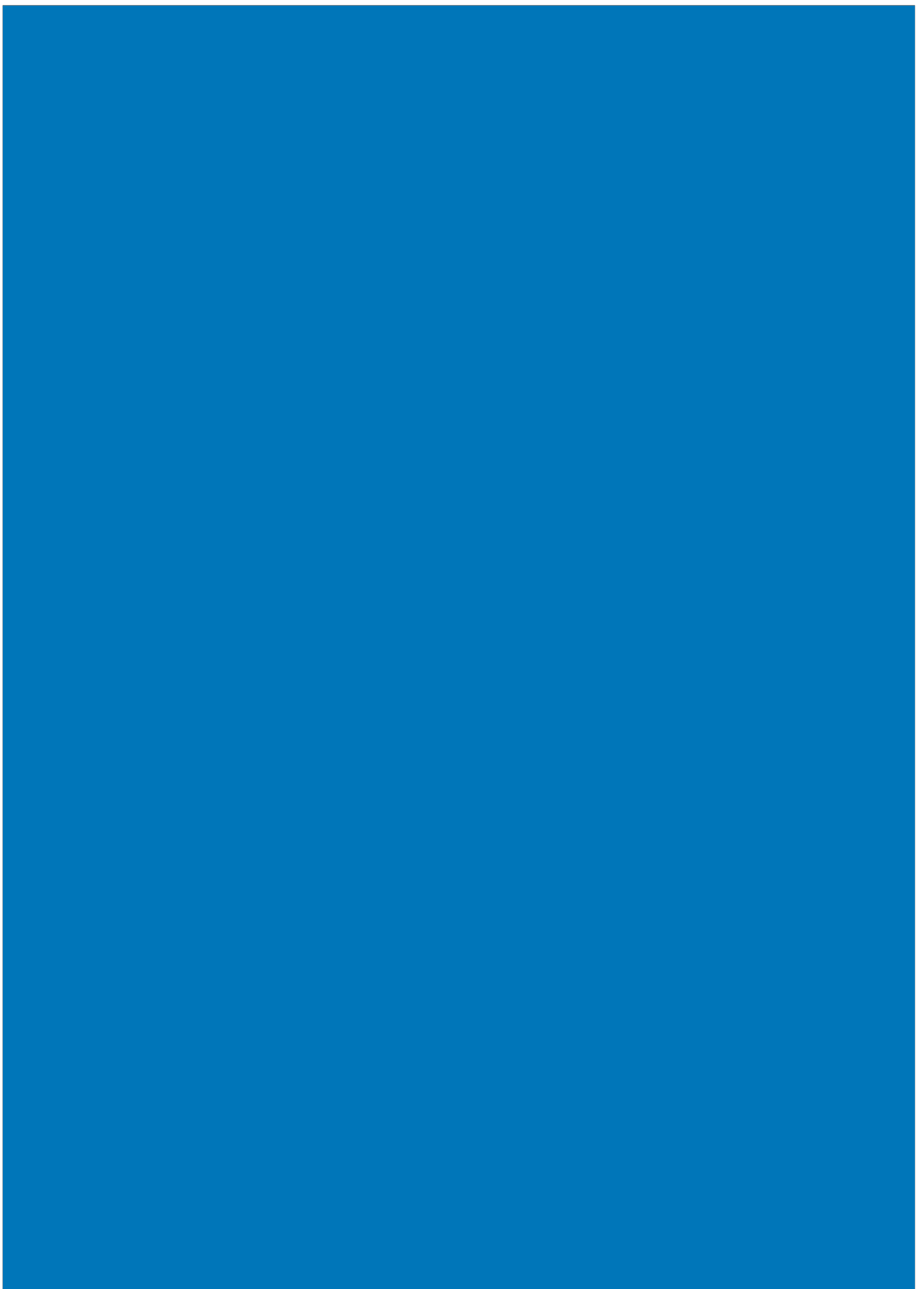




THE UNIVERSITY OF PITEȘTI

ERASMUS GUIDE







Dear International Students,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the city of Pitești and to our university - a student-oriented university. Today, the University of Pitești (UPIT) cooperates with a lot of European universities as well as with about 20 universities from other parts of the world within the ERASMUS Programme Framework.

Moreover, the UPIT develops strong partnerships to ensure academic exchange and cooperation and to provide the students a warm and professional environment.

Apart from the academic life, the social aspect of the university is very important when studying abroad; thus the university becomes an excellent place to meet other people. You may take part in different types of events such as round tables, workshops, parties or exhibitions.

The team in the International Relations Centre and the students' associations such as Erasmus Student Network Pitești might arrange excursions to the area around Pitești, as well as to other cities in Romania. This is the perfect time to explore the county of Argeș and Romania as well.

I do hope that you will quickly feel at home in our town also known as the Tulips' Town as well as in our university, as we strive to combine an international spirit with a sense of tradition.

I wish you all the best for your stay here and hope that you will feel enriched after the time spent in Pitești.

Dumitru CHIRLEȘAN,
Rector of the University of Pitești



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TEN REASONS TO **STUDY** IN **PITEȘTI**



● **Teaching and Research**

● **Student Life**

- research and teaching university
- industry partnerships for student placement and research
- a student friendly teaching and learning environment
- interaction with dedicated teachers in a professional environment
- a wide range of study programmes: Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. degrees
- one of the Romanian universities included in international university rankings (Webometrics - 2022)
- multicultural study experience
- affordable tuition fees and living expenses
- international tradition and commitment
- an area providing different leisure activities



THE UNIVERSITY OF PITEȘTI

Facts and Figures

- Established in 1962, **University of Pitești** is a public higher education institution located in Pitești, in Romania.
- Officially acknowledged and recognized by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in Romania, UPIT is a medium size education institution with nearly 9 000 students.
- With around 500 professors and 200 other employees, the university is one of the main employers in the metropolitan area.
- The town of Pitești has a population of around 175 000 and the university has the following components:
 - ⇒ **6 faculties**
 - ⇒ **16 departments**
 - ⇒ **51 bachelor's degree programmes**
 - ⇒ **50 master's degree programmes**
 - ⇒ **4 doctoral schools in 10 fundamental scientific fields**





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Degrees and Study Programmes - General Information

The University of Pitești offers a number of Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D.'s programmes.

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree

Ph. D.



A Bachelor's degree is the first academic qualification and allows professional employment.

For those wishing to obtain further qualifications, it can be followed immediately or after a few years of professional experience by a **Master's degree**.

The students who want to have a career in research or to teach in the Higher Education Institutions may attend a **Ph.D. Programme**.



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Degrees and Study Programmes - General Information

Studies at the **University of Pitești** are organized and implemented in the framework of the Bologna Declaration.



1. The **Bachelor** Programme is completed in six/ eight semesters (3/ 4 academic years) and is worth 180/ 240 ECTS.

2. The **Master** Programme is completed in 4 semesters (1.5/ 2 years) and is worth 90/120 ECTS.

3. The **Doctoral** Programme degree (PhD) is completed in 3 academic years.

- **Course attendance** might be compulsory (50-100%) for some of the course units. Students are expected to participate actively and attend classes regularly.
- Students are usually required to take a **final examination** which can be *either* a written or an oral assessment, depending on the course.
- **Attendance, assignments and class participation** are also considered part of the final mark.



Certificates and grading systems

The Romanian Universities comply with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

- 1 semester = 30 ECTS credits
- 1 full academic year = 60 ECTS credits.



Romanian Academic Grading System:



To obtain ECTS credit points and grades, specific tasks such as written/oral examination, internships, different coursework activities must be completed at the end of a course. An explanation of the grading system is included in the Transcript of Records given to every student.

10	Excellent	A
9	Very good	A-
8	Good	B
7	Satisfactory	C
6	Satisfactory	C
5	Sufficient	E
4	Insufficient	Fx
3	Poor performance	F
2	Very poor performance	F
1	Academic dishonesty	F

The incoming exchange students will be awarded ECTS credits for each successfully completed course and provided with a Transcript of Records that will be sent to the International Office at their home institution.



Academic year

The academic year is divided into **two semesters**:

1. First (autumn) Semester: **October-February**
2. Second (spring) Semester: **February-June**



Public Holidays in Romania:

- * **30th of November - Saint Andrew**
- * **1st of December - National Day**
- * **25th-26th of December - Christmas**
- * **1st-2nd of January - New Year**
- * **24th of January - Unification Day**
- * **April - May - Easter (the date changes every year)**
- * **1st of May - Labour Day**
- * **1st of June - International Children Day**
- * **15th of August - Saint Mary, Mother of Jesus**



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Faculties at the University of Pitești

Faculty of Mechanics and Technology

Faculty of Electronics, Communication and Computers

Faculty of Economics and Law



Faculty of Sciences, Physical Education and Informatics

Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts

Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Psychology





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BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Faculty of Mechanics and Technology

Engineering

Road Vehicles
Manufacturing Engineering
Industrial Economic Engineering
Traffic and Transport Engineering

Faculty of Electronics, Communications and Computers

Computer Science

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

Electromechanics

Electronic Engineering, Telecommunications and Information Technologies

Networks and Software for Communication
Applied Electronics

Faculty of Economics and Law

Economics, Business and Management

Business Administration
Economics of Trade, Tourism and Services
Economics of Trade, Tourism and Services (distance courses)
Finance and Banking
Accounting and Management Information Systems
Accounting and Management Information Systems (distance courses)
Management
Management (distance course)

Law and Administrative Studies

Law
Law (distance course)
Public administration



BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Faculty of Sciences, Physical Education and Informatics

Mathematics, Environmental Sciences, Horticulture

Mathematics
Informatics
Chemistry
Medical Chemistry
Ecology and Environmental Protection
Horticulture

Engineering

Energetics and Nuclear Technologies
Environmental Engineering

Biology and Health

Biology
Nursing

Psychology

Occupational Therapy

Sports Science and Physical Education

Physical Therapy and Special Motricity
Physical Education and Sports
Sports and Motor Performance



BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts

Philology

Romanian Language and Literature - A Modern Language and Literature for French/ English
English Language and Literature - A Modern Language and Literature for French/ Spanish/ German
Applied Modern Languages (English-French)

Theology

Orthodox Theology and Social Work

History and Philosophy

History

Arts

Music
Sacred Art
Performing Arts (acting)

Faculty of Education Sciences, Social Sciences and Psychology

Education Sciences

Pedagogy of Primary and Pre-primary Education
(Pitești, Alexandria, Câmpulung, Râmnicu Vâlcea, Slatina)

Social Sciences and Psychology

Social Work
Psychology
Journalism
Human Resources



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MASTER'S DEGREE

Faculty of Mechanics and Technology

Transport Engineering

Transport and Road Security

Automotive Engineering

Automotive Engineering for Sustainable Mobility

Design and Management of the Automotive Projects

Industrial Engineering

Materials Science and Technology (interdisciplinary)

Engineering and Management of Products Manufacturing

Engineering and Management

Logistics Management

Faculty of Electronics, Communications and Computers

Electronic Engineering, Telecommunications and Information Technologies

Electronic Systems for Management of Industrial Processes

Electronic Engineering and Smart Systems

Electrical Engineering

Energy Conversion Systems

Faculty of Economics and Law

Economics, Business and Management

Business Administration in Trade, Tourism and Hospitality

Management Accounting and Auditing

Accounting Management and Information Systems

European Economics and Finances

Financial-Banking and Insurance Management

Strategic Management of Human Resources

Strategic Management and Business Development (in English)

Administrative Sciences

Public Administration and European Integration

Law and Administrative Studies

Juridical Careers

Contentious Law



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MASTER'S DEGREE

Faculty of Sciences, Physical Education and Informatics

Mathematics

Didactic Mathematics

Informatics

Advanced Techniques for Information Processing (in English)

Environmental Sciences

Monitoring and Environmental Protection
(interdisciplinary with the fields: Horticulture and Biology)

Applied Engineering

Nuclear Materials and Technologies

Biology

Medical Biology

Chemistry

Forensics Chemistry

Sports Science and Physical Education

Physical Therapy for People with Disabilities
Curricular and Extracurricular Motor Activities
Organization and Management in Sports
Performance in Sports



MASTER'S DEGREE

Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts

Philology

Translation Studies - French/ English. Translations in the European Context
Current Tendencies in Romanian Language and Literature
Specialized Languages and Computer - Assisted Translation (interdisciplinary with Computer and Information Technology)

Theology

Apologetics and Confession
Ecumenism in the New European Context
Mission and Worship Through Sign Language
Restoration Work with Icon, Murals and Easel Painting
Systematic and Practical Theology. New Tendencies in Romanian Theology

History and Philosophy

Romania and the Romanians in the European Context (14th to 20th centuries)

Arts

Contemporary Musical Education

Faculty of Education Sciences, Social Sciences and Psychology

Education Sciences

Educational Management (Pitești, Slatina)
Educational Counselling
Early Education (Alexandria, Râmnicu Vâlcea)

Social Sciences and Psychology

Clinical Psychology - Assessment and Intervention
Organizational Communication
Social Work Counselling
Health and Social Services Management



Doctoral Schools at the University of Pitești

Doctoral Schools

- Doctoral School of Philology
- Doctoral School of Sports Science and Physical Education
- Doctoral School of Automotive Engineering
- Interdisciplinary Doctoral School:

Materials engineering
Electronics, communication and information technologies
Industrial engineering
Mathematics
Informatics
Biology





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Facilities

LIBRARY

- The University of Pitești provides two libraries situated in two of its buildings ("B" and Central Building) where students and teachers are welcome to visit and study.
- They may find a variety of books in Romanian, English, French, Spanish and German as well as academic journals, in fields such as humanities, education, law, engineering, medicine, science, social sciences.



Copying and scanning

Library computers, copy/scan machines and printers can be used with the permission of the library staff at the working hours of the library (only for research and homework purposes).

If you wish to bring your own laptop, you will find free Wi-Fi and plug socket for it to recharge at every library.

Library membership

Opening a library membership card is necessary in order to borrow a book from the library or to read it on site.

Opening hours

Main library

Mon, Wed - 08:00 - 16:00
Tu, Thurs - 10:00 - 18:00
Fri - 08:00 - 16:00

Library in the "B" Building

Mon, Wed, Thurs,
Fri - 08:00 - 16:00
Tu - 10:00 - 18:00

Address:

Târgu din Vale no. 1, Pitești, Argeș, Building I - 1st floor

Phone number +4 0348 453 445

E-mail: biblioteca@upit.ro

Website: www.biblioteca.upit.ro



SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

The University of Pitești promotes inclusive education and encourages its students to actively take part in different awareness-raising and community services events in the city.



Such activities include The Tulips Day, Romanian Blouse Day, International Students' Day, Christmas celebration, Europe's Day, Career Hub

Always look for announcements on our website www.international.upit.ro, on the posters at your faculty or on the social media for dates and event details. Get involved!





SPORT & LEISURE

The University of Pitești has a great sport base. Students may spend their free time relaxing and practising different sports such as: tennis, football, handball, basketball, volleyball, dance in a multifunctional European sport centre.





RESEARCH FACILITIES

The university offers wireless networks access to students and staff across the campus facilities.

Research centres in the University of Pitești:

Faculty of Sciences, Physical Education and Informatics

Research Centre for Environmental Protection
Biotechnological Research Centre in Horticulture and Environmental Protection
Research Centre for Human Performance
Research Centre for Methods of Calculation and Methodologies of Programming
Optomat Research Laboratory

Faculty of Mechanics and Technology

Research Centre for Automotive Engineering

Faculty of Electronics, Communication and Computers

Research Centre for Modelation and Simulation of Processes and Systems
ELECTROMET Research Centre



RESEARCH FACILITIES

Faculty of Economics and Law

Research Centre for Analysis and Economic Modelation

Legal and Administrative Studies Research Centre



Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Psychology

Research Centre for Promoting Excellence in Professional Training

PRO ED EXPERT - Scientific Research Centre in the Field of Applied Psychopedagogy

Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts

Research Centre for Imaginary. Text, Speech, Communication - IMAGINES

Historical, Archeological and Patrimonium *GH I. Bratianu* Research Centre

Logos Centre

Applied Techological Study Centre
Immaterial Cultrimony Research Centre



Erasmus+

What is it?



ERASMUS+ FOR HIGHER EDUCATION is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport, which runs from 2021 to 2027.

Each year, the higher education institutions can access Erasmus+ funding to support activities such as:

* international study/ traineeship mobilities for higher education short-cycle, foundation, bachelor, master and doctoral students.

* opportunities for academic and professional staff to teach or to be trained abroad.



* delivery of joint master degrees in collaboration with international higher education institutions, enterprises and partners to drive innovation, cooperation and excellence in higher education.



How can you become an **Erasmus+** student in the University of Pitești?



As an Erasmus+ student you can spend one or two semesters at the University of Pitești. The application procedure is slightly different if you come from a **programme country** or from a **partner country**.

Before applying you should inform yourself if your home university has an institutional agreement in place with the respective department at the University of Pitești. **Afterwards, you need to follow the necessary steps.**

Programme countries - EU Member States and Third Countries associated to the Programme

Application

- Check our website (<https://international.upit.ro>) to find a degree programme to enrol in.
- Follow your home university's application procedure to secure nomination as an Erasmus+ exchange student; choose University of Pitești as your host institution;
- The Erasmus + office at your university will send us your nomination.
- Start preparing the documents.



Preparing the required documents



⇒ Check our website (<https://international.upit.ro>) to find the degree programmes and the course units that are suitable for you.

a) Erasmus + grant for study:

select from our curriculum the course units corresponding to those included in your home degree programme (with your Erasmus supervisor)

b) traineeship:

draw up an internship plan corresponding to your degree programme so as the internship could help you gain work experience

⇒ **Contact the UPIT Erasmus + Office to submit the following documents:**

- ✓ the Learning Agreement (LA) for Studies/ Traineeship
 - ✓ a copy of your passport/ identity card
 - ✓ a copy of your European Health Card
 - ✓ a copy of your Academic Transcript
- ✓ a certified copy of a language skills certificate (English or French for degree programmes taught in one of these languages)



Institutional Arrangements



- ⇒ The Learning Agreement will be sent to the Erasmus academic coordinator in the faculty where you will be studying, in order to be approved.
- ⇒ After all your documents are approved, you will receive the invitation letter.



Institutional Arrangements

Getting to know us:

One week before the start of your mobility, you will agree on the date and time of the meeting with the UPIT Erasmus Office. On this occasion, you will meet the Erasmus coordinator at the faculty level and you will receive the schedule of activities that you will carry out.

If necessary, you will be able to opt for the modification of some subjects within the LA within 14 days from the beginning of the mobility.

Erasmus + student calendar Incoming students

The following deadlines apply:

- for the 1st semester: the 30th of June
- for the 2nd semester: the 30th of November





Partner countries

Third Countries-not associated to the Programme



Application

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- Follow your home university's application procedure to secure nomination as an Erasmus+ exchange student; choose University of Pitești as your host institution;
- The Erasmus + office at your university will send us your nomination;
- Start preparing the documents.



Preparing the required documents

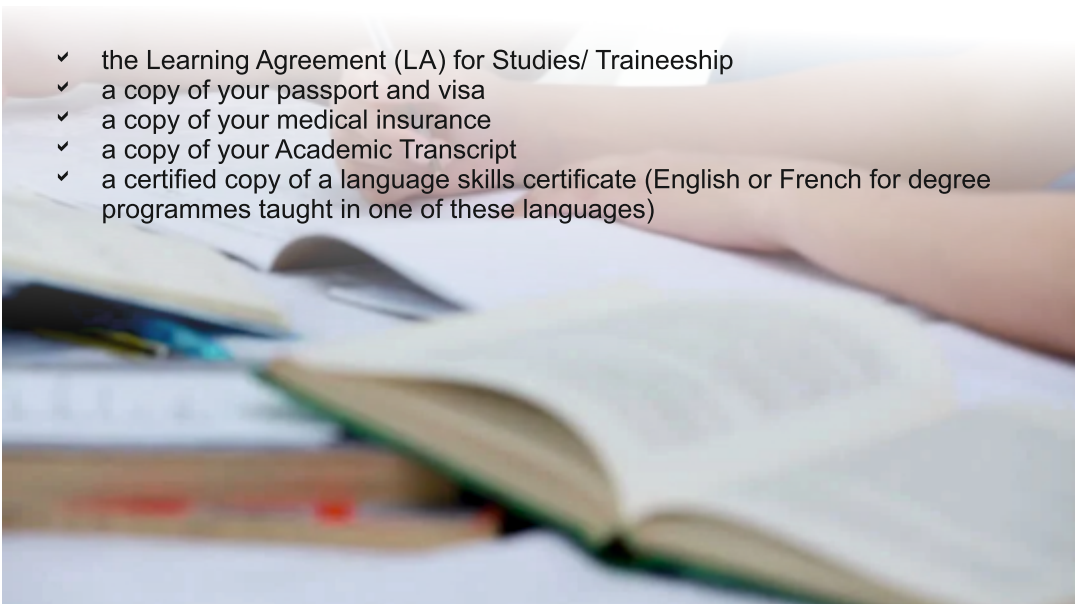
- ⇒ Check our website (<https://international.upit.ro>) to find the degree programmes and the course units that are suitable for you.

a) for an Erasmus + grant for study: select from our curriculum the course units corresponding to those included in your home degree programme (with your Erasmus supervisor)

b) for a traineeship:
draw up an internship plan corresponding to your degree programme (with your Erasmus supervisor)

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- ✓ a copy of your passport and visa
- ✓ a copy of your medical insurance
- ✓ a copy of your Academic Transcript
- ✓ a certified copy of a language skills certificate (English or French for degree programmes taught in one of these languages)





Staff mobilities

EU Member States and Third Countries associated to the Programme

How do I apply?



- When applying for an Erasmus mobility at your university, choose UPIT.
- After being nominated, contact our Erasmus+ Office in order to express the intention to carry out a teaching/ training mobility in our institution.
- Our Erasmus office arranges your getting in touch with the Erasmus academic coordinator at the faculty where you will be carrying out the activities.
- You and the faculty Erasmus coordinator decide upon the mobility period and the activity plan.

Preparing the required documents

- Draw up a Teaching / Training agreement.
- Send the following documents to the UPIT Erasmus Office and the Erasmus coordinator for approval:
 - ✓ the Teaching/ Training Agreement
 - ✓ the European Health Card copy
 - ✓ a copy of the passport/ identity card





Staff

mobilities

Third Countries not associated to the Programme



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 - ✓ the Teaching/ Training Agreement
 - ✓ a copy of the medical insurance
 - ✓ a copy of the passport and visa card



Teaching and **training** staff

- for the entire academic year

* nominations may also be received during the academic year, if only they are made at least one month before the proposed mobility period.



Visa and Residence Permit



Visa

To find out all the information needed to obtain a visa, if it is required, please access the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at <https://mae.ro/en>, section Visa and consular affairs.

A national long-stay visa

- allows the entry and stay of third-country nationals on the territory of Romania for a period that does not exceed 90 days. In order to extend this period, the third-country nationals shall apply at the Ministry of Internal Affairs - General Inspectorate for Immigration at least 30 days prior to the expiry of the validity of the long-stay visa.
- as granted only with the previous approval of the Ministry of Internal Affairs - General Inspectorate for Immigration.
- is commonly issued after 45 days.
- Long-stay visa applications for employment and secondment, which were previously endorsed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs - General Inspectorate for Immigration, are issued within 10 days since submission.



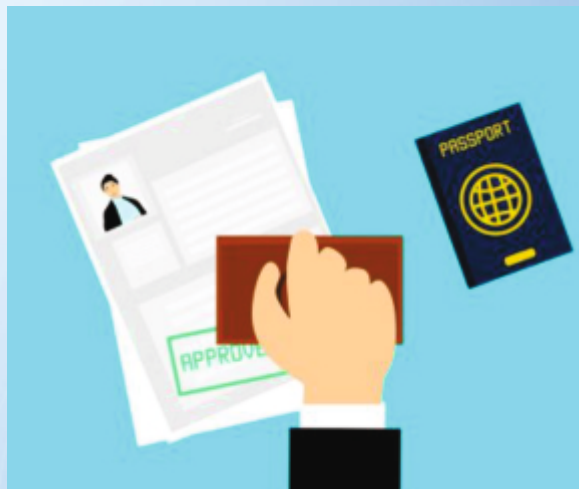
The **Residence** permit

After entering Romania, you shall obtain **a residence permit**.

It certifies your right to stay in Romania and you can get it from the local units of the General Inspectorate for Immigration in the county where you live.

In order to obtain a residence permit, you will submit personally a number of documents at least 30 days before the expiry of the right to stay granted to you by the visa.

You also have the possibility to submit the documents online at <http://evisa.mae.ro/>





In order to extend the right of residence (obtaining the residence permit) for medical treatment, you shall submit the following documents:

- application
- border crossing document (passport, travel document, etc.) original and duplicate
- a letter of acceptance from a public or private medical institution specifying the diagnosis and duration of the treatment
- proof of legal ownership of the living space (original and duplicate)
- proof of social health insurance (only for citizens older than 26)
- medical certificate.
- a document confirming the mobility issued by the University of Pitești
- a document confirming the existence of a valid inter-institutional agreement

The residence permit shall be renewed at least 30 days before the current visa expires. You should get a decision on your visa/ visa extension within 45 days since submitting the documents. In case further checking is required, the waiting time may be extended by 15 days.

Further information: <http://igi.mai.gov.ro/en/content/residence-permit>



Useful **INFORMATION** BEFORE **DEPARTURE**

Transport in Romania



Car

In Romania you will be required a valid driver's license. Romanian authorities recognize all licenses issued in the EU.

Gas is expensive (**2.0 Euro/l**), you will need a car insurance (the price is **200 Euro to 300 Euro**); year, the annual tax and the road tax are to be paid too.

Taxi

Taxi fees are affordable in Romania, at a price ranging between **0.5 to 1.0 Euro/km**.

In order to avoid being charged excessively, always use official taxi companies; also, always ask for the meter to run and for a receipt at the end of your trip.

Note that taxi apps (Bolt, Uber) are now a popular way of ordering quality taxis.



Train

You can travel around the country by train. For further details, please check <https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/>



Useful INFORMATION BEFORE DEPARTURE

Opening an account



În **Romania banks** are readily available in the entire country and we advise you to open a bank account when you arrive.

Necessary documents:

- passport
- accommodation proof
- letter of enrolment at university etc.

It is advisable to ask directly the bank of choice with regards to the exact documents.

The banks have a good ATM (automatic teller machines) network covering the country allowing you to withdraw money.

Please check <http://english.banknews.ro/> to view the banks operating in Romania.

E-banking is also widespread and you can pay directly by card.

Romanian currency

The basic unit of Romanian currency is the Romanian LEU (LEI, plural) also known as **RON**.

Cost of living

As the general living costs are important for your financial planning, we provide below a list of common costs when you live in Romania.

For the rate exchange, please visit the National Bank of Romania's website (<https://www.bnr.ro/Exchange-Rates-3727.aspx>)



Useful **INFORMATION** BEFORE **DEPARTURE**

Accommodation

Shared Rental - 80 Euro to 150 Euro/ month

Private Housing/ Rental - 130 Euro to 300 Euro/ month

On Campus dormitories - 60 Euro to 85 Euro/ month



Other living expenses

Food (canteen/ groceries/ eating out) - **100 Euro to 300 Euro/ month**

Car maintenance (after purchase) - around **100 Euro/ month**

Gas, Electricity - 100 Euro/ month

Phone and internet - 20 Euro to 40 Euro/ month

Medical insurance - from **12 Euro/ month** (either private or at CNAS - The National Health Insurance company, state owned)

Public transportation - 10 to 30 Euro/ month

National transport - a train / bus ticket fare (**300 Km**) - **15-20 Euros**

Entertainment - 150 - 200 Euro/ month



Useful INFORMATION BEFORE DEPARTURE

Climate and clothes

Romania has a temperate climate, with four distinct seasons, with **210** sunny days per year. You may thus enjoy the beauty of all seasons in Romania.



Spring (March, April, May) is very pleasant with cool mornings and nights and sunny days.

Temperature during the day: **6° C** in the morning and **20° C** in the afternoon.

Summer (June, July, August) is quite warm, with long sunny days.

The hottest areas in summer are the lowlands in Southern and Eastern Romania (**35° C** are in July and August).

The low level of humidity makes the temperatures rather bearable for the most part of the time. It is always cooler in the mountains.





Useful **INFORMATION** BEFORE **DEPARTURE**

Climate and **clothes**



Autumn (September, October, November) is dry and cool, with fields and trees producing colourful scenery. September, especially, is one of the best months to visit the country due to pleasant weather and lower prices for accommodation.

In **winter** (December, January, February) there are significant differences between various regions of Romania. It can be cold, especially in the mountains.

While not the rule, abundant snowfalls may occur throughout the country, from December to the first half of March.

Snow cover is continuous at higher altitudes from early December through early April.





Useful INFORMATION BEFORE DEPARTURE

Mobile phones

It is advisable to purchase a SIM card or Romanian mobile number when you arrive in Romania, as using your home phone number will incur high costs.

There are two types of mobile phone accounts you can choose from:

- prepaid
- subscription.



a) A prepaid service gives you flexibility because you control how much you spend and can stop using the service any time.

b) Nonetheless, you can also find good options if you choose **a subscription**. If you think that bureaucracy is annoying in Romania, note that getting a phone contract is very easy, and you can sign one on the spot at most mobile phone company branch offices.

The mobile phone companies operating in Romania are:

- **Vodafone** (<https://www.vodafone.ro/english-summary/index.htm>)
- **Orange** (<https://www.orange.ro/>)
- **Digi** (<https://www.digi.ro/servicii/telefonie-mobila>)
- **Telekom**



DISCOVERING PITEȘTI AND ARGEȘ

Welcome to Argeș County and its surroundings



If you want to visit the world famous **Dracula Castle**, you are not far. It takes only **2 hours** if you leave Pitești and the scenery is great!

Arges ranks the second country in the country in terms of forested area; in the north of the county there are the highest mountain range in Romania (the Făgăraș group), separated by the Rucăr-Bran corridor.

In order to reach **Bălea Lake** mountain complex with ski and snowboarding slopes, you may take the **Transfăgărășan** listed as one of the best driving roads in Europe and the highest road in Romania.





DISCOVERING PITEȘTI AND ARGEȘ

Pitești - A Multicultural City

PITEȘTI is a multicultural city (Greek, French communities), located in the central-southern part of Romania, at 100 km from Bucharest, the capital of Romania. You may find here whatever you need as Pitești is, the same time:



- **a city of culture and entertainment** with its Philharmonic, County Museum, with the first digital Planetarium in Romania, the Alexandru Davila Theatre, the Art Gallery, the Student's House, the Children's Palace.



- **a city of sports** having different facilities: an Olympic Swimming Pool and other smaller swimming pools, a football stadium, skating, rinks, tennis and football facilities.

- **a city of nature** as you may walk or visit one of its gardens or parks Trivale Forest, Expo Park, Strand Park, Tineretului Park, Lunca Argeșului Park, the Zoo.



- **a city of events:** The Tulip Symphony (April), Zavaidoc Old Fiddle Music National Festival (at the end of November), the Autumn Festival (October), Pitești Days (May), 3FEST Festival.

Additional information:
<http://www.primariapitesti.ro/>



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Getting to Pitești

In order to reach **Pitești** from **Henri Coandă Airport Bucharest**, we recommend private transport. The car costs **80 EUR**/ one way. The cost will be divided by the number of passengers. Your private car will take you from the airport directly to the location you indicated in Pitești.

For reservation, ask the Erasmus Office before your departure.

Another options would be a taxi from the airport (it could be a little expensive), the bus no. **780** or the train connection which reaches the **North Railway Station in Bucharest**. Then you will take the train to Pitești.

If you want to get to Bucharest city centre from the airport to visit it, you should take bus no. **783**. The tickets are to be paid in the **Romanian currency - RON**.



Further useful information:

- **buses from the airport to the station:**
<http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/transport/bus>
- **train schedule:**
<https://mersultrenurilor.infofer.ro/en-GB/Itineraries/DirectTrains>.
- If you opted for the train, when you arrive in Pitești, at the train station, you may take a taxi to the accommodation.
- **taxis from airport:** <https://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/transport/taxi>
- **trains from the airport:** <https://mersultrenurilor.infofer.ro/en-GB/Itineraries/DirectTrains>
<https://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/transport/train-connection>



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Arrival at Pitești

Accommodation in Pitești

Student Halls of Residence

Both students and professors can be accommodated in our campus. Accommodation in the campus will be made in exchange of a fee.

Facilities:

- 700 accommodation places in rooms with 2, 3 or 4 beds;
- equipped kitchens;
- washing-machines;
- TV and WI-FI Internet connection;
- The canteen is located near UPIT Hall of Residence.

Non-EU students shall stay in Student Halls of Residence, for visa regulation purposes.





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Apartments for rent

If you want to have your own place to stay, you may rent an apartment with **1** or **2** rooms, according to your needs. You can contact real estate agencies (<https://www.galaxyimob.ro/inchirieri-apartamente> or <http://www.garantimobiliare.ro/index.html>) and ask for a personalised offer. Prices may start from **200 EUR/** month/ apartment.

Hotels in Pitești for staff accommodation:

- ❖ **VICTORIA HOTEL ****** (Web: <http://victoriahotel.ro>)
- ❖ **CASA TEILOR ***** (<https://casateilor.ro/>)
- ❖ **HOTEL YAKY ****** (<https://www.facebook.com/yakycenter.ro/>)
- ❖ **ARGEȘ HOTEL ***** (Web: <http://www.hotelarges.ro/?lang=en>)
- ❖ **CELLY HOTEL ***** (Web: <https://www.hotelcelly.ro/>)





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Public transportation in Pitești

- **Bus**

The main means of transport in Pitești is the bus. A one-way ticket costs **2 lei**; it can be purchased from the Ticket Machines on the bus stations in the city or on the bus by credit card.

A two-way ticket costs **4 lei** and it can be purchased from the Ticket Offices in the bus stations. Moreover, you can purchase your ticket directly in the bus, using your Credit Card or you may have a monthly card.

- **Taxi**

For taxi reservation, you may install one of the following applications (<https://bolt.eu/ro>, <https://www.uber.com/ro/ro/ride/>) or call at phone: +4 **0248 944** or +4 **0248 942**.

For taxis between **2 and 3 lei/ km**, and you must pay cash to the driver: for the application, you need to have a bank account.

Bolt Uber





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Health and emergencies



- For any medical emergency students may **call 112**. Medical services are provided by the County Hospital, the Pediatrics Hospital, the Infectious Diseases Hospital and private clinics for all branches of medicine.
- The students from the EU countries, who benefit from **Erasmus mobility** grants or Non-EU students, have the insurance conditions stipulated in the application study documents.
- The insurance may also provide additional dental care, cosmetic surgery, etc.. Any detail about your health (allergies, intolerances, phobias, etc.) is of major importance in a possible emergency intervention.
- You may find pharmacies with a large variety of pharmaceutical and beauty products all over the town. They are open from **8.00** am to **10.00** pm Monday to Saturday. In hypermarkets, pharmacies are also open on Sundays.
- There are pharmacies which are open **24 / 24 h**: Calea Craiovei Street, Bl. B1 (Complex Boema).



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Cafés/ out for a drink and traditional cuisine



Pitești - taste the traditional cuisine in different places.

Casa Argeșeană provides delicious Romanian traditional meals. The restaurant usually organizes live-music evenings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
(<http://casaargeseana.ro>)

Hanul Românesc provides daily diverse menus, meals prepared under the guidance of master chefs awarded at various national and international competitions, artistic evenings performed by Romanian folk musicians.
(<http://hanul-romanesc.ro/enindex.htm>)

La Tuciuiri is the place where you can taste Romanian traditional (lamb, pork, beef, chicken, fish dishes) in a traditional atmosphere.
(<http://latuciuiri.ro>)



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Cornul Vânătorului offers the tastiest traditional game food and international cuisine within the splendour of nature and the forest murmur, all of them sprinkled with exquisite wines from the well-known Romanian vineyards.
(<http://www.cornulvanatorului.ro/cornul-vanatorului-2>)

Mansion Pub - A simple place that is warm, hospitable and elegant. A traditional place where if you are booking for a beer or a wine of noble origin or, if you are hungry, you may find them! Here you'll enjoy thematic parties, joy and cheerfulness every weekend.
(<https://www.mansion-pub.ro/en/>)

Bibliotheque - Coffee, Wine & Food Bistro. In a house dating from the period between the two World Wars, in the city centre, the Bibliotheque welcomes its guests from the first coffee of the morning until the end of the day. The menu is extensive and includes from light appetizers, such as spring packets or hummus, to burgers, beef or rabbit steaks.
(<https://www.facebook.com/BibliothequePitesti>)



ERASMUS+ OFFICE

The **ERASMUS + Office** is a part of the Centre for International Relations (CpRI) of the University of Pitești and its staff includes:

- the Institutional Erasmus + Coordinator;
- International Relations Officers;
- Erasmus + coordinators in the faculties/ departments .





ERASMUS+ OFFICE



The **ERASMUS + Office** at the University of Pitești is here to:

- assist you during the Erasmus+ selection process, if needed;
- organize information/ counselling/ feedback sessions for UPIT/ Erasmus+ students and staff;
- facilitate contacts with partner institutions in order to provide information on teaching/ training/ placement facilities and programmes;
- plan your mobility at the University of Pitești;
- provide you with all the specific documentation in order to have the learning outcomes obtained as a result of the student mobility acknowledged;
- help the students reintegrate when returning from the mobility.



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Further Information

You might need the distance calculator and grant information for incoming staff and students - Programme Partner Countries.

In order to establish the Erasmus + grant from which the outgoing teaching/ auxiliary teaching staff and the incoming students/ teaching/ auxiliary teaching staff benefit, please get in touch with the Erasmus Office.

Distance Calculator:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

Countries:

https://www.erasmusplus.ro/library/Superior/2019/Anexa_IV_Bareme%20aplicabile_KA107_2019.pdf





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Testimonials



MOHAMED EID - MANSOURA UNIVERSITY, EGYPT

„My name is Mohamed H. Eid, from Egypt, and I studied at UPIT during the second semester of the academic year 2019-2020. My overall experience at **UPIT** was amazing. The staff are very supportive and always try to improve the student experience. Also, the curricula are well-structured and the lecturers provide all kinds of learning resources to help students consolidate knowledge in different ways.

Furthermore, it's a marvellous experience to get to know people from a lot of different places, learn about different cultures, knowing another civilization history, and enriching your experience by making friends for life.

Therefore, I highly recommend all my colleagues to go and study at **UPIT**, it is really worth it!”



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LALA SULEYMANOVA - AZERBAIJAN UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES, AZERBAIJAN

„I am Lala Suleymanova and I am sharing my Erasmus experience with you. I have always been excited about the idea of doing an Erasmus. I have been waiting for this day since I entered the university. Finally, the day came and I applied for an Erasmus grant in Romania. I was the happiest person in the world at that moment.

I had my Erasmus experience in University of Pitești. And I am very grateful for it because my teachers and groupmates were very helpful and supportive and they made this experience unforgettable.

In spite of the Covid-19, I consider those four months the best experience in my life. I felt very lucky that I was doing Erasmus. It was an amazing experience for me. Erasmus has a lot of benefits such as travelling, meeting new people, learning new culture.

I highly recommend Erasmus to all students. There are no words that can accurately describe the Erasmus experience. Everybody should try it!”



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Faculty of Economics and Law
Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Psychology



Central Campus - T and S Buildings
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Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts



B Campus Building
Gheorghe Doja Street No. 41, Pitești, Argeș



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Applicant	participating organisation or informal group that submits grant application. Applicants may apply either individually or on behalf of another organisations involved in the project. In the latter case, the applicant is also defined as coordinator.
(Application) deadline	final date by when the application form must be submitted to the National or Executive Agency to be considered eligible.
Certificate	in the context of Erasmus+, a document issued to a person having completed a learning activity in the field of education, training and youth, where relevant. Such document certifies the attendance and, where applicable, the learning outcomes of the participant in the activity.
Credit mobility	a limited period of study or traineeship abroad - in the framework of on-going studies at a home institution - for the purpose of gaining credits. After the mobility phase, students return to their home institution to complete their studies.



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Credit

a set of learning outcomes of an individual which have been assessed and which can be accumulated towards a qualification or transferred to other learning programmes or qualifications.

Diploma Supplement

an annex to the official qualification documentation, which is designed to provide more detailed information on the studies completed according to an agreed format which is internationally recognized, a document accompanying a higher education diploma, providing a standardised description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies completed by its holder. It is issued by higher education institutions according to standards agreed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO. The Diploma Supplement is part of **Europass** (see below). In the context of an international joint study programme, it is recommended to submit a "joint diploma supplement" covering the entire programme and endorsed by all the degree-awarding universities.



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ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)

a learner-centred system for credit accumulation and transfer, based on the transparency of learning, teaching and assessment processes. Its objective is to facilitate planning, delivery and evaluation of study programmes and learner mobility through the recognition of qualifications and periods of learning.

Learning mobility

moving physically to a country other than the country of residence, in order to undertake study, training or non-formal or informal learning; it may take the form of traineeships, apprenticeships, youth exchanges, teaching or participation in a professional development activity, and may include preparatory activities, such as training in the host language, as well as sending, receiving and follow-up activities.

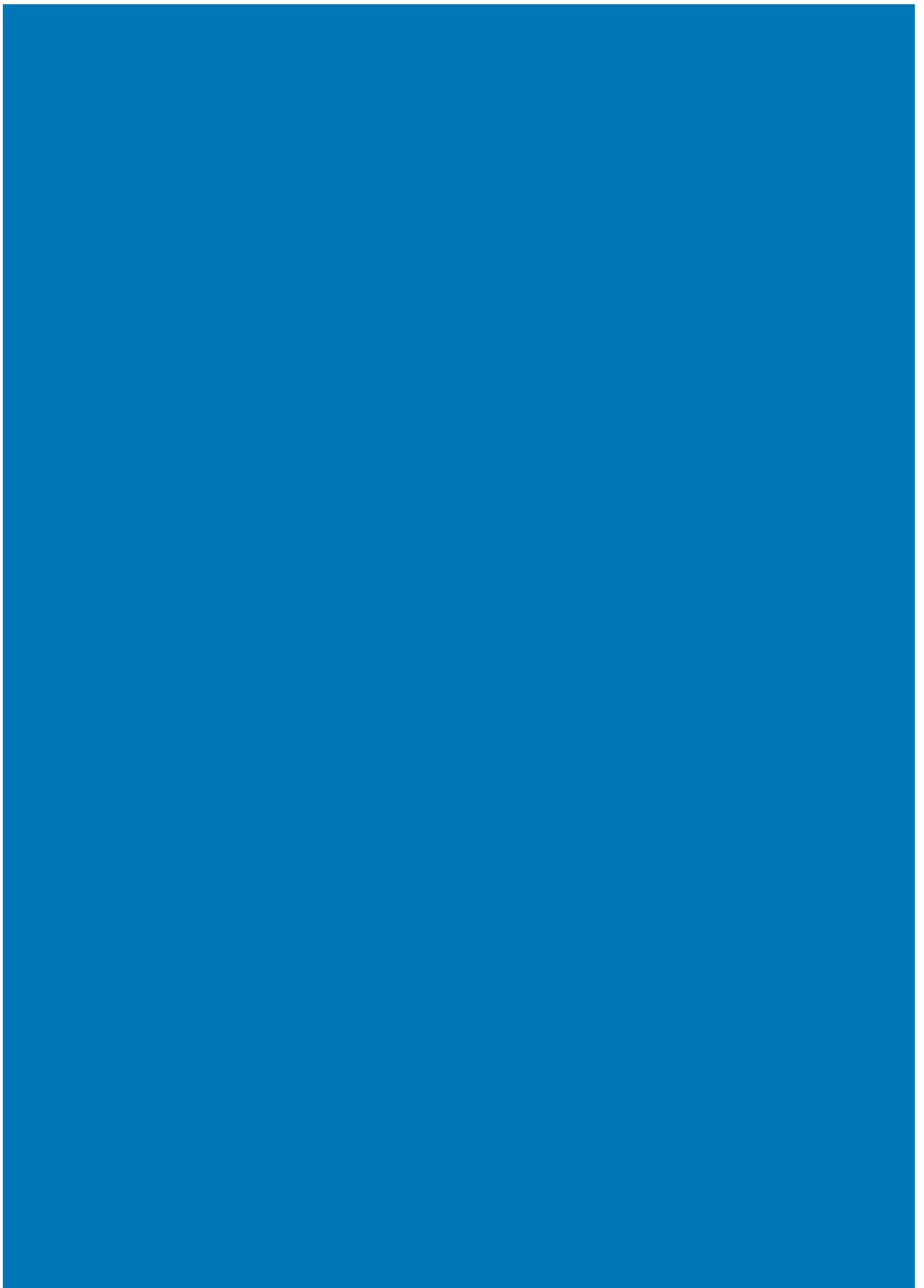
Mobility/ Learning agreement

An agreement between the sending and receiving organisation, as well as the participating individuals, defining the aims and the content of the mobility period in order to ensure its relevance and quality. It can also be used as a basis for the recognition of the period abroad by the receiving organisation.



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Partner Countries	countries which do not participate fully in the Erasmus+ Programme, but which may take part (as partners or applicants) in certain Actions of the Programme. The list of Erasmus+ Partner Countries is described in Part A of this Guide, section "Who can participate in the Erasmus+ Programme".
Programme Countries	EU and Non-EU countries that have established a National Agency which participate fully in the Erasmus+ Programme. The list of Erasmus+ Programme Countries is described in Part A of this Guide, section "Who can participate in the Erasmus+ Programme".
Receiving organisation	the organisation receiving one or more participants and organising one or more activities of an Erasmus+ project.
Sending organisation	the participating organisation sending one or more participants to an activity of an Erasmus+ project.
Staff	persons who, on either a professional or a voluntary basis, are involved in education, training or youth non-formal learning, and may include professors, teachers, trainers, school leaders, youth workers and non-educational staff.
Transcript of Records	a document that needs be presented, as part of the application process at the host university from abroad it consists basically of a list of the course units taken, the exams that were passed and credits gained.





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