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Dear students,

We warmly welcome you to *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iaşi and thank you for choosing our institution as your study destination. This welcome guide has been designed especially for you, our international Erasmus students, in hopes that it will help answer most of the questions you might ask yourselves both before starting your mobility, but also during your stay in Iaşi. If, after reading this guide, you're still left with certain unanswered questions, feel free to address them to your contact person from the Erasmus Office.

The Department of International Relations Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

Founded in 1860

Top university in research and education

Over **25000** students and **1500** staff

80 degrees at bachelor level

(11 taught in international languages)

at doctoral level

120 degrees at master level

27 fields of study / research

(21 in foreign languages)

15 faculties

Over **500** partnerships with universities in **28** EU and **27** non-EU countries

Rankings

68

(QS Emerging Europe and Cent<u>ral Asia)</u>

Times Higher Education ranking by subject

Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 401+ in Chemical Engineering

401+ in Arts and Humanities
501-600 in Business and Economics
601-700 in Social sciences

OUR FACULTIES

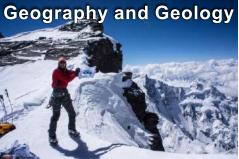






Administration























Faculty of Biology

The Faculty of Biology offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in modern fundamental and applied research in areas such as biodiversity, modern biotechnology, ecology and environmental protection, integrated and biological pest control, genetics, biochemistry, biophysics, cell biology, anatomy, cytology, histology, plant and animal physiology, etc.



For me, studying in lasi, more specifically at UAIC, means climbing up the stairs of a giant fairytale-like building, opening tall wooden doors and becoming a part of audiences where academic thinking is at its best. Here, under the attentive eyes of their pedagogues, students from different countries have the chance to share their values and ideas with others.

Of course, this is just a part of what lasi has to offer. There's a good reason why it holds the title of "Cultural Capital City of Romania". It's exciting and sometimes it seems unbelievable how, during a 30-minute walk, you can witness a crowd of men buying flowers for their wives, then to experience the different styles of music of street musicians as you walk along "Stefan cel Mare" boulevard with all its churches of different architectural styles, and then to finish with the impressive Palace of Culture. (Elisabeta Rada, Albania)



Some of our perks

As a student of our faculty, you may have access to a sizeable material base for research and practice, through access to research stations in the fields of Biology and Ecology in Agigea (Black Sea), Potoci (Bicaz) and Iaşi, the *Anastasie Fătu* Botanical Garden, the Museum of Natural History (the first institution of this kind in our country), and an internationally recognized Herbarium.

Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- Ecological Monitoring
- > General Animal Physiology
- General Microbiology
- Hydrobiology

Master courses:

> Genomics



Faculty of Chemistry

The Faculty of Chemistry offers the specializations of Chemistry, Medical Chemistry and Technological Biochemistry. As an Erasmus student, thanks to your theoretical and experimental training, you will receive valuable pointers from your professors on how to easily adapt to the evolution of new investigation techniques, which allows you to perform chemical analyses in any laboratory in the industry or in medical clinics.

Some of our perks

The faculty offers modern laboratories to study Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Materials Science and Biochemistry, as well as a laboratory where complex environmental analyses can be performed. In addition, the Faculty of Chemistry offers you the chance to get actively involved, together with renowned professors with research experience, in various projects. Consult your academic coordinator, to see which of these activities are available for you.



Studying at UAIC was the best experience of my life so far. Living and studying at a foreign university made me more self-confident and motivated. Iași is a very beautiful city and the people of the city are kind and friendly. It's a city for students, where you can study at a top university and you can also do a lot of other interesting activities. All people working with international students in the University are very kind, friendly and always give you useful information. The professors were very helpful and explained everything into detail, which makes me a more competitive future employee





Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- Bioactive Organic Products
- Biochemistry
- ➤ Biochemistry-Metabolism
- > Chemical Thermodynamics
- > Drug Pharm Forms
- Electrochemistry and Physical Chemistry of Interfaces
- > Instrumental Analysis
- > Medical Biochemistry
- ➤ Nuclear Chemistry
- ➤ Radiation Sources used in Diagnosis and Treatment

Master courses:

- > Drug Design
- > Nano and Biomaterials

Faculty of Computer Science





Some of our perks

Here, you'll get to experience top technologies, in state-of-the-art laboratories, you may be able to work with both professors and specialists in the profile industry, you can become involved in research projects and, in addition to formal education, you can participate in student programming competitions and other events organized within the faculty. Talk to your academic coordinator to find out more.



I still cannot express how grateful I am for having been able to undertake my Erasmus study mobility in Romania. The university is an outstanding and prestigious higher education institution, so I felt very lucky to meet and be taught by distinguished, dedicated professors. The lessons imparted were particularly easy to understand, so my colleagues and I were able to put theory into practice effortlessly. Moreover, all the UAIC teachers and administrative staff that I had met left me the impression of enthusiasm and commitment. Unsurprisingly, I felt very much at ease when attending the classes and visiting the UAIC offices. My Romanian colleagues also helped me a lot, explaining to me the content of the courses and helping me to prepare for exams. Besides, the interaction with my international friends enabled me to widen my knowledge and skillset in relation to other cultures, customs, traditions, and lifestyle. (Hoang Yen Le Nu, Vietnam)

At the Faculty of Computer Science, you have the chance to study at a high standard of excellence and find out what it takes for a specialist to ensure the development of the information society. The offer of courses is constantly correlated with international trends and the labor market requirements, including Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, IOS / Android Programming, Development of physical systems with the Arduino platform, Smart Cards, IT Entrepreneurship, to name a few.

Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

> Computer Science

Master courses:

- Software Engineering
- Computational Linguistics
- Computational Optimization
- Distributed Systems
- > Information Security
- Advanced Studies in Computer Science





Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

The educational offer of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is extremely rich and varied. You have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of courses taught entirely in English, at both bachelor and master level. Whether you choose to study Business Administration, Finance and Risk Management, Software Development and Business Information Systems or Strategic Human Resource Management, you will discover plenty of well-trained professionals, who will offer you an extra stepping stone towards your future career.

Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

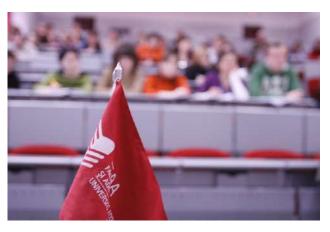
- > Business Administration
- Courses available in English on a tutorial-system basis

Master courses:

- > Finance and Risk Management
- ➤ Software Development and Business Information Systems
- Strategic Human Resources Management
- Courses available in English on a tutorial-system basis



My experience in UAIC was one in a million! It was my first time travelling alone in a country where the official spoken language wasn't English (my second language). I initially thought this would be a major obstacle because I didn't speak Romanian. However, I found that, aside from speaking English, people were also very friendly and helpful, in general. The time I spent at UAIC was the highlight of my life so far. Everything was superb: the university itself, the professors, and their technique of teaching. I didn't have any hard time fitting in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration.



I got very good marks, as my efforts in studying were well appreciated. The experience as an overall was one of the best things that happened in my life. (MennatAllah Ali Hussein Ramadan, Egypt)

Some of our perks

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offers you modern amphitheaters and laboratories, equipped to the highest standards. You also have the opportunity to study in one of the most up-to-date libraries in the economic field. This library is equipped with a wide collection of documents, composed of over 20,000 volumes - Romanian and foreign books, and also periodicals. Many of our professors have studied in prestigious universities from abroad, being permanently anchored to the requirements of modern education.



Faculty of Geography and Geology



At the Faculty of Geography and Geology, you will discover that the didactic and research components beautifully intertwine, for the academic benefit for all our students, full-degree and exchange alike. You can opt for a wide variety of courses, taught either in English or in French. Regardless of how your course selection will look like, you will benefit from high quality education and the expertise of highly trained professionals.

Some of our perks

- We promote high quality education, at international standards;
- We aid students in developing their transversal skills and competences, in collaboration with the Geo & Geo Student Association;
- We continuously adapt our curriculum to the current needs of society, to the aspirations of students and to the labor market requirements;
- > We pursue innovation, social involvement and the adoption of smart policies.



The time I spent in Iaşi has left me with a ton of memories and many stories to share. Everyone I met here was warm, open and never hesitant in giving hugs. I got to make friends with people from Portugal, Spain, Morocco, France, Israel, etc. It was fun when we were together because we saw how language, skin, color or height didn't matter. We were all the same. Having my own adventure has proven me that anything is possible. It was the best time of my life and I will always remember how choosing to go out and discover what the world has in store for me was life-changing and it's something I will always cherish. (Kamilya Amangeldi, Kazakhstan)



Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- Remote Sensing and Photointerpretation
- Ecology
- > Tour Guiding Techniques
- Water Resources Management
- > Environmental Geochemistry
- > Planetary Geology
- Crystallography

Master courses:

- > GIS Instruments for Geomarketing
- > Professional Software
- Environmental Geochemical Risks





Faculty of History



Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- Europe and the World in the 20^h Century
- > Democracy and Totalitarism
- ➤ General Prehistory
- > History of European Art

Master courses:

- European Construction Political, Social and Cultural Developments
- ➤ Greek and Roman Ancient Cultural Heritage
- Introduction to the Study of International Relations



"Unforgettable!" That's how I would summarize this experience. It made me grow so much, both professionally and socially. It helped me know myself better, to see my true strengths and weaknesses, to learn how to adapt in a brand new culture. The teachers at UAIC were very understanding and collaborative. They tried to explain everything into detail, especially to the international students. They always took into consideration the difficulties that we faced due to the differences in our countries and cultures.

They saw us more like their colleagues and less like their students, making the lectures and seminars look more like a group conversation, in a space where we could share our ideas and opinions freely. Our Romanian colleagues were also really nice and tried to help us in any way they could. I made a lot of Romanian friends. (Roxhena Dyli, Albania)

As an exchange student of our Faculty of History, you can find out more about the history of Europe, prehistoric and ancient archeology, the Romanian Middle Ages, the history of cities, the heritage evolution, historical genealogy, the history of mentalities, the history of international relations, and other important phenomena and events from modern and contemporary history.

Some of our perks

Did you know that there are six research centers functioning within our faculty? They cover areas such as the communist regime, Aegean-Mediterranean studies, classical and Christian studies or archeology. Consult your Erasmus academic coordinator to discover more. What is more, our faculty maintains excellent collaborative relationships with universities in Germany, France, USA, Italy, Greece or Austria, to name a few.



Faculty of Law





Our Faculty of Law is the first of its kind in Romania and one of the initial three faculties inaugurated within our university, back in 1860. Nowadays, our faculty is constantly adapting to the ever-changing socio-economic context, on the one hand by implementing opportunities in the training of future lawyers, and on the other hand, by constantly improving our internationalization strategy.

Some of our perks

The Faculty of Law offers you a multitude of dynamic courses and seminars, modern lecture halls and amphitheaters, a sizeable library, a forensic laboratory and the possibility to participate in conferences with prestigious guests from the country and from abroad. You can also get actively involved in the life of the faculty by participating in some of our many scientific events or simulated trial competitions. Life as a law student can also mean taking part in the activities of student associations and volunteering.



As I have a pretty severe disability (I'm totally blind), coming to UAIC initially worried me even more than an average exchange student.

However, the University did their best to ensure equal treatment and provide an accessible environment for me. I had 2 personal assistants, who helped me get around. As for the academic side of my study experience, I must mention the outstanding course in "Human Rights in the European Union". As a final component of my grade, I got to make a presentation about discrimination in pre-employment selection based on disability, using my own personal example. I also presented the main anti-discrimination institutions in Georgia. This was a great opportunity for me to share some information about my country. I think that my experience can stand as proof that studying visits abroad are possible for any blind or otherwise disabled student. (Esma Gumberidze, Georgia)

Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- > Civil Law. Contracts
- > Financial Law
- > Forensic Science
- > General European Law
- > Intellectual Property Law
- > Legal Protection of Human Rights
- > Private International Law
- Sociology of Law

Master courses:

Constitutional Law and Political Institutions





Faculty of Letters

The Faculty of Letters provides theoretical and practical training for future teachers in pre-university and university education, for researchers in the philological field, as well as of specialists in the fields of communication, and translation and interpreting. Implicitly, the mission of the Faculty of Letters is much broader – it is the nucleus that ensures the preservation of national heritage, continuity and the development of Romanian cultural traditions, their inscription in the circuit of universal values and, reciprocally, the knowledge and propagation of the latter in the Romanian cultural space.

Some of our perks

Aside from taking part in many thoughtprovoking courses and seminars, at the Faculty of Letters, you have the chance to get involved in extracurricular projects that help you build your professional experience. Some of these are: collaborations with local radio and television stations, news agencies, translation companies. You can also have a look at the activities of the Association of Journalist Students.





My name is Ngoc Doan and I am from Vietnam. It was my honor to be one of the international students of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University. Iași is a city of beauty and culture. UAIC teachers offer golden opportunities for everyone to learn. I was enrolled in the Faculty of Letters and I took many courses and attended many interesting events. I also got to make friends from many different countries, who helped me feel less homesick and more at home in a new environment. Now, I feel like my mind is more open, I gained a lot of new knowledge and I have more confidence in myself. If I ever have the opportunity to come back, I will do it gladly! (Thi Ngoc Doan, Vietnam)



Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- > American Literature
- > Deutsche Literatur
- > Historia de la Lengua Española
- ➤ Compétences de Communication en Français

Master courses:

- > American Linguistics
- > Translation Studies
- Littérature Française Contemporaine
- > Civiltà Italiana



Faculty of Mathematics

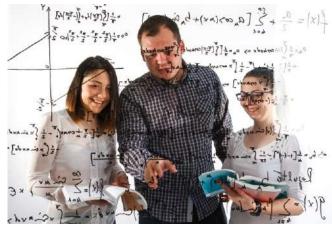


As an exchange student at the Faculty of Mathematics, you will have the opportunity to study some the most important notions and discover the most noteworthy results in all mathematical fields. Plus, you will learn how to apply them in other fields (from Physics, to Data Analysis and Encryption and modeling of various natural and social phenomena). The specialization Mathematics in Computer Science proposes disciplines that, in addition to basic mathematical notions and techniques, provide students with valuable know-how on programming languages and basic Computer Science tools, which, together with Mathematics, facilitate access to calculation and analysis methods, which are crucial in information and data processing.



Some of our perks

Erasmus students who decide to study at the Faculty of Mathematics will have the possibility to step into an academic environment based on a tradition of excellence, in an active and involved present. Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi has been ranked as a university of advanced research and education, and the Faculty of Mathematics is the national leader in its field. In addition to its long-standing partnership with the Iaşi County School Inspectorate, the Faculty of Mathematics has partnerships with several renowned multinational companies in Iaşi, especially in the IT field.





Is not just a university for me; it was an unforgettable journey that transformed me as a student and as a person. The professors truly care about their students and work hard to ensure that scholars not only graduate, but thrive while doing so. I gained several local lifelong friends, who have always been there for me. (Marine Makhatadze, Georgia)

Some course highlights

Master courses:

- Combinatorial Optimization
- > Applied Statistics
- Differential Systems and Applications
- Combinatorial Optimization
- > Economic Processes Optimization
- Financial Market Modelling. Martingale Methods
- > Financial Mathematics
- > Graphs Theory
- Mathematical Methods in Spatial Sciences



Faculty of Orthodox Theology



Some of our perks

As an exchange student at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, you may get to benefit from unique opportunities. You can get access to the Dumitru Stăniloae Library, where students can consult unique works, encyclopedias and classic theological dictionaries, as well as books and specialized periodicals in international languages. You will learn how to teach children and you may be able to participate in the numerous social assistance and volunteer programs developed by theological students. Those who choose to study Sacred Art, the first specialization of this kind in the country, are able to discover and cultivate their pictorial talent and have access to the latest equipment. Your Erasmus academic coordinator will let you know which of these facilities are available for you.



My experience at UAIC has been one of the best of my life! Teachers really involve students in the course organization and in lectures. I had the possibility to discuss and debate with students from all over Europe and to travel around Eastern Europe easily. It has been an enriching experience that I definitely advise! (Ilaria Orsi, Italy).

Our faculty will be a suitable study destination for those exchange students who have always wanted to become pastors of souls, who wish to instill Christian values in children, who find gratification in selflessness. If you are passionate about the sacred arts, through the four undergraduate programs (Pastoral Orthodox Theology, Didactic Theology, Orthodox Theology - Social Work and Sacred Art), the Faculty of Orthodox Theology offers you the opportunity to develop in an educational space dedicated to your intellectual and spiritual formation.

Some course highlights

Bachelor and master courses:

- > Biblical Theology
- > Academic Ethics and Integrity
- > Canons of Byzantine Painting
- > History of Universal Art
- > Study of the Old Testament
- > Spiritual Formation



Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences





At the Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences you will explore fields such as Philosophy, Sociology, Social Work, Political Sciences, International Relations and European Studies, Communication and Public Relations.

Some of our perks

- Our faculty is one of the three founding ones, with a rich history in academic tradition and innovation;
- ➤ As an exchange student of our faculty, you'll get to take part in regularly organized open dialogues with some of the most prolific specialists in the field;
- We have over 50 partnerships with various public institutions, NGOs and companies;
- There are plenty of opportunities to carry out volunteering activities; plus, you can get involved in projects carried out by various student organizations endorsed by the faculty: the Philosophy Student Association, PRIME Iaşi and the Social-Political Science Students' Association;
- You can take part in a wide variety of international workshops, conferences, symposiums, etc.

I studied in in the Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences – Department of Sociology and Social Assistance. I found that the professors at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi were very open and friendly, and my colleagues were active and receptive. I had the opportunity to participate in several conferences, which was a very good way of promoting my academic abilities. The city is so beautiful (neither too big, nor too small), with every possible amenity within close reach: inexpensive coffee shops and restaurant and really tasty food. (Ana Postoronca, Republic of Moldova)

Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- > Byzantine Culture and Philosophy
- > Case Management
- Communication Theory
- Contemporary Sociological Theories
- Demography and Population Sociology
- Essentials of PR
- Family and Child Social Work

Master courses:

- Crisis Communication
- Political Marketing
- Spirituality of Eastern Christianity
- ➤ Theories of International Development





Faculty of Physical Education and Sports

The Faculty of Physical Education and Sports offers you the opportunity to study in the field of Physical Education and Sports, as well as in the field of Physical Therapy and Special Motor Skills. You can attend both theoretical courses and seminars, and practical courses. You'll get the chance to work with young, dynamic, well trained professors, who participate in sports competitions and even train Olympic teams.

Some of our perks

Our faculty provides its students with state-of-the-art equipment for a wide variety of sports activities, such as recreational kayaking, windsurfing, kite-surfing, skiing and swimming expeditions. It also has a modern material base for conducting practical-methodical lessons, lectures and seminars, and a specialized library that offers students informative materials for top quality education. Our mission is to train future specialists who can easily adapt to the accelerated dynamics of the reality of the sports field.





Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- > Education for Health and First Aid
- Kinesiology
- Recovery and Rehabilitation in Professional Sports
- Swimming and Aquatic Physiotherapy
- Teaching Methodology of Basketball in Schools
- ➤ Theory and Practice of Tourism and Orienteering

Master courses:

> First Aid in Sports Trauma

I was treated just like a native and learned from the most erudite teachers I have ever met. The syllabi and the exam systems are both student-friendly, while retaining their wide range of scholarly perspectives. Apart from the teachers' guidance, local people are very helpful too. İaşi will certainly have a place in my mind. (Cemal Can Ozmumcu, Turkey)

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Faculty of Physics



Your training within our Faculty of Physics will be carried out through a wide range of Physics courses and laboratory activities, with a special emphasis on their applicability in contemporary society (Medical Physics, Biophysics, Computer Physics and Technological Physics).





At the Faculty of Physics, tradition blends in perfectly with innovation and the research teams in the faculty, composed of professors, researchers and students, are in constant contact with top specialists from abroad. These contacts have intensified and developed in recent years in joint research projects with prestigious groups in the European Union, Switzerland, Japan or the United States. In the latest international rankings, our Faculty of Physics was placed in category A (the highest), all the study programs on offer received the maximum grade from the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, and the CARPATH research center (Center for Applied Research in Physics and Advanced Technologies) received the title of best research center of its kind in the country.



The feeling of leaving laşi is definitely bittersweet. Although I am excited to get back home, leaving this all behind is very difficult. I've met some of the best people I've ever known in Iaşi. I've built strong, lasting relationships with people from all over the world. There is no doubt that I will miss the beautiful city of Iaşi very dearly. It was my home and the first place and time I ever lived on my own I really felt like I was part of something special. I felt like I belonged. I didn't feel like an outsider or a tourist but a member of the Romanian family, and a special part of the people's lives I encountered. I'm coming back to the United States with a whole new outlook on life. I will be arriving with an open-mind and looking at life through a globalized lens. (John-Paul DeMers, USA)

Some course highlights

Bachelor courses:

- > Classical Mechanics
- Data Acquisition and Processing Systems
- Differential Equations and Mathematical Physics Equations
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Electrodynamics and Theory of Relativity
- Electronics
- > Elements of Environmental Physics
- Energy and Climate



Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences



Some of our perks

- Our professors have a vast scientific research expertise, which is confirmed by the large number of published works and by the constant development of national and international projects;
- Our teaching staff also have a substantial amount of practical experience, which they are always eager to impart to their students;
- There are two student associations within the faculty which organize a variety of academic, professional and personal development activities;
- There are plenty of opportunities to do volunteering and create long-lasting bonds with people of a similar age and mentality.

When someone chooses to study abroad, everything changes. Suddenly you find yourself living and learning with a lot of people from different countries... But I strongly think that this is the right way to develop friendships, which will end up shaping you as a person for the better. For me, this was the best period of my life! I didn't just meet friends, I met my new family. My professors from the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences were great, as well as our Buddies from the Erasmus Student Network in Iasi, who were very supportive and helped us to better understand the course contents and to get our bearings during the first few weeks. So, please don't worry and apply for studies at UAIC. If someone offered me this opportunity again, I would take it without thinking twice!(Dejana Vujonović Serbia)

Upon prior consultation with the Erasmus academic coordinator, international students who want to enroll in our faculty can choose courses taught within our four existing specializations: Psychology, Pedagogy, Special Psycho-pedagogy, and Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education. Depending on the chosen specialization(s), you will study subjects such as Educational Psychology, Genetics of Human Behaviour, Social Psychology, Clinical Psychodiagnosis for Persons with Special Needs, Personality Assessment, Education of Creativity and Talents and many others.

Some course highlights

Bachelor and master courses:

- Special Education of Multiple Disabilities
- Psycho-pedagogy of Intellectual Impairment
- Environmental Studies and Science Didactics
- Management of Educational Institutions
- > Research Methods for Psychology
- > Career Guidance and Counselling
- Couple and Family Psychology
- Psycho-pedagogy of Creativity and Talents



Faculty of Roman - Catholic Theology





As an international Erasmus student at the Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology, you can choose courses from our bachelor study programs in Pastoral Roman-Catholic Theology and Roman-Catholic Theology – Social Work, as well as from our master study program in Practical and Missionary Roman-Catholic Theology.

Some of our perks

Our Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology offers international students the chance to study and train in a center of renowned biblical scholars, where the first translation into Romanian of the Roman-Catholic Bible was ever made. This is a dynamic missionary center, which has strong academic partnerships in countries from three continents (Kenya, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama). You will enter a mature academic community, which is involved in the international flow of cultural values and which actively promotes study and research mobilities.





The educational system here is based on students' interest and self-support, so every seminar and lecture consisted of different discussions, facing interesting facts in our field of study and sharing our own life experience. I met people from different fields of interests and became good friends with them. (Dana Buralkiyeva, Kazakhstan)

Some course highlights

Bachelor and master courses:

- > History of the Christian Philosophy
- ➤ Biblical Studies: Important Themes of the Old Testament
- ➤ Dogmatic Theology: Ecclesiology
 —Sacraments
- > Social Theology
- ➤ The Priest Identity and Mission
- > History of the Ancient Church
- Sapiential Literature





Facilities

1. Libraries

All students of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iaşi have access to the University libraries and to other libraries in Iaşi.

Mihai Eminescu Central University Library

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

Necessary documents

- student card or certificate
- passport / national ID card
- a passport-sized photo



Address: Str. Pacurari nr. 3 Website: www.bcu-iasi.ro Tel.: 0232 264 245



Other libraries in lasi

The Romanian Academy Library: 8 Bd. Carol I, tel.: 267584

Gheorghe Asachi Public Library of Iasi: 4 Palat Str., tel./fax: 212773

The French Cultural Centre: 26 Bd. Carol I, tel.: 267637, fax: 211026

British Council: 4 Pacurari Str., tel./fax: 316159

The German Cultural Centre: 21 Bd. Carol I, tel.: 214051



2. Internet

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi is an EDUROAM enabled Iocation (a roaming service used in most of the universities from EU countries, but also outside the EU). International students from universities who already have access to EDUROAM should connect to the EDUROAM guest network available in the C5 residence and use the password they have previously set in order to connect. This way, they will get easy access to WiFi (EDUROAM authentication is automatic).

International students who do not use EDUROAM should follow the steps described in our university's internal registration procedure.

(www.uaic.ro/en/international/internet-instructions/).



Given that being granted access may take around 24 hours, you may want to start the registration process before your arrival in lasi. The network configuration step is to be done only after your actual arrival in the C5 residence.

In Gaudeamus Centre for International Exchanges, free-of-charge internet connection is provided in each room via an internet cable.

Almost all faculties have computer rooms, where students have free-of-charge access to Internet. It is possible to use these computers based on your student card.

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3. Medical services

By visiting the on-campus students' medical office, all our Erasmus students can benefit from free-of-charge medical assistance.

Services offered to students may include:

- > medical consultations and therapy:
 - opreventive medicine
 - o curative medicine
- > signing and stamping medical documents:
 - medical certificates
 - medical certificates for scholarships
 - medical certificates for suspension of studies
- > family planning and counseling:
 - ocontraceptive counseling
 - o special case counseling



Location: Titu Maiorescu Campus, C8 Residence, room 1 (entrance on the left of the building)

Phone: +40 232 20 1324

E-mail: uaic medical7@yahoo.com



4. Meals

Students can cook their own meals (C5 and Gaudeamus Centre for International Exchanges offer facilities for cooking) or eat at the university student cafeteria (*Titu Maiorescu* Canteen). This cafeteria is situated in *Titu Maiorescu* Campus, near the main University building.

Students can enjoy freshly cooked lunches and dinners for about 6 Euros at the student canteen: 15 lei (lunch) + 10 lei (dinner).

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



5. Sports and Leisure

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, private fitness clubs, skiing on the Copou Hill during winter time, etc.).



As Erasmus students, even if you are not enrolled at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, you can benefit from its sports facilities, completely free-of-charge.

6. Anastasie Fătu Botanical Garden



The Botanical Garden of Iaşi belongs to the patrimony of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University. It was the first botanical garden in Romania where students could do practical work and research. Since 1963, the Botanical Garden has been located in the north-west of the city, on the western side of the Copou Hill, and has a surface of 100 hectares.

Its scientific activities are developed by two "satellite" botanical gardens, both also belonging to the patrimony of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University: one in the Carpathian Mountains (at Potoci-Bicaz, District of Neamt) and one at the Black Sea (Agigea, District of Constanta). As Erasmus students of our university, you can visit the Botanical Garden free-of-charge.

7. Facilities for Special Needs Students

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University promotes student equality by providing certain facilities for students with special needs. International students with special needs are invited to contact the International Relations Office (IRO) well in advance, so the necessary arrangements can be made upon arrival. IRO 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 may make use of available counselling provided by our Centre for Information and Career Orientation (address: *Titu Maiorescu* Campus, C5 Student Residence, ground floor, rooms 19, 18, 17, 16, 12, 8; *Titu Maiorescu* street, no. 7-9, 700461, laşi; Phone: +40 232 20 1103/ + 4 0 2 3 2 2 0 1 7 7 0; E m a i I: servicii.studenti@uaic.ro) throughout the academic year. The student counselling services are adapted to the individual needs of students facing difficulties.

Practical support

Our University has been constantly improving the accessibility of its premises by installing new elevators, barrier-free accessways in order to have a 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 in one of these activities, you should get in touch with your IRO contact person.



Your Erasmus mobility at UAIC

- all you need to know



Application Procedure and Deadlines

NIVERSIT

At least two months prior to the start of your mobility, you need to get in touch with the Erasmus Office, to submit your application file.

If your home university is located within the EU, your application file consists of the following documents:

- > Passport / National ID card;
- Student Application Form;
- ➤ Learning Agreement Student Mobility for Studies or for Traineeships (depending of the type of mobility you will carry out);
- > Transcript of Records (document issued by your home university, which contains the list of courses and grades which you obtained during the previous year(s) of study);
- Acommodation-Form (to be filled in only if you wish to be accommodated within the university campus).
- The templates can be downloaded from https://www.uaic.ro/en/international/eras mus-programme/erasmus-incoming-students/documents/.
- All these documents need to be sent via e m a i I t o t h e U A I C I R O, a to norica.butnaru@uaic.ro.
 - For fall/full year mobilities, the application deadline is 1 August.
- For spring mobilities, the application deadline is 1 December.

(!) Important

- Don't forget to inform the Erasmus Office on the exact date of your arrival in Iaşi
- Make sure you know what documents you will be requested when getting back to your home university.
- Don't leave all your arrangements until the last minute!

If your home university is located outside the EU, you need to prepare two sets of application documents.

To submit to your home university:

- > Passport / National ID card;
- Student Application Form;
- Learning Agreement Student Mobility for Studies or for Traineeships (depending of the type of mobility you will carry out);
- > Transcript of Records (document issued by your home university, which contains the list of courses and grades which you obtained during the previous year(s) of study);
- ➤ English/French linguistic competence certificate (at least B1 level).

To send via email at norica.butnaru@uaic.ro, at least 10 days before the start of your mobility:

- > Romanian study visa type D/SD (see page 28);
- > Health insurance policy (see page 28);
- > Electronic travel ticket;
- Grant Agreement (templates and fill-in instructions to be provided by IRO staff):
- Authorized translation into English of a medical certificate issued by your doctor at home, which must mention that you are not suffering from diseases which endanger public health.

All non-EU citizens who need a temporary residence permit need this medical certifcate.



Academic offer: courses and tutorials



You can consult the full course catalogue for Erasmus students at www.uaic.ro/en/international/erasmus-programme/erasmus-incoming-students/

There is a wide variety of courses, seminars and laboratories available for exchange students. While certain bachelor and master level specializations in some of our faculties are entirely taught in English or French, the language of instruction in other faculties is Romanian.

There's no need to worry if you don't speak Romanian though – the tutorial system is here to save the day. If you join a faculty where all courses are in Romanian, you won't be able to attend lectures in the traditional sense of the word, but you can still undertake an Erasmus study mobility because many of the Romanian courses are doubled up in English, as tutorials.

Tutorials consist of regular and individual meetings with the Erasmus academic coordinator at faculty level and with the professors who usually teach those particular courses in Romanian. International students get guidance and supervision throughout their study mobility in English. They have the possibility to write their assignments and be examined in English and also get to receive direct feedback on their work. For more details on this topic, please get in touch with your Erasmus academic coordinator (see page 36).

How to select your courses and fill in the Learning Agreement

Depending on which of our 15 faculties will host you (it should be counterpart of your home faculty), you should consult the online course catalogue and contact the Erasmus academic coordinator from that faculty (see page 36), to have your Learning Agreement validated and signed on behalf of UAIC, as the receiving institution.





The Learning Agreement must be signed by all three parties (yourself, the representative of your home university and the Erasmus coordinator from your future UAIC host faculty) before the start of mobility and it falls under your own responsibility to obtain all the signatures.

Choosing courses from other faculties

As long as you select at least 51% of your courses from the UAIC host faculty where you will be enrolled, you can also choose courses from any of our other faculties. In order to do so, you need to:

- Contact the Erasmus academic coordinator from that other faculty, to see what's available for you;
- Fill in the Request to attend courses from another faculty (see template at page 55)
- Submit the filled-in request to the secretariat of the faculty where where you will NOT be enrolled.

Romanian language course

Each semester, Erasmus students are offered the opportunity to attend a free-of-charge 10-week Romanian language module, amounting to 60 hours of contact hours. No prior knowledge of Romanian is required. Students who are interested in attending this course can add it to their Learning Agreements and, if they pass the final exam, they will receive 5 ECTS credits.

This course is only held if at least 10 Erasmus students are interested.

You will be asked if you want to participate during the orientation meeting (see page 31).

Structure of the academic year

1st (fall) semester

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start of October – Official opening of the academic year & orientation meeting for incoming Erasmus students

October – December – 12 weeks of classes
end of December – beginning of January – 2 weeks winter holiday

Beginning of January – 2 weeks of classes
end of January – 2 weeks of examinations
end of January – start of February – end date of Erasmus mobilities for students studying at

UAIC during the winter semester

Beginning of February – 1 week of re-examinations and 1 week of holiday – applicable only to degree-seeking students
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2nd (spring) semester

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mid-February – May – 14 weeks of classes (1 week Easter holiday)

May – June – 2 weeks of examinations

mid-June – end date of Erasmus mobilities for students studying at UAIC during the spring semester/whole academic year

end of June – July – 1 week of re-examinations and 2 weeks of field practice (dates to be decided by each Faculty) – applicable only to degree-seeking students

July – September – summer holiday
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Study visa and insurance

Study visa

If you are a non-EU citizen, in order to carry out your Erasmus mobility at UAIC, you will have to apply for a Romanian long-stay study visa, type D/SD. You can read more about it here: https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2054

You can read everything you need to know about the application for a Romanian visa on the official E-visa portal: http://eviza.mae.ro/

Get informed here:

http://eviza.mae.ro/HowTo

and apply here:

https://eviza.mae.ro/Home?lang=en-US#

- For the visa application, you will need your letter of invitation issued by the IRO.
- In order to avoid future problems such as being unable to obtain a residence permit, please do not apply for any other type of visa!
- Given the fact that your visa will be valid for a total number of 90 days and your mobility is planned to last for at least 4 months, you will have to apply for a temporary residence permit at the Immigration Office in Iasi. This document will prolong your legal stay in lasi until the end of your mobility period. More on this topic on page 55.

Insurance

It is very important for you to be properly insured during your period of study or traineeship in Romania. Medical costs can be high, especially if they include a stay in a hospital. Students registered in higher education institutions 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 traineeship in Romania, either of the following alternatives would work:

- the European Health Insurance Card (for EU citizens) or
- a private health insurance policy, covering the entire duration of your mobility (for non-EU citizens).

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

If your grant is paid by UAIC, please know that...

- You are responsible for buying your travel tickets (both ways) and our university will reimburse a travel unit cost (mentioned in the invitation letter and calculated according to the European distance calculator), upon your arrival in lasi.
- The Erasmus programme does not offer any reimbursement for the internal travel cost or visa fee, these expenses fall under your own financial responsibility.
- The subsistence allowance is calculated for the exact period spent at the university, as mentioned in the Invitation Letter. If your period of stay at our university diminishes (i.e. you arrive later or you leave earlier), your subsistence grant will also diminish.

Travel to lași

If you don't have a direct flight to lasi, your place of arrival in Romania will most likely be Otopeni Airport, near Bucharest. If you won't fly from Bucharest to Iași, you can take a train. 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 depart.

Several trains depart every day from Bucharest to lasi. The best choice, due to the extra 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.

Tip

It is advisable to take a taxi that is registered by a taxi company and not a private one (even if it bears the label "taxi") from the airport to the railway station.

Leaving the lasi airport area

If you arrive in lasi by plane, the easiest way you can get from the airport directly to the student residence (the C5 residence, if you are a BA or MA student, or Gaudeamus, if you are a PhD student) is by taxi (at a cost of maximum 40 lei/10 euros). As an alternative, you can take the city bus no. 50. You can either download the 24pay app on your phone and purchase your bus ticket by scanning the QR code (the cost of the ticket will be withdrawn directly from your bank account) or you can purchase a physical bus ticket directly from the driver (2.5 lei) and validate it in the yellow validator. One ticket is valid for 120 minutes, which means that you can get on a connecting bus, without having to pay for another ticket. You don't need to re-validate it, but you do need to keep it until you descend. or once the 120 minutes have expired. After you get off at Piata Independentei, remain in the same bus station and get a connecting bus (either no. 28, 36 or 42) and get off at the first bus stop (*Universitate*). From there, you just need to consult the campus map and you will easily find the residence on foot (2 minutes away from C5 / 5 minutes away from Gaudeamus). If you travel to lasi by train, you can get to C5 by taxi for less than 20 lei/5 euros).



Tip

If 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 better to buy your plane ticket from a tourist agency, where you can be advised about the lowest prices and the most convenient flights.

Another possibility to reach lasi is by bus or minibus (autocar or maxi-taxi, in Romanian). There are two companies (*Massaro* and *Teisa*) that organize several bus / minibus trips to lasi every day. They depart from the Otopeni airport area, right near *Arrivals*. The trip takes about 6 hours. Please bear in mind that this option is less advisable if you are travelling with a lot of luggage (more than 2 trolley bags/person).

Important information for non-EU students who will receive their grant from UAIC

Please make sure you keep all your boarding passes, train tickets, minibus tickets etc., because you will have to bring them with you when you visit us at the IRO.

Accommodation **A**



C5 residence Bachelor and Master students

Bachelor and Master students can be accommodated in the C5 student residence (Titu Maiorescu campus). The exact address is 7-9, Titu Maiorescu st, 700461, lași.

- places are available in triple rooms (fully furnished and equipped with a refrigerator)
- each room has a private bathroom and access to WiFi Internet (see page 21)
- on each floor: a kitchen equipped with gas-stoves and ovens
- accommodation fee: approx. 90 euros/month
- ✓ no down-payment is necessary

 For more information, please visit our website (www.uaic.ro).

Other useful information

- The student residence provides: pillow, duvet, bed sheets, Wi-Fi, fridge, bathroom with shower for each room, kitchen equipped with gas stoves and ovens on each floor.
- The student residence does not provide: towels, hair dryer, electric kettle, cutlery, plates, pans or pots.
- You will have to pay the monthly accommodation fee after you arrive, when you sign the Accommodation Agreement with the residence administrator. The accommodation fee can be paid by cash or card at the Cashier's office located in the C6 student residence, ground floor.
- You can use the on-campus laundry service in the C7 student residence.

Gaudeamus residence PhD students

You can be accommodated in the Gaudeamus residence (Codrescu campus). The exact address is 1, Codrescu st, 700479, laşi.

- places are available in double rooms (fully furnished, including a TV set and a refrigerator)
- each room has a private bathroom and a little balcony
- access to Internet is also made available (students will need an Internet cable in order to make the connection)
- on each floor: a kitchen equipped with gasstoves and ovens
- accommodation fee: approx. 130
 euros/month
- ✓ no down-payment is necessary

 For more information, please visit our website (www.uaic.ro).

Other useful information

- The student residence provides: pillow, duvet, bed sheets, Internet through cable connection, fridge, TV, bathroom with shower for each room, kitchen equipped with gas stoves and ovens on each floor.
- The student residence does not provide: towels, hair dryer, electric kettle, cutlery, plates, pans or pots.
- You will have to pay the monthly accommodation fee after you arrive, when you sign the Accommodation Agreement with the residence administrator.
- You can use the free on-campus laundry service.

Getting access to your room

Even if you arrive during the middle of the night, you will receive the key to your room at the reception desk (open 24/7), based on your passport/ national identity document. Once you're checked in, you can enter and leave the dorm whenever you wish.

Shortly after you get accommodated, you will have to sign an Accommodation Agreement. For this, you need to present a copy of your passport and a passport-sized photo.

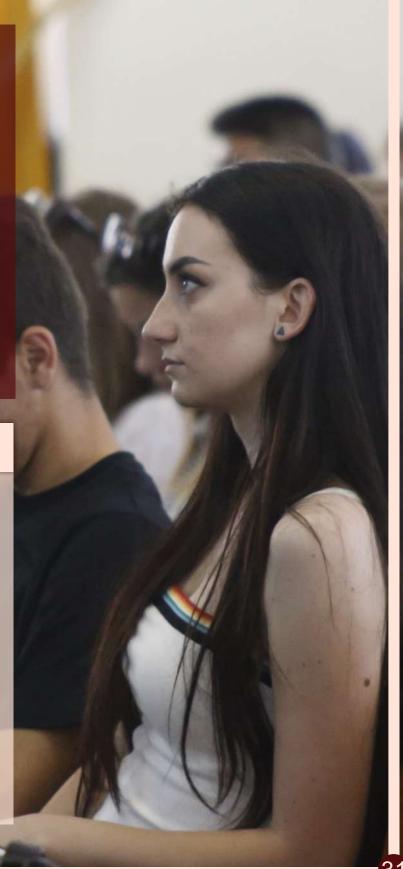
Orientation meeting

Each semester, during the very first day of Erasmus students' mobilities, the International Relations Office organizes an orientation meeting, whose purpose is that of introducing you to the university and the city, but also of discussing various aspects of maximum interest for the proper development of your mobilities at UAIC. It is also during the orientation meeting when students get to express their interest in attending the Romanian language course. There's also a Q&A session, which gives you the opportunity to clarify any concern that you might have, be it academic, administrative or generic in nature. The time and place of the orientation meeting is duly communicated via email.

Initial meeting with your Erasmus academic coordinator

You are advised to write to your Erasmus academic coordinator immediately after you arrive.

- ✓ An initial meeting will be established, during which you will receive guidance on academic issues such as course selection, professors, lecture halls, timetables, etc.
- ✓ You will also decide if you need to make any CHANGES to the initial Learning Agreement (within the first 2/3 weeks).



Registration at the Faculty



During the first week after your arrival, you will have to visit the Secretariat of your host Faculty, in order to temporarily enroll as one of the students of our university. Until you do so, you are not technically a student of UAIC. For this mandatory step, you will need:

- Your passport/national identity card (both in original and copy);
- A copy of your Learning Agreement, signed by the Erasmus academic coordinators of both your home and host university;
- ➤ A copy of the Transcript of Records issued by your home university;
- > 2 passport-sized photos.

Throughout the entire duration of your Erasmus study mobility, you will have the same rights and obligations as the degree-seeking full-time students of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iaşi. This includes access to libraries, laboratories, reading rooms, internet facilities.

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 proven. You may use your student card during the session of exams, when each professor writes down, under signature, the grade you obtained in his/her exam.
- a public transport permit (legitimaţie de transport) that you can use when you buy tickets for buses and trams. By showing your student travel card you may benefit from a 50% discount. Additionally, based on your student card and permit, you can travel BY TRAIN across Romania, free of charge.



Certificate of arrival / Confirmation of stay

Soon after they arrive in Iaşi, students coming from EU universities will have to visit the IRO, to have their certificates of arrival / confirmations of stay filled in, signed and stamped by the Erasmus contact person. Students must then send the filled-in document back to their home universities, in order to have the first instalment of their Erasmus grants transferred into their bank accounts.

Students coming from non-EU countries won't need a certificate of arrival because the Erasmus grant is transferred by UAIC, not their home universities.



Examinations

Student evaluation is carried out throughout the semester, and also during the exam session, at the end of each semester. Evaluations can take various forms: written or oral examinations, evaluation of the student's activity during the semester and evaluation of individual or collective essays or projects.

Romanian Grading Scale

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



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

Recognition Procedure

After you return home, the Erasmus mobility you've carried out at UAIC should be academically recognized by your home university. This basically means that the study period you've spent in Romania (including written examinations and/or other forms of assessment) replaces a comparable period of study at your home institution. Academic recognition is done by taking consideration the information specified in the Transcript of Records (ToR) provided by UAIC, which we issue for each Erasmus student within a maximum of five weeks after the end of the mobility. The disciplines mentioned in the ToR should not be different from the courses previously agreed upon in the Learning Agreement. The ECTS credits from your UAIC ToR are then converted to local credits by your home university.

They do so by assessing the contents, learning outcomes and assignments for each discipline you've taken at UAIC. The studies you've carried out in Iaşi should also be specified in your Diploma Supplement, at the end of your study cycle.



I would like to stay longer at UAIC. How can I extend my Erasmus mobility?

If you were initially supposed to stay only for the fall semester at UAIC but you would like to extend your study period until the end of the academic year, there are a couple of simple steps you need to follow. You will have to:

- > obtain the receiving faculty's approval that they agree to host you for another semester here, at UAIC (a simple email from your Erasmus academic coordinator, redirected to the IRO, will suffice);
- > submit to the IRO the filled in (by yourself) and signed (by the home university representative) "mobility extension request" template to be provided by your home university;
- > prepare the Learning Agreement for the spring semester and have it signed by all three parties;
- > submit the new Learning Agreement to the IRO and the secretariat of your UAIC host faculty.

Making changes to the initial Learning Agreement (filling in the *During the mobility* section)

During the first weeks of your mobility, after you've had the initial meeting with your academic coordinator, you might discover that you have to make certain changes to the list of courses from tables A and B of your Learning Agreement. This can happen for a variety of reasons: two or more courses overlap (timetable conflict), certain courses are not available during your study period, etc.

If this is your case, you need to fill in the *During* the mobility section from the Learning Agreement (template provided at page 54)

- Make sure you obtain all three signatures in the *Commitment* table of the *During the mobility* section!
- Once it has been signed by all three parties, please submit a copy to your Erasmus contact person and another copy to the secretariat of your UAIC host faculty.
- Failure to do so means you will receive an incomplete Transcript of Records, so don't skip this step!



Registration for EU citizens at the Immigration Office / Temporary residence permit for non-EU citizens



- If you are an EU citizen who carries out a full-year Erasmus mobility at UAIC, you will have to visit the Immigration Office in Iaşi sometime during the fall semester, in order to get recorded into their database and receive a registration certificate. This requirement is only valid for EU citizens who will stay in Romania for longer than 6 months. All details on the application procedure can be found at page 51.
- If you are an EU citizen and your mobility lasts only one semester, you do not have to visit the Immigration Office at all.
- If you are a non-EU citizen (regardless of whether your home university is located outside or within the EU), after the first 30 to 60 days of your stay in lasi, you will have to visit the Immigration Office and apply for a temporary residence permit. You will need a Romanian study visa type D/SD in order to apply for this document. It is absolutely necessary you obtain the permit because the visa ensures your legal stay in Romania only for the first 90 days of your mobility. The temporary residence permit grants you the right to continue to reside in Iasi in full legality, until the end of your mobility. All details on the application procedure can be found at page 53.

At the end of your study mobility

As you get ready to leave laşi and return home, please don't forget about your end-of-stay arrangements.

You will receive the following documents:

- ➤ Transcript of Records from the Erasmus Office (to be issued within a maximum of 5 weeks after the end-date of your mobility. The Transcript of Records is elaborated based on the grade record(s) received by the Erasmus Office from the faculty(ies) where you followed courses and passed exams. The transcript contains the following categories of information: host faculty, disciplines you've attended, grades you've obtained, number of ECTS credits you've collected, Romanian grading scale. Make sure you submit this document to your home university as soon as you receive it from UAIC.
- ➤ In case you carry out a traineeship mobility, you need to fill in the "After the mobility" section. Kindly ask your tutor / Erasmus academic coordinator to fill in and sign the Evaluation of the trainee section.
- Certificate of Departure / Attendance
- Any other document(s) you may need when returning back to your home institution (special forms and/or standardized certificates to be duly signed and stamped by our university).



Erasmus Office contact info

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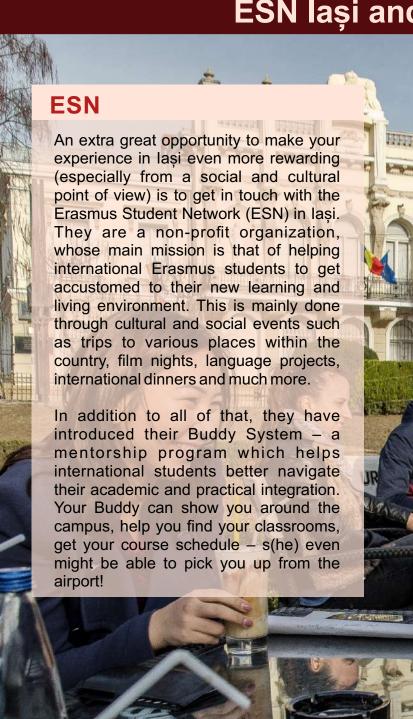




ERASMUS Coordinators at UAIC



ESN laşi and their Buddy System



For more detailed information on ESN

lasi, you can check out the following links:

https://www.facebook.com/esn.iasi/

http://iasi.esn.ro/

In order to get yourself a Buddy, all you need to do is download the Papaya app on your phone

Buddy System

or access the link https://papaya.iter-idea.com/#ESN to create your account. Make sure you select ESN lasi when doing so. Once your account is created, it is very important to subscribe to the Buddy System project and select the International student group. As soon as you get matched with the volunteer with whom you have most things in common, you will be notified. If any kind of problem or doubt related to Papaya arises, feel free to contact ESN at esn.iasi@gmail.com.

In order to stay up to date with ESN's activities, you can join their Facebook group for international Erasmus students, where they post weekly events, trips and all kinds of other fun activities. Your Erasmus contact person from the IRO will send you the link to the group in due time.

Step-by-step checklist



Before your arrival in Iași

- > send your full Erasmus application file via email to the IRO, taking into account the application deadline;
- > carefully plan your stay abroad:
 - make travel arrangements;
 - inform the IRO if you want on-campus housing (fill in the Accommodation Form);
 - apply for a visa, if you are a non-EU citizen;
 - get an insurance plan;
 - get in touch with ESN and look into their Buddy system;
 - study the course catalogue and select the courses you would like to attend at UAIC (table A in the Learning Agreement);
 - get in touch with your academic coordinator, to have your Learning Agreement signed;
- obtain the Certificate of Arrival template from your home university;
- ➤ if you are a non-EU citizen, obtain your medical certificate from your family doctor, which must specify that you don't suffer from diseases which endanger public health;
- ➤ if you have any special needs, inform the IRO in due time.

During your mobility

- > check the info on how to find the student residence;
- ➤ sign the Accommodation Agreement at the residence administration;
- > pay for the first month of accommodation;
- > create your internet account and connect to the UAIC network;
- > attend the orientation meeting;
- ➤ if your receive your grant from UAIC, go to the bank indicated by the IRO to open your bank account, visit the IRO to submit your bank statement, bank details, travel tickets, and have your Grant Agreement signed, in original;
- if you receive your grant from your home university, visit the IRO to have your Certificate of Arrival signed and stamped;
- send the filled-in Certificate of Arrival back to your home university;
- attend the initial meeting with your Erasmus academic coordinator;
- start attending courses only after you've had the initial meeting with your coordinator;
- register at the host faculty and obtain your student ID card and public transportation permit;
- ➤ if you select courses from a faculty other than the one where you are enrolled, fill in the Request to select courses from another faculty and submit it to the secretariat of the faculty where you are not enrolled;
- ➤ make changes to the LA, if necessary (within the first 2/3 weeks);

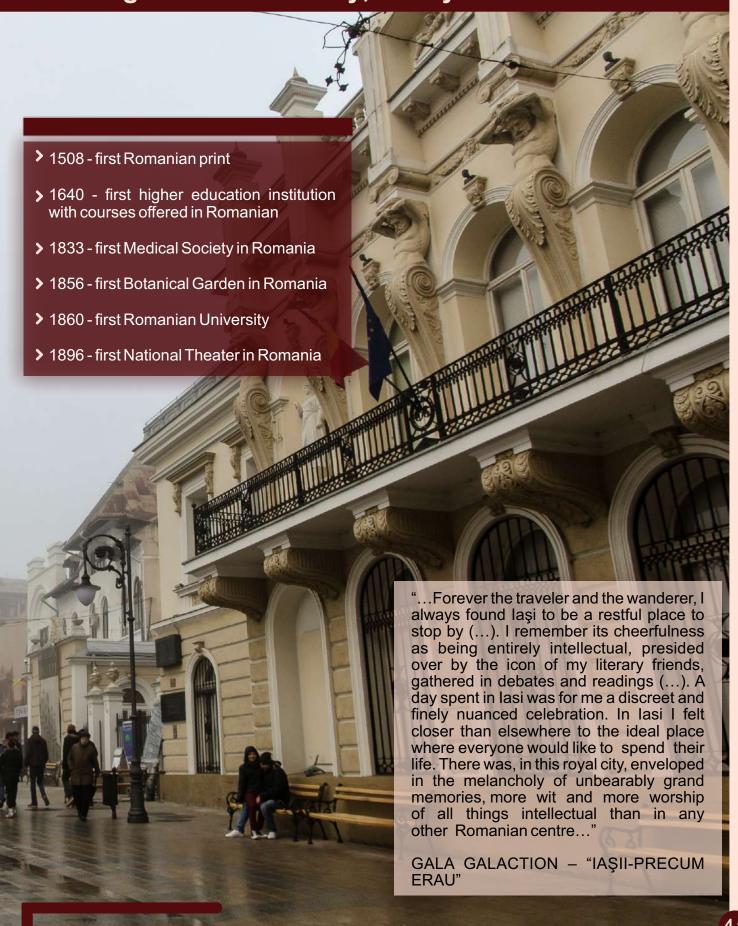
- ➤ submit the Changes to the initial Learning Agreement to the IRO and secretariat of the faculty where you are enrolled;
- > get a library permit, if you need to;
- ➤ if you are a non-EU citizen, visit the oncampus medical office to obtain the medical certificate necessary for the issuance of the temporary residence permit;
- ➤ if you are an EU citizen staying in Iaşi for longer than 6 months, visit the Immigration Office in order to obtain your registration certificate;
- ➤ if you are a non-EU citizen, apply for the temporary residence permit within the first 30 to 60 days since arriving in laşi.

At the end of your mobility

- > pay for the final month of accommodation;
- > visit the student residence administration in order to check out from the dorm;
- ➤ have your Certificate of Departure / Confirmation of Stay signed and stamped at the IRO;
- ➤ if you carried out a study mobility, once you receive your Transcript of Records from the IRO, submit it to your home university;
- ➤ if you carried out a traineeship mobility, fill in the After the mobility section from the Learning Agreement and ask your tutor / Erasmus academic coordinator to fill in and sign the Evaluation of the trainee section from the Learning Agreement;
- ➤ ask the IRO to sign any other important document your home university requires.
- At the end of your mobility you will receive a message from the following address replies-will-be-discarded@ec.europa.eu, requesting you to fill in an online questionnaire. Please fill it in carefully, with all due attention, as it is used by the European Commission to evaluate your mobility in laşi.
- After the end date of your mobility, you will receive another questionnaire from the European Commission, regarding the recognition process at your home university.



Throughout its history, a city of firsts...



Climate

The Romanian climate is generally characterized by hot summers and cold winters. In winter, the average temperature is usually between-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, temperatures vary between 5°C and 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 (sometimes, winter temperatures only start rising 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 lasi, where you will find the prices a little bit lower than in your country.





General information

- **> REGION**: North-East
- > RESIDENCE: lasi
- > LOCATION:

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

- **> POPULATION:** 388.294 inhabitants
- > TOTAL SURFACE: 5,476 km
- **COORDINATES:** 47°9′44″N, 27°35′20″E
- > IAȘI COUNTY INCLUDES: 2 municipalities (lasi, Pascani), 3 cities (Hârlău, Podu Iloaiei, Târgu Frumos), 93 communes
- > lasi is the second largest city in the country taking into account the number of residents, but also in cultural, historical and academic terms.
- > lași is the second largest university centre in Romania

lași attractions

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 former 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 Moldavia, Museum of the Ethnographic Museum of Moldavia, the Art Museum, and the Science and Technology Museum. The most famous room is the Princes' Hall, where visitors can admire the portraits of the most important Moldavian princes and of the Romanian kings (the Hohenzollern Dynasty), painted "medallions". Also, there's a rumour that says that the 365 rooms of the Palace correspond 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.





Vasile Alecsandri National Theatre and Opera House

The National Theatre of laşi 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 creations in Romania.

The beautiful performance 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 laşi, it was named after Vasile Alecsandri (19th -century playwright).



Traian Hotel

Built in the neoclassical style in 1879 by an engineer, G. Fragneau, who worked with G. Eiffel & Co. in Paris (yes, the Eiffel who designed the Eiffel Tower), the hotel was one of the first in Europe to be molded on a metal frame. Throughout the years, many foreign diplomats and other personalities have stayed at the Traian.

In 1934, Greta Garbo spent some time here in secret during her love affair with John Gilbert.



Central University Library

Located at the base of the Copou Hill, this triangular building with Doric columns and cupola was built between 1930 and 1935, to serve as the headquarters of King Ferdinand's Cultural Foundation. The building was decorated with Carrara marble and Venetian mosaics. By 1945, the Foundation library had become one of the biggest in the country with more than 300,000 volumes. Today, the library is the largest in Moldavia, with a great number of manuscripts and old books dating from the 15th up to the 19th century.



Other attractions

- > Metropolitan Cathedral
- > Three Hierarchs Monastery
- Roznoveanu Palace / City Hall
- Moldova Philharmonic House
- > The Great Synagogue
- Natural History Museum
- **>** Copou Park







lași activities

Take a city tour

By foot:

- www.iasi.travel
- @essentialiasicitytour

By bike:

@I.C.d.B.TEAM





Parachute jump

www.aeroclubul-iasi.ro



Adventure trails

@AventuraParcHAMAK



Escape from a mystery room

- www.masterescape.ro
- @master.escape.is



Paintball

www.paintball-bucium.ro





Restaurants and pubs in Iași

Mamma Mia

PRICE RANGE: 30 RON - 150 RON

CUISINES: Italian, Pizza, European,

Romanian, International

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Brunch,

Drinks, Late Night



Bistro Felix

PRICE RANGE: 20 RON - 50 RON

CUISINES: European

MEALS: Dinner, Lunch

SPECIAL DIETS: Vegetarian Friendly



La Conac

PRICE RANGE: 19 RON - 146 RON

CUISINES: Eastern European, Romanian

MEALS: Lunch, Dinner, Brunch, Late Night

SPECIAL DIETS: Vegetarian Friendly



La Placinte

PRICE RANGE: 15 RON - 80 RON

CUISINES: European, Eastern European,

Romanian

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Brunch

SPECIAL DIETS: Vegetarian Friendly



Beer Zone

PRICE RANGE: 13 RON - 38 RON

PRODUCTS: drinks, burgers, grill, pizza



Atelierul de Bere

PRICE RANGE: 20 RON - 75 RON

CUISINES: Bar, European, Pub, Central

European, Romanian

MEALS: Dinner, Late Night, Drinks



Vivo Fusion Food Bar

PRICE RANGE: 25 RON - 70 RON

CUISINES: American, Bar, Fast Food,

European, Fusion

MEALS: Lunch, Dinner



Other restaurants

- **>** Cuib
- Corrido
- > Krud Restaurant & Braserie
- **>** Panoramic
- **>** Blue Acqua
- Romeo e Giulietta Pizzeria Restaurant
- **Little Texas**







Useful information

Useful words and expressions

English	Romanian
Yes	Da
No	Nu
Good morning!	Bună dimineața!
Hello!	Salut!
Goodbye!	La revedere!
My name is	Mă numesc
Nice to meet you!	Încântat de cunoștință!
Please!	Vă rog!
Thank you!	Mulţumesc!
Your're welcome!	Cu plăcere!
Excuse-me!	Mă scuzați!
I'm sorry!	Îmi pare rău!
Could you help me, please?	Mă puteți ajuta, vă rog?
Where is the university?	Unde este universitatea?
What time is it?	Cât e ceasul?
What day are we?	În ce zi suntem?
Monday	Luni
Tuesday	Marți
Wednesday	Miercuri
Thursday	Joi
Friday	Vineri
Saturday	Sâmbătă
Sunday	Duminică

Local transport

> By bus / tram: www.sctpiasi.ro



> By bike:

l'Velo (<u>www.ivelo.ro</u>) Teo Bikes (<u>www.teo-bikes.ro</u>)



> Taxi:

Lux Taxi (tel: +40 232 255 255)

DeltaTaxi (<u>tel: +40 742 941 941</u>) Euro Taxi (<u>tel: +40 232 217 217</u>)

> Uber: ww.uber.com/global/en/cities/iasi/





Emergencies:

AMBULANCE, FIRE BRIGADE, POLICE

PHONE: 112



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN EU CITIZENSHIP

REGISTRATION for EU CITIZENS

[applicable only for periods of stay longer than 6 months!]

Documents are to be submitted to the General Inspectorate for Immigration in Iaşi:

- application form;
- 2. identity card or passport (original and copy);
- 3. certificate issued by the education institution;
- 4. proof of health insurance

5. Notes:

- 1. the form will be taken directly from the General Inspectorate for Immigrations, Iaşi, Str. Mihai Costachescu, nr.6 at the time of the application;
- 2. copy of the page with your photo and personal identification data;
- 3. certificate issued by the International Relations Office;
- 4. European health insurance card or private insurance;



In order to obtain the registration, the applicant will **personally** submit the documents above. The document is issued in the same day and is valid for a period of up to 5 years, and not less than one year.

General Inspectorate for Immigration Address: Iaşi, Str. Mihai Costăchescu, nr.6

Directions: up the Carol I Boulevard, turn right after Copou Park; the Immigration Office is located at the end of the street, on the left, around the corner, near Apa Vital Iași.

Working hours	Registration			
	Submitting applications	Issuing documents		
Tuesday	08:30-12:30	08:30-16:30		
Thursday	08:30-12:30	08:30-16:30		

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS WHO HAVE A NON-EU CITIZENSHIP

OBTAINING THE TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT

Documents to be submitted to the General Inspectorate for Immigration in Iaşi, within 30 to 60 days upon your arrival in Iasi:

- 1. application form;
- 2. Passport in original and copy;
- 3. letter of acceptance for studies in original;
- 4. certificate issued by the education institution + proof of the means of subsistence and the period of the mobility in Iasi:
- 5. proof of the legal ownership over the dwelling space (in Romanian, in original and in copy);
- 6. medical certificate (with the mention: "clinic sanatos");
- 7. a paper folder with fasteners.

Notes:

- 1. the form will be taken directly from the **General Inspectorate for Immigrations**, **Iaşi**, **Str. Mihai Costachescu nr.6** at the time of the application;
- 2. copies of the following pages from the passport: the one with your photo and personal identification data, the page with the type D visa for studies and the one that was stamped at your (last) entry in Romania;
- 3. the letter of nomination/invitation (original & copy);
- 4. certificate issued by the Department of International Relations;
- 5. accommodation contract for students staying in the University campus + a certificate from student residence C5, room 20, together with a written approval on the same certificate from C5, room 11/ for students having a private accommodation either the renting contract (between landlord and tenant) certified at Iasi General Directorate of Public Finances or the landlord's written declaration regarding the student's boarding/lodging agreement + his/her real estate contract original and copy, translated into Romanian);
- 6. For the medical certificate, you have to go to Titu Maiorescu Campus, C8 Hostel, room 1; please provide the doctor with a recent medical certificate stating that you are in "good health";

Dr. Carmen Cărare - General Medicine

Consultation schedule:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:00 a.m. − 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Paraschiva Gâscă - Family Medicine

Consultation schedule:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Foreign citizens who turned 26 years old need a health insurance necessary for the extension of the temporary residence right; you will use the insurance policy you used for the visa application + the authorized translation. If you are younger than 26, you do not need a medical insurance.

7. Paper folder with fasteners (in Romanian "dosar cu şină") – you can find this paper folder in any print shop or copy center from across Iaşi.

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In order to obtain the residence permit, the applicant will **personally** submit the documents above; a photo of you will be taken by the immigration officer.

The residence permit will be renewed at least 30 days before the expiry of the previous one. The temporary residence right for studies will be extended successively according to the law.

The application for the extension of the residence right will be solved within 30 days from the date of the submission of the documents. If additional verification is necessary, the term for solving the application may be extended by 15 days at the most.

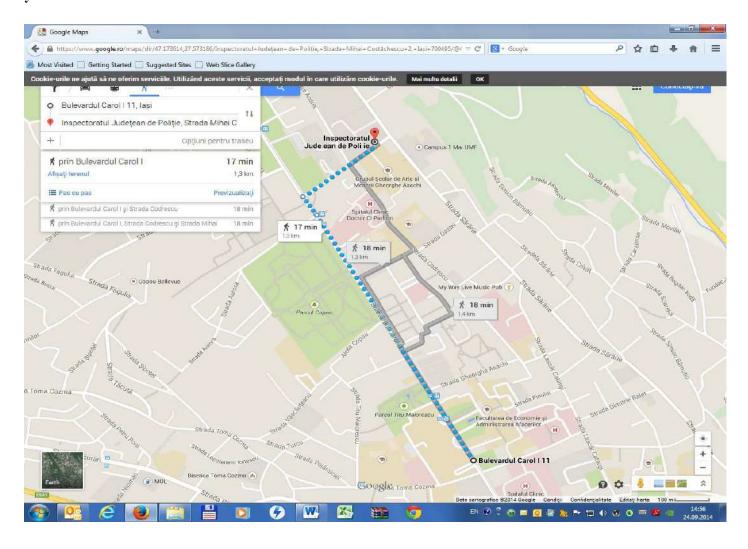
Immigration Service

Address: Iași, Str. Mihai Costăchescu, nr.6

Directions: up the Carol I Boulevard, turn right after Copou Park; the Immigration Office is located at the end of the street, on the left, around the corner, near Apa Vital Iași (see map attached).

Working hours: from Monday to Friday, 8.30 – 16.30 (preferably between 8.30 and 12.30)

IMPORTANT! You will only visit the Immigration Office according to the appointment list which will be sent to you via e-mail at a later date.



Valid for all Erasmus students

GfNA-II.6-C-Annex-Erasmus+ HE Learning Agreement for studiess-2016



Higher Education: Learning Agreement form Student's name:

During the Mobility

Academic Year 20.../20...

	Exceptional changes to Table A (to be approved by e-mail or signature by the student, the responsible person in the Sending Institution and the responsible person in the Receiving Institution)						
Table A2 During the mobility	Component code (if any)	Component title at the Receiving Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Deleted component [tick if applicable]	Added component [tick if applicable]	Reason for change ¹	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent)	

	Exceptional changes to Table B (if applicable) (to be approved by e-mail or signature by the student and the responsible person in the Sending Institution)						
Table B2 During the mobility	Component code (if any)	Component title at the Sending Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Deleted component [tick if applicable]	Added component [tick if applicable]	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent)		

Commitment

By signing this document, the student, the Sending Institution and the Receiving Institution confirm that they approve theatening Agreement and that they will comply with all the arrangements agreed by all parties. Sending and Receiving Institutions undertake to apply all the principles of the Erasmus Chæntfor Higher Education relating to mobility for studies (or the principles agreed in the Inter-Institutional Agreement for institutions located in Partner Countries). The Beneficiary Institution and the student should also commit to what is set out in the Erasmus+ grant agreement. The Receiving Institution confirms that the educational components listed in Table A are in line with its course catalogue and should be available to the student. The Sending Institution commits to recognise all the credits or equivalent units gained at the Receiving Institution for the successfully completed educational components and to count them towards the student's degree as described in Table B. Any exceptions to this rule are documented in an annex of this Learning Agreement and agreed by all parties. The student and the Receiving Institution will communicate to the Sending Institution any problems or changes regarding the study programme, responsible persons and/or study period.

Commitment	Name	Email	Position	Date	Signature
Student			Student		
Responsible person ² at the Sending Institution					
Responsible person at the Receiving Institution ³			Erasmus+ Faculty Coordinator		

¹ Reasons for exceptional changes to study programme abroad (choose an item number from the table below):

Reasons for deleting a component	Reason for adding a component
1. Previously selected educational component is not available at the Receiving	5. Substituting a deleted component
Institution	
2. Component is in a different language than previously specified in the course	6. Extending the mobility period
catalogue	
3. Timetable conflict	7. Other (please specify)
4. Other (please specify)	

² **Responsible person at the Sending Institution**: an academic who has the authority to approve the Learning Agreement, to exceptionally amend it when it is needed, as well as to guarantee full recognition of such programme on behalf of the responsible academic body. The name and email of the Responsible person must be filled in only in case it differs from that of the Contact person mentioned at the top of the document.

³ **Responsible person at the Receiving Institution**: the name and email of the Responsible person must be filled in only in case it differs from that of the Contact person mentioned at the top of the document.

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[to be submitted only at the secretariat of the Faculty where you ARE NOT ENROLLED]

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BANK DETAILS FORM

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Home country:	
Academic year, Semester:	
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Date	Signature of grantee





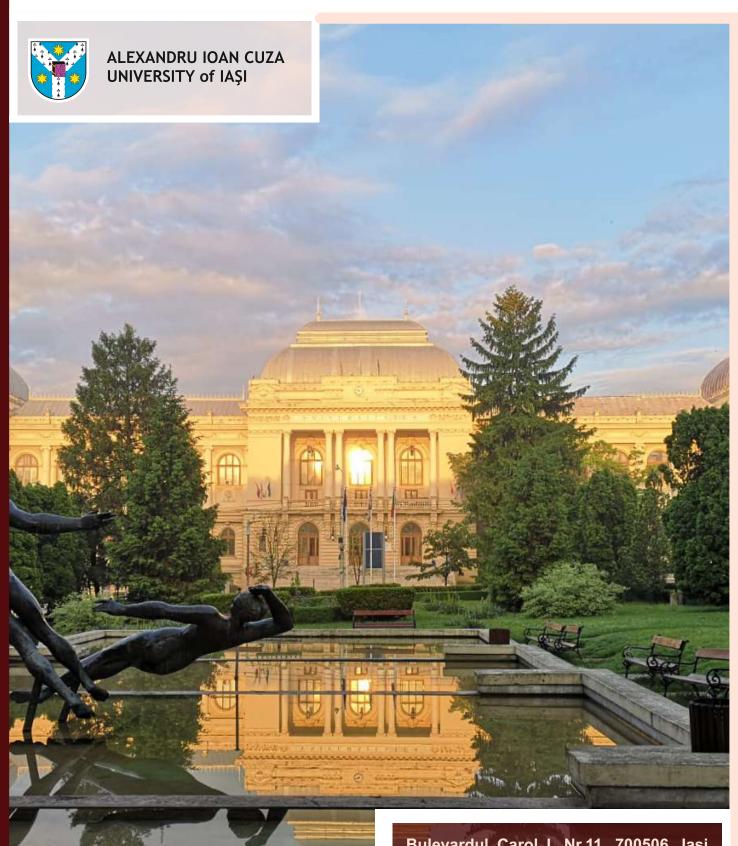
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Declaration

(to be filled in at the end of Erasmus+ mobility)

I, the undersigned,(first name and family name)
student at the University
(name of home university, city, country) and beneficiary of an Erasmus+ study / traineeship mobility at
Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași during the semester of the academic year
hereby declare that I have not used the Erasmus+ financial support to cover costs already funded
by other EU funds.





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