

Romania – Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi



Basic information:

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași is the oldest higher education institution in Romania. Since 1860, the university has been carrying on a tradition of excellence and innovation in the fields of education and research. With over 23.000 students and 750 academic staff, the university enjoys high prestige at national and international level and cooperates with 280 universities world-wide.

Useful links:

- <http://www.uaic.ro/en/> - official school website
- <http://www.mzv.cz/bucharest/en/index.html> - Embassy of the Czech Republic in Bucharest

TRAVEL TO IAȘI, Transport:

Your place of arrival in Romania will be, most likely, **Otopeni Airport** near Bucharest. You can take a taxi/bus from the airport to the North Railway Station (**Gara de Nord**) in Bucharest, from where all the trains to Iasi leave.

There are several trains every day **from Bucharest to Iasi**. The best choice, due to the comfort provided, would be the InterCity (IC) train. The trip takes about 6 hours by the InterCity (IC) and about 7 hours by the Rapid (R) or Accelerate (Acc) trains. For information about the **train schedule** and **ticket prices** you can visit <http://www.infofer.ro>.

TIPS:

- It is advisable to take a taxi that is registered by any taxi company and not a private one (even if it bears the label “taxi”) from the airport to the railway station.
- It is always advisable to buy a 1st class train ticket. Train schedule can suffer small changes every year, so it is better to buy a ticket directly from the railway station and not to make a reservation before arrival.

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

TIPS:

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

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

TIPS:

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

Health insurance:

It is very important for you to be properly insured during your period of study or placement in Romania. Medical costs can be high, especially if they include a stay in a hospital. Students registered at institutions of higher education are not automatically insured against medical expenses. Therefore you must arrange this yourself. In case you ever need to access health care services during your period of study or placement in Romania, either of the following alternatives would work:

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

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

Accommodation:

- TARGUSOR-COPOU CAMPUS C1, C2 AND C3 RESIDENCES
HEAD OF CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION: ing. Maricel Matianu
PHONE: 0232.201378
ADDRESS: str. Stoicescu nr.1-4
PUBLIC HOURS: 7.30 – 16.00

The accommodation fee to be paid is 415 LEI/ MONTH (the price available for the academic year 2014-2015) for a place in a triple room. In order to arrange for your accommodation in this hotel you are kindly asked to address to the ERASMUS OFFICE (erasmus@uaic.ro) by:

- 1 AUGUST for the students coming in the first semester
- 1 DECEMBER for the students coming in the second semester.

Contact

Financial administrator – head of campus: ec. Elena Doina EPURE

E-mail: edoina0801@yahoo.com

Telephone: 0232 20 1357; Direct-dial for the Cashier's Office: 2453

Address: 7-9, Titu Maiorescu, Iași

The courses:

Intensive courses of foreign languages:

- Courses of foreign languages offered by the Department of Foreign Languages and Lifelong Learning
- Foreign lectureships at the Faculty of Letters
- Other alternatives: British Council Iași, Institut Français Iași, Deutsches Kultur-Zentrum Iași and Cultural Center for Latin America and Caribbeans Iași

Academic calendar 2016/2017:

- **1st Semester**
30 September 2016 – Official Opening of the Academic Year (no classes)
3 October – 23 December 2016 – 12 weeks of classes
24 December 2016 – 8 January 2017 – 2 weeks winter holiday
9 January – 22 January 2017 – 2 weeks of classes
23 January – 5 February 2017 – 2 weeks of examinations
6 February – 19 February 2017 – 1 week of re-examinations and 1 week of holiday (dates to be decided by each Faculty)
- **2nd Semester**
20 February – 4 June 2017 – 14 weeks of classes (17 – 23 April – 1 week Easter holiday)
5 June – 18 June 2017 – 2 weeks of examinations
19 June – 9 July 2017 – 1 week of re-examinations and 2 weeks of field practice (dates to be decided by each Faculty)

Deadlines for sending the application forms to the Erasmus+ Office:

- **August 1st** for the students coming for the 1st semester/whole academic year
- **December 1st** for the students coming for the 2nd semester

Documents:

[Student Application Form](#)

[Learning Agreement for Studies](#) / [Learning agreement for Traineeships](#)

[ECTS Transcript of Records](#)

[Accommodation Form](#)

[Application form Romanian Language Course](#)

Examinations:

Student evaluation is undertaken throughout the semester and also in the final examination, at the conclusion of a study discipline. Evaluation can take various forms: written or oral examinations,

evaluation of the student's activity during the semester and evaluation of the individual or collective essays or projects.

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

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

Cost of living:

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

Accommodation may vary from **390 LEI/month in C5 Residence, Titu Maiorescu Campus**, to **580 LEI/month in Gaudeamus Residence, Codrescu Campus** (prices of 2015-2016 academic year).

Meals at the student cafeteria: 300 LEI/month (lunch) + 240 LEI/month (dinner)

If you prefer to go out and eat, your expenses will be higher. Anyway, you can save money by cooking your meals in the student residence.

A meal in a restaurant, consisting of an average pizza and a fresh juice will cost you around 35-40LEI.

Local transportation: 80 LEI on one public transport track (bus or tram)

Books and stationery: 100 LEI

Meals:

Students can cook their own meals (Gaudeamus Centre for International Exchanges offers 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 have breakfast, lunch and dinner at about **6 Euro** at the student canteen: 5 lei (breakfast) + 10 lei (lunch) + 8 lei (dinner).

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

Erasmus Day:

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

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

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Monday to Thursday

10.00 hrs. to 12.30 hrs.

