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INFORMATION GUIDE  
FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS



TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY  
OF BRAŞOV

2023

**LEARN TO BE  
CENTRAL!**







# HELLO!

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

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

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

# WELCOME TO ROMANIA!

## Geographic location

In the South-East of Central Europe

## Capital

Bucharest

## Official language

Romanian

## Area

238391 km<sup>2</sup>

## National Day

December 1<sup>st</sup>

The celebration of the Great Union at Alba Iulia in 1918

## Religion

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

## Climate

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

## Neighbours

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

## Population

19.51 million

## Ethnic structure

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

## Time zone

East European time (GMT + 2)

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

## National currency

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

# HOLIDAYS IN ROMANIA

**January 1-2**

New Year

**June 1**

Children's Day

**January 24**

The Day of the Union

**June 05 2023**

Pentecost

**April 14 2023**

Good Friday

**August 15**

Assumption of Virgin Mary

**April 17 2023**

Easter

**November 30**

Saint Andrew's Day

**May 1**

Labour Day

**December 1**

Romania National Holiday

**December 25/26**

Christmas

During holidays, only health units and restaurants are open.



# THE CITY OF BRAŞOV

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

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

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Braşov, Romania, covered in snow. The city is illuminated by warm yellow lights from buildings and streets, contrasting with the cool blue tones of the night and snow. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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

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



# TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRASOV

1953

The Institute of Silviculture changes into the Forestry Institute and fuses with the Institute of Mechanics. The Polytechnic Institute of Braşov is founded.

1949

Establishment of the  
Institute of Mechanics

1948

Establishment of the  
Institute of Silviculture

1960

Establishment of the Pedagogy  
Institute (covering Mathematics,  
Physics-Chemistry, Biology and,  
starting with 1969, Music).

SOME IMPORTANT MILESTONES

## 1991

The university received its current name.

## 1971

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

## NOW

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



# CAMPUS

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

## ▣ COLINA CAMPUS

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

1 Universității Street

## ▣ MEMO CAMPUS

15 – 43 Memorandului Street



Internet access is provided free of charge throughout the campus.

# OTHER BUILDINGS & FACILITIES IN THE CITY

## **J Building**

5 Turnului Street

## **K Building**

56 Nicolae Bălcescu Street

## **N Building**

1 Politehnicii Street

## **P Building**

50 Iuliu Maniu Boulevard

## **R Building**

148 Castelului Street

## **S Building**

1 Șirul Beethoven Street

## **T Building**

25 Eroilor Boulevard

## **U Building**

**Transilvania University of Brașov**

**AULA and University Library**

41A Iuliu Maniu Street

## **V Building**

5 Mihai Viteazul Street

## **Z Building**

2 Andrei Șaguna Street

## **The Rectorate Building**

29 Eroilor Boulevard

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

10 Institutului Street

## **Three sports halls (Colina Campus)**

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

## **Medical office**

43 Memorandului Street, Dormitory no. 10

Phone: 0268 413 672

## **Campus Police**

Phone: 0759 035 001

# STUDENT LIFE

The academic year begins on the 3rd of October and is divided into two semesters, separated by a one-week holiday, in February.

## ERASMUS+ EVENTS

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

# Academic Calendar 2022-2023

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Autumn semester (first part) _____	03 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. — 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.
Winter holiday _____	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec. — 08 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
Autumn semester (second part) _____	09 <sup>th</sup> Jan. — 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
Examinations _____	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan. — 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Inter-semester holiday _____	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb. — 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Spring semester (first part) _____	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb. — 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr.
Easter holiday _____	17 <sup>th</sup> Apr. — 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.
Spring semester (second part) _____	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr. — 02 <sup>nd</sup> Jun.
Examinations _____	03 <sup>rd</sup> Jun. — 02 <sup>nd</sup> Jul.
Arrear exams _____	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug. — 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep.

## FOR THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE:

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The arrear exams calendar will be established by the Faculty Council

# CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE CENTRES

## Multicultural Centre

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

29 Eroilor Boulevard

## Confucius Institute

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

29 Eroilor Boulevard

## Music Centre

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

41A Iuliu Maniu Street

## Lectorat Français

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

1Politehnicii Street

# THINGS TO DO IN BRAȘOV

## CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

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

## SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

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

# ERASMUS+ FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS

## REGISTRATION

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

- Passport (and required visa if you come from a country outside the EU) or ID card (for EU citizens);
- 3 passport photos;

## BEFORE LEAVING BRAȘOV DON'T FORGET TO:

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



# RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

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

## **FOREIGNERS' REGISTRATION OFFICE**

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

## **STUDENT MEDICAL DISPENSARY**

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

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

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

# LIVING IN BRAȘOV

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

## MEALS

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

There are evidently many restaurants in town that offer more varied meals from a wide range of European, Asian, Italian or Mexican cuisines, for  $\approx$  10-25 euro/meal.

Food markets and supermarkets are opened every day.

## ACCOMMODATION

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

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

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

## RENTING AN APARTMENT

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

The accommodation cost varies with the type, location, size and facilities, approximately 250-450 euro/month/apartment. Usually, you have to pay extra for all utilities: water, electricity, gas, telephone etc., about 150 euro/month.

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



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

# LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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

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

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

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

## TAXI COMPANIES

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

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

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

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

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

### **BRATAX ([bratax.ro/en](http://bratax.ro/en))**

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

### **REY TAXI ([reytaxi.ro](http://reytaxi.ro))**

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

### **TOD TAXI ([www.todtaxi.ro](http://www.todtaxi.ro))**

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

### **UBER BRASOV**

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

# CURRENCY

The Romanian official currency is the leu (plural lei). 1 leu has 100 bani. The exchange rate is established by the National Bank. The current exchange rate is about 1€ = 5 lei. It is advisable to exchange money at banks or at Exchange offices available all around the city.

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

# TELEPHONING IN/TO ROMANIA

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

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

# BANKS

## BRD Groupe Soci  t   G  n  rale

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

5 Mihail Kog  lniceanu Street  
Phone: 0268 301 106  
Open until 5:15 PM

## BT (Banca Transilvania)

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

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

## ING Bank

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

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

## BCR (Banca Comercial   Rom  n  )

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

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

## THE POST OFFICE

1 Nicolae Iorga Street (near Modarom)

## EMERGENCY: 112

## 24H PHARMACIES

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