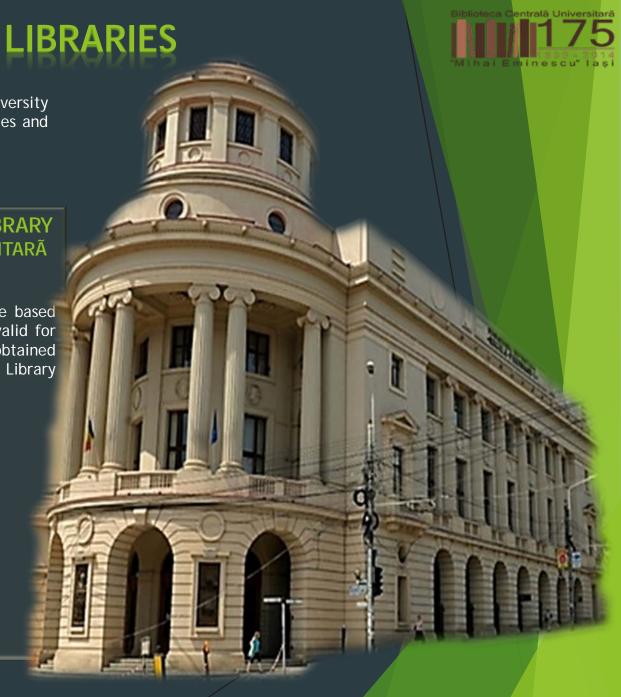
· student card or certificate

• ID

• a small-size photo

Address: Str. Pācurari nr. 3 Website: www.bcu-iasi.ro

Tel.: 0232 264 245



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BRANCHES

BIOLOGY: 20A Bd. Carol I, Building B 1st floor, room B-459; e-mail: bib.bio@uaic.ro, tel.: 201473

PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY: 11 Bd. Carol I, Building A ground floor; e-mail: bib.fiz@uaic.ro, tel.: 201151

GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY: 20A Bd. Carol I, Building B 3rd floor; e-mail: bib.geo@uaic.ro, tel.: 261796

COMPUTER SCIENCE: 16 General Berthelot Str., Building C ground floor; e-mail: bib.inf@uaic.ro
MATHEMATICS: 20A Bd. Carol I, Building B ground floor; e-mail: bibmath@uaic.ro, tel.: 201561

"AL. MYLLER" MATHEMATICAL SEMINARY: 11 Bd. Carol I, Building A; e-mail: semmath@uaic.ro

LAW: 11 Bd. Carol I, Building A 2nd floor; e-mail: bib.law@uaic.ro, tel.: 201159
HISTORY: 11 Bd. Carol I, Building A 2nd floor; e-mail: bib.ist@uaic.ro, tel.: 201157

LETTERS: 14 Codrescu Str. (Codrescu Campus); tel. 116600

ECONOMICAL SCIENCES: 16 General Berthelot Str., Building C 3rd floor; e-mail: eco@uaic.ro, tel.: 201452

THE ON-LINE LIBRARY OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: 20A Bd. Carol

I, Building B 1st floor, room 401

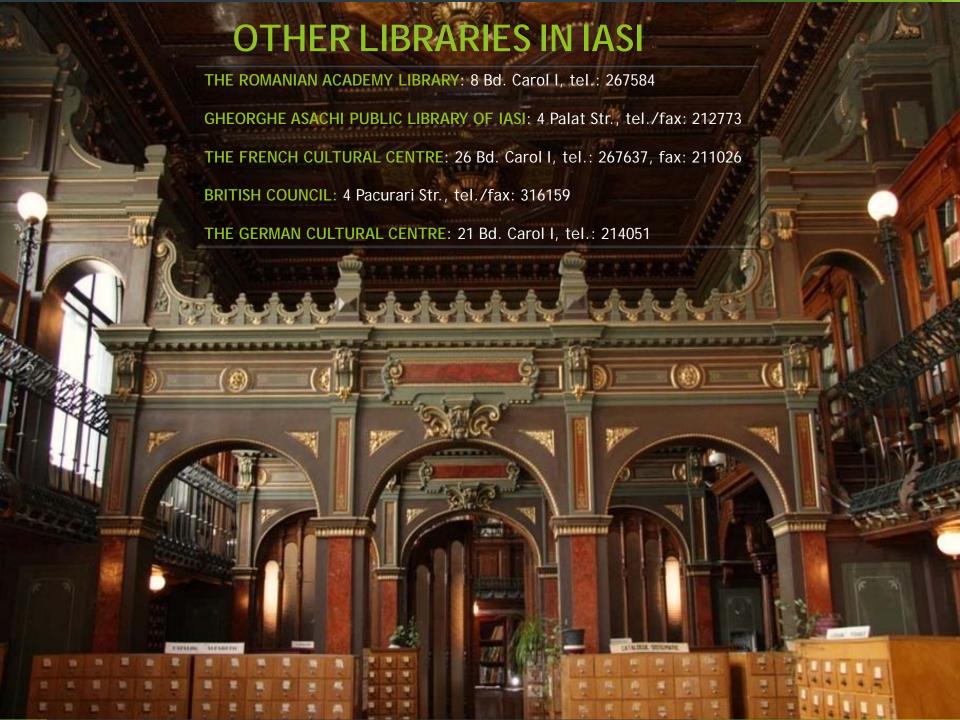
PHILOSOPHY: 11 Lapusneanu Str. (near Casa Studentilor); tel.: 201155

PEDAGOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT: 3 Toma Cozma Str., Building D ground

floor; tel.: 201127

ORTHODOX THEOLOGY: 9 Closca Str., Building T ground floor.



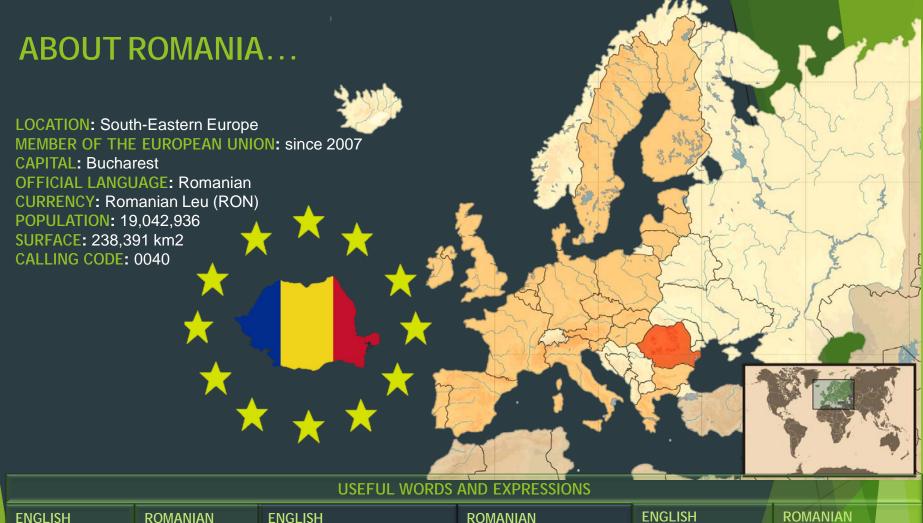




PART 2

FOR YOU, ERASMUS STUDENT





Yes Nο Good morning! Hello! Goodbye!

ROMANIAN

Da Nu Bună dimineața! Salut! La revedere!

ENGLISH

My name is... Nice to meet you! Please! Thank you! You're welcome! Excuse-me! I'm sorry! Could you help me, please? Where is the university?

ROMANIAN

Mă numesc... Încântat de cunoștință! Vă rog! Multumesc! Cu plăcere! Mă scuzați! Îmi pare rău! Mă puteti ajuta, vă rog? Unde este universitatea?

ENGLISH

What time is it? What day are we? Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

ROMANIAN

Cât e ceasul? În ce zi suntem? Luni Marti Miercuri Joi Vineri Sâmbătă Duminică

PRE-ARRIVAL ADVICE



At least two months before you leave your home university, you should contact the Erasmus Faculty Coordinator for <u>study</u> or <u>placement</u> from Alexandru loan Cuza University in order to inform him/her about your coming here. It is with the Faculty Coordinator that you must discuss the details related to the courses you are going to choose and to your study programme in general.

You must also contact the <u>European Programmes Office</u> of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University if you need help with the practical information concerning registration, accommodation, travel to lasi, Romanian language courses, or any question you may have related to your Erasmus mobility.

MAKE SURE THAT:

•You faxed or mailed to the Erasmus Office of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University the required application forms: Student Application Form; Learning Agreement; Accommodation Form.

You got your <u>Transcript of Records</u> signed and stamped by your home faculty (you will need it for registration at Alexandru loan Cuza University).

- •You got a letter from the coordinator or from the International Relations Office of your home university, stating your name, your field of study, and your period of study in lasi.
- •You informed the Erasmus Office of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University about the exact day of your arrival in Iasi.
- •You know what documents you will be requested when getting back to your home institution.



Do not leave your arrangements until the last minute.

It is very important that you get in touch with the Erasmus Office of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University at least two months before your arrival in Iasi.

ACCOMMODATION

TARGUSOR-COPOU CAMPUS

C1, C2 AND C3 RESIDENCES

HEAD OF CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION: ing. Maricel Matianu

PHONE: 0232.201378

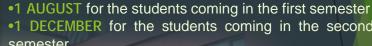
ADDRESS: str. Stoicescu nr.1-4 **PUBLIC HOURS: 7.30 – 16.00**

TARGUSOR-COPOU CAMPUS is within walking distance from the main University Building, the University Library and "Titu Maiorescu" Students' Cafeteria.

C1, C2 AND C3 RESIDENCES have been recently renovated. Places are available in triple rooms, fully furnished, including a TV set and a refrigerator. Each room has a private bathroom and access to internet is available. On each floor there is a kitchen equipped with gas-stoves and ovens.

The accommodation fee to be paid is 415 LEI/ MONTH (the price available for the academic year 2014-2015) for a place in a triple room.

In order to arrange for your accommodation in this hotel you are kindly asked to address to the ERASMUS OFFICE (erasmus@uaic.ro) by:





HEALTH INSURANCE

It is very important for you to be properly insured during your period of study or placement in Romania. Medical costs can be high, especially if they include a stay in a hospital. Students registered at institutions of higher education are not automatically insured against medical expenses. Therefore you must arrange this yourself.

In case you ever need to access health care services during your period of study or placement in Romania, either of the following alternatives would work:

- •the <u>European Health Insurance Card</u> (to be used only in case of emergency) or
- •the certificate E106 (normally for residents, it covers more than emergencies).

In case you are already here and totally forgot about your health insurance before leaving, you may go to the Local Heal Insurance Department (address: Str. Gheorghe Asachi nr. 18-20, 700483 laşi) and apply for either of the two mentioned-above.



Your place of arrival in Romania will be, most likely, **Otopeni Airport** near Bucharest. You can take a taxi/bus from the airport to the North Railway Station (**Gara de Nord**) in Bucharest, from where all the trains to lasi leave. There are several trains every day **from Bucharest to lasi**. The best choice, due to the comfort provided, would be the InterCity (IC) train. The trip takes about 6 hours by the InterCity (IC) and about 7 hours by the Rapid (R) or Accelerate (Acc) trains. For information about the **train schedule** and **ticket prices** you can visit http://www.infofer.ro.

TIPS:

- Take the bus 783 or the train directly from the airport to the North Railway station in Bucharest.
- If you decide to take a taxi, It is advisable to take a taxi that is registered by any taxi company and not a private one (even if it bears the label "taxi") from the airport to the railway station.
- It is always advisable to buy a 1st class train ticket. Train schedule can suffer small changes every year, so it is better to buy a ticket directly from the railway station and not to make a reservation before arrival.

If you decide to take the plane, you should know there are at least three airline companies that have flights to lasi: <u>Tarom Air Transport</u>, <u>Carpatair</u>, and <u>Austrian Airlines</u>. Tarom Air Transport has two internal flights per day. The trip from Bucharest to lasi takes about one hour. Carpatair has one internal flight per day, from Monday to Saturday. International Carpatair flights only come from Italy (cities: Torino, Bologna, Florence, Milano, Rome, Venice, Verona, Ancona) and from Germany (cities: Dusseldorf, Munchen, Stuttgart). You will have one stop and plane change in Timisoara. Austrian Airlines has one flight per day from Vienna to lasi directly. Here are some flights to/from lasi: <u>Flights</u>.

TIPS:

 When you reach Bucharest (Otopeni Airport) and you must change planes for lasi, you must pick up your luggage and do the check-in again. Also, it is advisable to buy your plane ticket from a tourist agency, where you can be advised about the lowest prices and the most convenient flights.

TRAVEL TO IAŞI

A third possibility to reach lasi is the **minibus** (maxi-taxi). There are several minibus stations near the North Railway Station (Gara de Nord) in Bucharest. There are at least 4 trips to lasi organised per day. The trip takes about 6 hours.

TIPS:

 If you have a lot of luggage, the trip by minibus is less recommended, especially if there are many passengers.

UPON ARRIVAL

REGISTRATION AT THE FACULTY

Upon arrival, at the beginning of the academic year (in October) or at the beginning of the second semester (in February) you are registered temporarily, for one or two semesters, at the faculty that has an Erasmus bilateral agreement with your home faculty. The following documents are required:

- •your <u>Transcript of Records</u> from your home faculty;
- •your <u>Learning Agreement</u> signed by: the ECTS coordinators of your home faculty and university; by the ECTS coordinator of your host faculty, and by the ECTS institutional coordinator of UAIC;
- •a copy of the first page of your passport/ID card;
- •two ID photos.

AFTER REGISTRATION YOU RECEIVE:

•a student ID card (carnet de student) that is valid only for your Erasmus study period. The student card may be required in the University or in any other institution where student identity needs to be proved. You must use your student card during the session of exams, when each professor will write down, under signature, the grade you obtained in his/her exam.

•a travel card (*legitimaţie de transport*) that you can use when you buy train tickets and season tickets for buses/trams/trolley-buses. By showing your student travel card you can have a 50%-discount of the price of these tickets.

The faculty that registers you must provide you with the same study conditions as for Romanian students: access to libraries, laboratories, reading rooms, Internet rooms. During your study mobility at Alexandru loan Cuza University of lasi, you have the same rights and obligations as the other students of the university, except the right to receive Romanian government scholarships.

THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

Since January 2001 citizens of the Schengen countries no longer need a visa to enter Romania. However, if you stay longer than 90 days you need to get a residence permit from the Romanian police authorities. The following documents are required:

- 1. an application form (official form that you take directly from the Authority for Foreigners, lasi, Str. Costachescu no. 6, Tel.: 0040 232 302322, Fax.: 0040 232 302321);
- 2. valid national identity document/passport (original + one copy);
- 3. a certificate issued by our institution certifying your registration as Erasmus students and the period of study;
- 4. the proof of the means of support;
- 5. the proof of social health insurance;
- 6. fees (please see http://aps.mai.gov.ro/english/index_en.htm).

THIS PROCEDURE MUST BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU LAST ENTERED ROMANIA

STUDYING AT UAIC

STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

1st Semester 2014-2015

29 SEPTEMBER 2014 - 21 DECEMBER 2014:

12 weeks academic activity

21 DECEMBER 2014 - 04 JANUARY 2015:

2 weeks winter holiday

05 JANUARY 2015 - 18 JANUARY 2015:

2 weeks academic activity

19 JANUARY 2015 - 01 FEBRUARY 2015:

2 weeks exam session

02 FEBRUARY 2015 - 15 FEBRUARY 2015:

2 weeks holiday

2nd Semester 2014-2015

16 FEBRUARY 2015 - 31 MAY 2015:

14 weeks academic activity

01 JUNE 2015 - 14 JUNE 2015:

2 weeks exam session

15 JUNE 2015 - 05 JULY 2015:

3 weeks magnum practicum

06 JULY 2015 - 01 OCTOBER 2015:

summer holiday



EXAMINATIONS

ROMANIAN GRADING SCALE

Student evaluation is undertaken throughout the semester and also in the final examination, at the conclusion of a study discipline. Evaluation can take various forms: written or oral examinations, evaluation of the student's activity during the semester and evaluation of the individual or collective essays or projects.

The Romanian grading scale runs from 1 to 10 and the marks have the following meanings:

- 1-4 fail
- 5-6 sufficient
- 7 satisfactory
- 8 good
- 9 very good
- 10 excellent.

Recommended ECTS grades:

- 1-4 = F
- 5-6 = E
- 7 = D
- 8 = C
- 9 = B
- 10 = A

The total number of ECTS credits for one semester is 30 (thirty) and for one academic year is 60 (sixty).

RECOGNITION PROCEDURES

For incoming Erasmus students from partner universities, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University assesses previous qualifications/degrees to decide whether a student is qualified for the courses he/she applied for. When dealing with students from partner institutions, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University usually recognizes one year of studies as equivalent to one year of studies at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University. Please note that some courses may require that students have taken certain courses in their previous studies, in order to gain admission.

For outgoing Erasmus students, Alexandru loan Cuza University works with the student and the partner institution before the start of the exchange programme to agree on what courses the student should do. If the student completes and passes the courses agreed upon, Alexandru loan Cuza University formally recognizes the courses according to the Learning Agreement, with changes, if applicable. Here are the Senate Board decisions regarding the **ECTS Recognition** and the **Grade Recognition**.



ROMANIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The Department of Romanian Language, Literature and Comparative Literature of our Faculty of Letters organizes two ROMANIAN INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES in the academic year 2014-2015 between October-December and March-May.

LANGUAGE COMPONENT

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

This course aims at acquainting students with general main aspects of Romanian phonetics morphology (standard pronunciation), operational perspective on the morphological system of the Romanian language), syntax and phraseology (common structures, syntagmatic levels), vocabulary (focus on fundamental vocabulary). The most efficient methods will be used in order to ensure the participants' communicative and linguistic competence: analytical - descriptive, notional - situational, pragmatic - operational methods.

ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES

INSTITUTION NAME: ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA UNIVERSITY

ADDRESS: BD. CAROL I NR. 11, IAaI 700506

LEVEL OF COURSES ORGANISED: LEVEL I: BEGINNER

NUMBER OF COURSES: 2 COST: FREE-OF-CHARGE

CULTURAL COMPONENT

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

The course, through the above-described methods, outlines the main values of Romanian culture and civilization (historical, ethnographic, folkloric aspects).

The participation of the foreign students in different cultural activities and at different artistic manifestations ensures their direct contact with the everyday realities of Romanian culture and adds to its integration within the European context.



STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS



ESN IASI

Erasmus Student Network Iasi



AIESEC

International Association of Students in Economics and Management



ANSSA

National Association of Students in Administrative Sciences



ASAFFI

Association of Students and Graduates of the Faculty of Philosophy in Iaşi



AEGEE

Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe



ASFI

Association des Etudiants Francophones de Iași



ASII

Association of Students in Computer Science in Iași



ASJ

Association of Students in Journalism in laşi



ASALT

Association of Students and Graduates in Social Work, Iaşi



ELSA

The European Law Students Association, Iași



LSGG

League of Students in Geography and Geology



OSSEI

Organization of Students in European Studies, Iași



PRIME

European Association of Students in Public Relations and Communication, lasi Branch



TERIS

Association of Young Romanian Ecologists, Iaşi



SPP

Student Association "Society for Psychology"



GIPSY EYE

Gipsy Eye Association of Rroma Students



Information Systems Audit and Control Association Student Group – ISG





In TARGUSOR-COPOU RESIDENCES,

free-of-charge Internet connection can be provided in each room. Almost all faculties have computer rooms, where students can have free-of-charge access to Internet. It is possible to use these computers only based on the student card, which proves that the student is registered at the respective faculty.

MEDICAL SERVICES

STUDENTS' MEDICAL OFFICE NO. 7: Dr. Carmen CARARE, general ground floor, tel. 201324.

At the Students' Medical Office no. 7 all students of our University can free-of-charge medical assistance: medical examinations. prescriptions, treatments, etc. Students must show their student card/certificate, their passport and, if necessary, their medical insurance.



MEALS



university student cafeteria (Titu Maiorescu Canteen).

This cafeteria is situated in the *Titu Maiorescu* Campus, near the main University building. Students can have breakfast, lunch and dinner at about 6 Euro at the student canteen: 5 lei (breakfast) + 10 lei (lunch) + 8 lei (dinner).

There are also other pizzerias and restaurants in the area (including Gaudeamus Restaurant), where prices are a little higher.

FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Alexandru loan Cuza University promotes student equality by providing certain facilities for students with special needs. International students with special needs are invited to contact the Department for International Relations well in advance so the necessary arrangements can be made upon arrival. IR Staff can also refer you to other student services which provide information on educational programmes for people with disabilities and ongoing illnesses.



COUNSELLING

All students can make use of available counselling provided by the our Centre for Information and Career Orientation (address: Complex Studenţesc Codrescu, Str. Gh. Asachi nr. 7, Student Residence C11, 1st floor, rooms 28, 29, 52, 53, laşi 700843, Tel: 004 0232 201576, 0040 232 201579, Fax: 0040 232 201576) throughout the academic year. The student counselling services are adapted to the individual needs of students with difficulties.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT

The University has been constantly improving the accessibility of its premises by installation of new elevators, barrier-free accesses in order to have well-equipped and flexible designed environment for special needs students. Almost all University buildings have elevators, being equipped with handrails and platforms.

KINETOTHERAPY

The Faculty of Physical Education and Sports supports students with special needs registered at our University. Its specialists in Kinetotherapy and Special Motricity develop both programmes of recovery and programmes of social (re)integration (through therapeutic dance, collective sports adjusted to various disabilities, etc.). If you are interested to participate in one of these activities you may write to Cristina Zaharia or Marius Neculaes or dial 0040 232 201132. It will also offer you an opportunity to exchange views with fellow-students on ways of dealing with disabilities when studying. The group is always open to new members.

SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University has its own SPORTS CENTRE (volley-ball, gymnastics, basketball, handball, fitness) and outdoor sport grounds (handball, basketball, football): 3 TOMA COZMA STR., BUILDING D OF THE UNIVERSITY, UNDERGROUND FLOOR.

There are also many possibilities in the city to do sport activities (aerobics, swimming, sauna, massage, fitness private clubs, skiing on Copou Hill in winter time, etc.).

- Numerous aerobics and fitness private clubs.
- Swimming pool [Hotel Moldova, Hotel Unirea.





EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

You may want visit the most important **monuments of art in IASI**, as well as the most important religious sites. Iasi is extremely rich in religious monuments of all ages, from the Middle Ages (the 'embroidered' CHURCH OF THE THREE HIERARCHS) to the modern times (the METROPOLITAN CHURCH).

You may also want to visit the beautiful **sites around the city** (CIRIC lake and forest; BIRNOVA, BUCIUM and POIENI forests).

But most of all, make sure to take a trip to the famous chain of **monasteries** in **Northern Moldavia**. Most of them are painted monasteries dating back to the 15th – 16th centuries. To give just a few examples:

•the Monastery of VORONET is unique in the world due to the mysterious origin of its deep-blue colour and to the painting of the "Last Judgment" on its western exterior wall;

•the Monastery of PUTNA has a powerful symbolical meaning for the Romanian people because it was built by the most famous Moldavian ruler, Stefan cel Mare (Stephen the Great), whose grave is also at Putna;

•the Monasteries of SUCEVITA, MOLDOVITA, DRAGOMIRNA, ARBORE, BISTRITA, AGAPIA, VARATEC and many others are all beautifully-painted unique monuments of art and religion.



COST OF LIVING

laşi is an affordable city, where prices can be lower than in other Romanian cities. 400 Euro is enough for a monthly decent living. Here are some expenses you might have to cover:

ACCOMMODATION: 415 lei in Targusor-Copou residences.

MEALS at the student canteen: 150 (breakfast) + 300 lei (lunch) + 240 lei (dinner) = **690 lei**. If you prefer to go out and eat, your expenses will be higher.

Anyway, you can save money by cooking your meals in the student residence.

A meal in a restaurant, consisting of an average pizza and a fresh juice will cost you around 16

lei.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: 60 lei on one public transport track (bus or tram).

BOOKS AND STATIONERY: 60 lei

OTHER EXPENSES: 200 lei.



If you want go out, you can choose between going to a movie, enjoying a theatre play or just having fun in a club or chilling in a cafe. A movie ticket at the Multiplex will cost you about 12 lei, a theatre ticket 10 lei (student price) and a night out around 30 lei (including pizza, one juice and one beer).



ERASMUS OFFICE

The Erasmus Office is part of the European Programmes Office, which functions within the Department of International Relations and is in charge of the management of the European educational programmes implemented in the University.

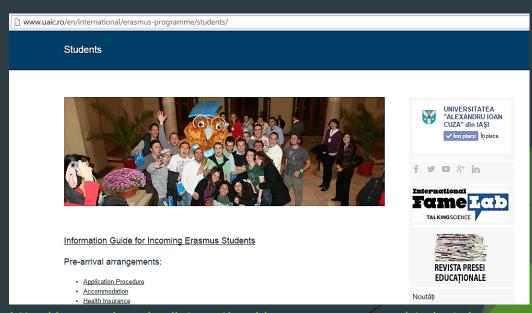
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Erasmus Day is an event organized at the beginning of each academic year by the European Programmes Office within the Department of International Relations. Its purpose is that of helping incoming Erasmus students - be they in UAIC either for a semester or a whole academic year - integrate in the cultural and academic environment in lasi.

ERASMUS DAY



During the opening ceremony of "Erasmus Day", the incoming Erasmus students are welcomed by our university representatives. Further on, student associations present the activities offered to foreign students during their stay in lasi. Afterwards, students receive materials promoting UAIC (materials made available by the MEDIA Department of our university), they are invited to taste traditional Romanian dishes and get acquainted with their Romanian colleagues while dancing on Moldavian folkloric music.

AT THE END OF YOUR STUDY MOBILITY . . .

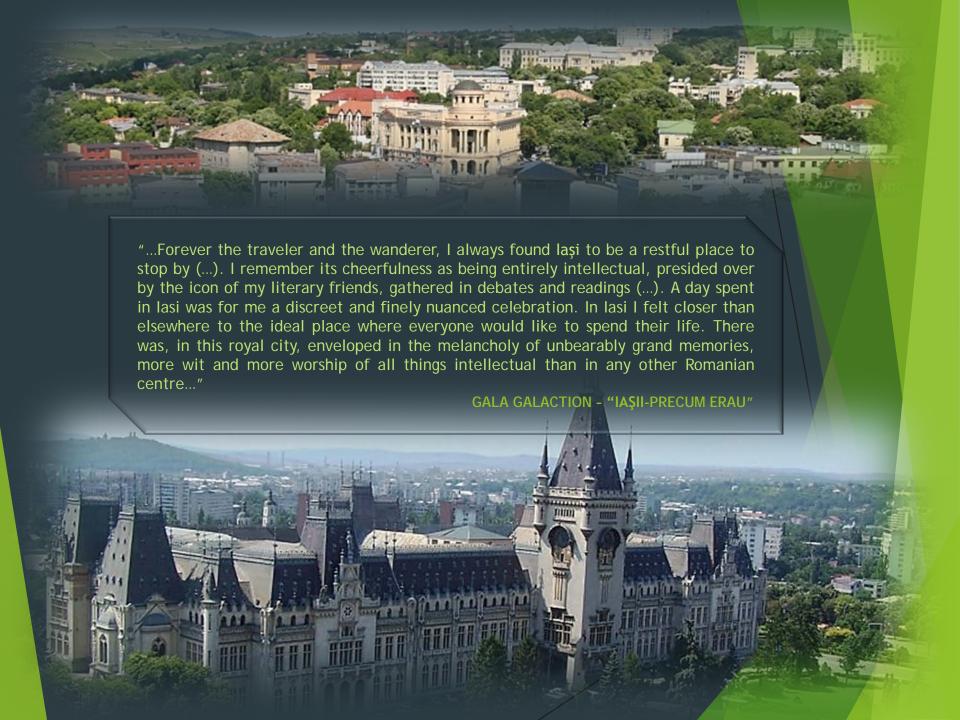
You will receive the following documents:

- a transcript of records from the Erasmus Office. The transcript of records is elaborated based
 on the certificate(s) received by the Erasmus Office from the faculty(ies) where you followed
 courses and passed exams. This (These) certificate(s) must be duly signed and stamped by the
 Dean, and must mention all the courses you attended, the name of the professors who gave
 the courses, the grades, and the number of credits obtained. The Erasmus Office will deliver
 to you the final transcript of records, in English or French, with the Rector's signature;
- in case that you carry out only a documentary work you will be delivered either a certificate signed by the Faculty Erasmus Coordinator, pointing out your academic results, or a recommendation from the professor who was your tutor;
- all other documents you may need when back in your home institution (special forms and/or standardized certificates to be duly signed and stamped by our University).



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HISTORICAL REFERENCE POINTS:

- •Archaeological diggings certify the existence of human settlements on the today's territory of lasi since Paleolithic.
- •1408 the first documentary attestation of the city
- •1565 during the second reign of Alexandru Lapusneanu, lasi became the capital of Moldavia, being at that time an important economical, political and cultural centre.
- •5th?of January 1859 colonel Al. I. Cuza becomes the Prince of Moldavia
- •After the union of the Romanian Principalities on 24th of January 1859, lasi functioned as the capital of Moldavia until the administrative union in 1862.
- •1860 Al. I. Cuza founds at lasi the first university in Romania
- •11th of November 1916 during World War I, the Royal Court, the Parliament and the Romanian Government withdrew from Bucharest to lasi.



•LOCATION: lasi is situated in the east side of Moldova, on the Bahlui River, affluent of Jijia that flows into the Prut River; is the legendary city of the 7 hills: Cetățuia, Galata, Copou, Bucium, Şorogari, Repedea and Breazu

•POPULATION: 305,978 inhabitants

•TOTAL SURFACE: 5,476 km

•COORDINATES: 47°9'44"N, 27°35'20"E

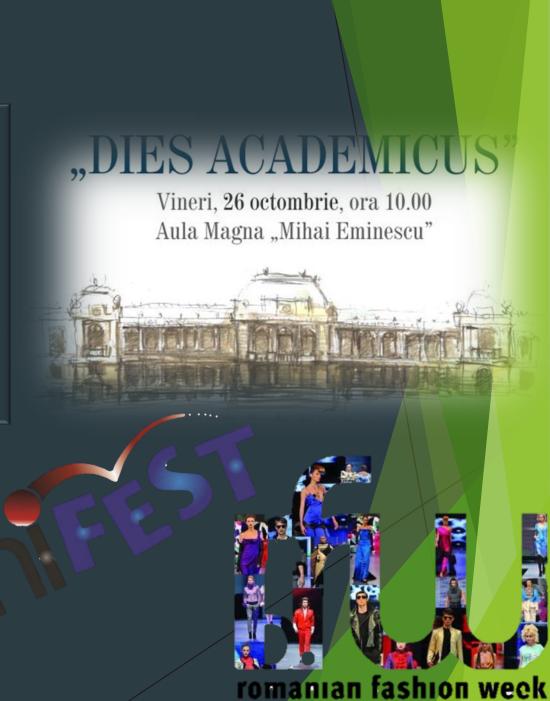
- •INCLUDES: 2 municipalities (lasi, Pascani), 3 cities (Hârlău, Podu Iloaiei, Târgu Frumos), 93 communes
- •TWIN CITIES: Poitiers (France), Xi'an (China), Vinita (Ukraine), Padova (Italy), Assiut (Egypt), Isfahan (Iran), Sant Oreste (Italy), Nazzano (Italy), Torrita Tiberina (Italy), Filacciano (Italy), Forano (Italy), Morlupo (Italy), Athens (Greece), Georgia (USA), Quebec (Canada), Peristeri (Greece), Villeneuve d'Ascq (France), Jerico (Palestine).
- •lasi is the second city in the country taking into account the number of residents, but also in cultural, historical and academic terms
- •The second largest university centre in Romania

MAIN LOCAL EVENTS

- •"JOURNÉES DE LA FRANCOPHONIE": end of March
- •THE NATIONAL BOOK FARE: 21-25 April
- •ROMANIAN-FRENCH MUSIC FESTIVAL ("Fête de la musique"): May
- •"CUCUTENI 5000" Ceramics Fair: end of May/beginning of June and 12-15 October
- •THE BEER FESTIVAL: 12-15 June
- •THE ROMANIAN FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN "CATALINA": July or August
- •THE FASHION WEEK: October
- •THE CITY OF IASI FESTIVAL (St. Parascheva Days, the patron saint of Iasi) RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL FESTIVITIES: 8 15 October
- "DIES ACADEMICUS" of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University: 26 October (conferences, symposia, etc.)
- •"UNIFEST", STUDENTS' FESTIVAL: 8-14 November

CUCUTENI-5000





CLIMATE

The Romanian climate is generally characterized by hot summers and cold winters. In winter the average temperature is usually of -5°C to -10°C, but it can sometimes go down to -20°C, rarely lower. Cold days may even start from November, so if you come as an Erasmus student in the first semester, be sure to bring along a warm coat and at least one very warm sweater. In summer, days are fairly hot (around +30°C), but temperatures can easily reach +35°C. In the spring and autumn months, temperature varies between 5°C - 20°C and the weather can be very rainy. If you come as an Erasmus student in the 2nd semester, you may need to bring along some winter clothes (winter may finish only in April), a rain coat for the spring days, and also summer clothes (in some years the passage from winter to summer is rather abrupt). If possible, you should include these clothing items in your basic wardrobe. Of course, you can also buy them in laşi, where you will find the prices a little bit lower than in your country.

ENTERTAINMENT

laşi is considered to be the first and the oldest cultural capital of modern Romania, playing host to unique monuments of art (The Palace of Culture, The National Theatre, The Philharmonic, The Opera House, The Trei Ierarhi Church). With its more than 200 monuments of architecture and art (both religious and laic), museums, memorial houses, theatres, art galleries, parks, a Botanical Garden, Iaşi is a museum in itself, ranking among the most attractive tourist sites of Romania. The usual museum visit hours are between 10:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m., Tuesdays to Sundays. Between September and July, there are 10 shows staged every week (except on Wednesdays) in the two halls of "Vasile Alecsandri" National Theatre; the programme is changed every two weeks. The same schedule applies for the "Moldova" Philharmonic Orchestra of Iaşi. In the three main cinemas of the city, the latest films are on at each cinema for one week.

All the year long there are a lot of concerts of famous Romanian singers and bands in the main discos of laşi. There is a wide range of restaurants, cafés and pubs, and Internet cafés all over the city.

The Students' Culture House (*Casa de Culturã a Studenþilor*) organises conferences, shows, symposia, literary and musical evenings, theatre plays staged by students, meetings with artists and scientists. You also have the possibility to participate in the various programmes organised by the French and German Cultural Centers and by the British Council, which are all very close to the University main building.



THE PALACE OF CULTURE

An architectural symbol of the city of laşi, the Palace of Culture was built between 1906 and 1925 on the ruins of the - century princely court. The very imposing and beautiful building of the Palace is considered to be the most successful Neo-Gothic architectural creation in Romania and, at the same time, one of the last masterpieces of the Romantic style in Europe.

Nowadays the Palace of Culture houses four important museums: the History Museum of Moldavia, the Ethnographic Museum of Moldavia, the Art Museum, and the Science and Technology Museum. The most famous room is the Princes' Hall, floor, where visitors can admire the portraits of the most important Moldavian princes and of the Romanian kings (the Hohenzollern Dynasty), painted in "medallions". Also, a legend was created on the 365 rooms of the Palace corresponding to the number of days in a year.

In the central tower of the Palace of Culture there is a carillon clock, formed of eight bells that play the Romanian Union Song of 1859 (*Hora Unirii*) every hour. In front of the Palace there is the equestrian statue of Ştefan cel Mare, flanked by two Krupp cannons donated by King Carol I at the inauguration of the statue in 1883. The Palace also houses the "Gheorghe Asachi" Public Library of laşi.



"MIHAI EMINESCU" MUSEUM

The Copou Park

THE THEATRE MUSEUM

Str. Vasile Alecsandri nr. 5

THE UNION MUSEUM

Str. Lãpușneanu nr. 14

THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Bd. Independenței nr. 5

THE ROMANIAN LITERATURE MUSEUM (ALSO THE "VASILE POGOR" MEMORIAL HOUSE)

Str. Vasile Pogor nr. 4

THE "DOSOFTEI" HOUSE (THE OLD ROMANIAN LITERATURE MUSEUM)

Str. A. Panu nr. 54 (in front of the Palace of Culture)

THE MEMORIAL HOUSE OF ION CREANGÃ (BOJDEUCA ION CREANGÃ) AND THE "ION CREANGÃ" MUSEUM

Str. Simion Bãrnuţiu nr. 4 (-century traditional Moldavian house)

"LUCEAFÃRUL" THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

Str. Grigore Ureche nr. 5 (close to the Palace of Culture)

MOLDOVA PHILHARMONIC

Str. Cuza Vodã nr. 29 (behind the National Theatre)























VASILE ALECSANDRI NATIONAL THEATRE AND OPERA HOUSE

The National Theatre of Iaşi was built between 1894-1896 and was inaugurated on December 2nd, 1896. Its rich ornaments, typical of the Baroque style, make it one of the most appreciated architectural Baroque creation in Romania.

The beautiful show hall, with a capacity of 1,000 places, offers a sense of elegance, intimacy and enchantment, and has very good acoustics. During the First World War, the hall housed the Romanian Parliament sessions (1916-1918). It is also here that opera shows are staged.

In 1957 the theatre was renovated and, on the occasion of the celebration of 140 years from the first theatre show in the Romanian language staged in Iaşi, it was named after Vasile Alecsandri (19th -century playwright).

THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Bd. Ştefan cel Mare Şi Sfânt nr. 46, laşi

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Iaşi, the largest in the country, was built between 1833-1839.

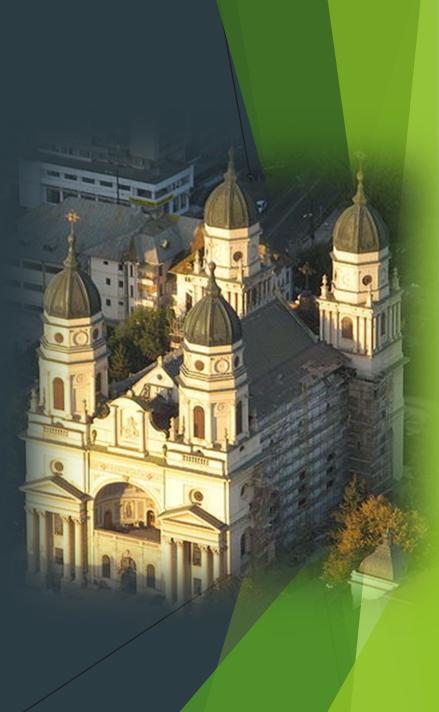
The present shape of the building is due to King Carol I of Hohenzollern who, in 1881 (the year when Romania became a kingdom), decided to have the cathedral rebuilt after the fall of its huge cupola. Both inside and outside, the building is richly decorated in the Baroque style.

In 1888, after the fire at the Trei lerarhi Church, the precious relics of Saint Parascheva were brought into the new cathedral. St. Parascheva is the patron saint of the city of lasi and is celebrated on 14 October every year.

This is one of the greatest religious celebrations in north-eastern Romania.

For one week around the date of 14 October, the number of inhabitants in lasi doubles or even triples, due to the large number of people coming from all over Romania to attend the special religious service and to touch the relics of the Saint. It is a unique event that should not be missed by any visitor to lasi.





TREI IERARHI MONASTERY

Bd. Ştefan cel Mare Şi Sfânt nr. 62, laşi

This church owes its fame to the extraordinary stone embroidery that decorates its exterior walls. There are over 30 styles of decorative patterns and they are all unrepeatable.

The occidental architectural styles (Gothic, Renaissance) combine with oriental ones (of Armenian, Georgian, Persian, Arab, and Ottoman inspiration), in a very daring conception, whose result is however a very harmonious creation. The church has the shape and the look of a casket for relics, specially conceived to house the relics of Saint Parascheva (1641).

The church was built between 1633-1642 and restored between 1884-1904. Inside there is also the tomb of Alexandru loan Cuza, the first prince of the 1859 Romanian Union.



OTHER CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES

• SF. NICOLAE DOMNESC CHURCH (Str. Anastasie Panu (in front of the Palace of Culture)

CETĂŢUIA MONASTERY (the Cetăţuia Hill)

 GOLIA MONASTERY (Str. Cuza Vodã - between the Philharmonic and the Supermarket Hala Centralã)

• GALATA MONASTERY (the Galata Hill).



OTHER INFORMATION

CINEMAS

VICTORIA

Piața Unirii nr. 15

REPUBLICA

Str. Lãpușneanu nr. 12

DACIA

Piaþa Voievozilor nr. 14

CINEMA CITY

Inside Iulius Mall, bld. Tudor Vladimirescu **CULTURAL CENTRES**

THE FRENCH INSTITUTE

Bd. Carol I nr. 26

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

Str. Pãcurari nr. 4

THE GERMAN CULTURAL CENTRE

Str. Lascãr Catargi nr. 38

THE CULTURAL CENTRE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Bd. Carol I nr. 22

THE CENTRE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Faculty

of

Letters, Building A, ground floor

ART GALLERIES

DANA ART GALLERIES

Str. Prof. Cujbã, nr. 17 Str. Lãpuşneanu, nr. 7-9

CUPOLA ART GALLERIES

Str. Cuza Vodã nr. 2

THE STUDENTS' CULTURE HOUSE (CASA DE CULTURĂ A STUDENȚILOR)

The Students' Culture House is coordinated by the National Authority for Youth and by the Agency for Student Support. For 42 years, the Students' Culture House has organized various cultural and artistic activities for all the students of the city of Iași.

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PERMANENT CIRCLES ORGANISED IN THE STUDENTS' CULTURE HOUSE

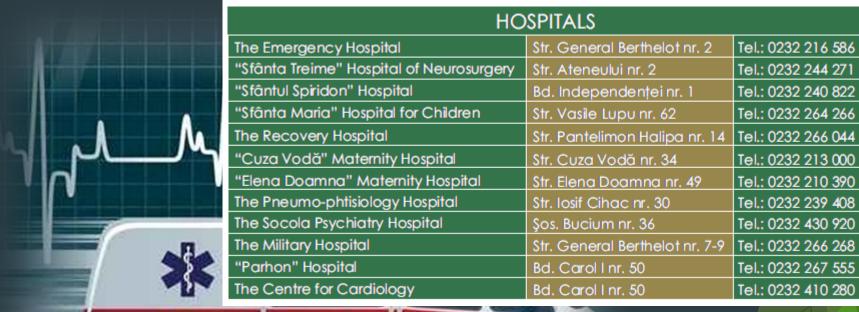
- The "Moldavia" (literary circle ref. Emilian MARCU)
- "Richard Oschanitzky" (music studio ref. Romeo COZMA)
- The "Ludic" (theatre ref. Aurel LUCA)
- "Doina Carpabilor" (ensemble ref. Marinicã BOTEA and Petre ŞUŞU)
- "Elegance" (sportive dancing club ref. Cornel TÃTARU)
- "The Sky" (modern dance club ref. Adrian STEFAN)
- The "Unesco Quasar" Club (ref. George CEAUSU)
- The Visual Arts circle (ref. Oana LAZÃR)
- "Quasar dance" (modern dance club ref. Mircea IGNAT)
- "Stil" (fashion creation club ref. Luminiţa MUNTEANU)

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This guide is intended first and foremost for European students who are coming to study at our University via ERASMUS+ Programme.

We hope you will find this information useful in preparing your journey and during your stay in lasi.

Whilst it is impossible to answer all questions you may have, we hope that this guide will give you a good idea of what to expect from student life in laşi.

This guide is also intended to be of use to academics and administrative staff involved in international exchange schemes. It aims to give an outline of what lasi can offer the international student as well as the university's approach to Europe and the world in general.

May we take the opportunity to wish you an exciting and rewarding study at lasi. Should any problems arise during your time here, please do not hesitate to contact the European Programmes Office.

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