# UNIVERSITY OF PITEȘTI INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S GUIDE





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#### **WELCOME TO ROMANIA**

**Romania** is situated in the South-Eastern part of Central Europe and shares borders with Hungary to the North-West, Serbia to the South-West, Bulgaria to the South, the Black Sea to the South-East, Ukraine to the East and North and the Republic of Moldova to the East. With a surface area of 238,391 square km, Romania's geographical size ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 79<sup>th</sup> in the world.

**Population** - made up to a large extent of Romanians, who represent 90% of the total number of inhabitants, to which Hungarians (around 7%), Gypsies, Germans, Ukrainians, Turks, Tartars etc. can be added.

**The capital** of the country is Bucharest, founded in 1459, which has now a population of over 2 million inhabitants.

Official language: Romanian, belonging to the Romance family of languages; within the local public administration, where the percentage of inhabitants belonging to another ethnic populations is over 20%, their language can also be used.

**Religion:** Orthodox Christianity is the largest community. But there are also Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Muslim, Jewish and Atheist minorities.

#### **Public holidays:**

- New Year's Day
- Unification Day, January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Orthodox Easter
- Labor Day, May 1<sup>th</sup>
- Orthodox Pentecost (Rusaliile)
- Saint Mary's Day, August 15th
- Saint Andrew, November 30th
- National Day, December 1<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Climate:

- · temperate climate with four distinct seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter
- Warmest month: July
- Coldest months: January February
- Record High Temperature: 44.5°C (112°F) August 10, 1951 South Eastern
- Romania Record Low Temperature: -38.5°C (-37.3°F) January 24, 1942 (Central Romania)

**Government form - Republic** with two legislative bodies (Senate and Chamber of Deputies).

Additional information: http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/pdf/Guide\_en.pdf9

# **WELCOME TO ARGES COUNTY**

- Welcome to Arges Arges ranks the second in the country in terms of forested area in the north of the county where the highest mountain range in Romania lies (the Făgăras Massif), separated by the Rucăr-Bran corridor.
- Entertainment in Arges: dozens of clubs and cosy terraces in the City of Tulips, leisure opportunities and outdoor activities, a dynamic and lively district, Învârtita Lake - the only lake in the country formed on gypsum strata, Bâlea Lake mountain complex with ski and snowboarding slopes.

Additional information: https://www.cjarges.ro/

#### WELCOME TO PITEST

- Pitești is located at almost 120 km from the airport. When you arrive there, take either a taxi or the bus no. 780 which takes you to the North Train Station (GARA DE NORD) in Bucharest. Then, you take the train to Pitești. If you want to get to Bucharest city centre from the airport in order to visit it, take the bus no. 783.
  - O Information about bus tickets, routes and timetables from the airport to the train station: http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/transport/bus
  - O Information about train tickets, routes and timetables from Bucharest to Pitesti: https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en
  - O Information about taxis: you can ask for a private transfer from Bucharest to Pitești through a Travel Agency it costs almost 60-70 Euro for a round trip: https://ex-transfer.com/tarife/. When you arrive in Pitesti, taxi services are available.

#### BOTOSANI Additional Information: WARAMURES SUCEAVA IASI https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/ http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/ VASLU BACĂU ARAD HARGHITA http://www.publitrans2000.ro/ http://www.autogari.ro UNEDOARA BUZĂU TULCEA PRAHOVA BRĂILA GORJ MEHEDINTI IALOMITA CONSTANT

# PITEȘTI - A MULTICULTURAL CITY

PITEȘTI is a multicultural city, located in the central-southern part of Romania, between the Southern Carpathians and the Danube, in the northwest of Muntenia region. The average annual temperature varies, with January average of - 2.4° C and August of + 30° C. Atmospheric precipitation exceeds the country average, oscillating between 680 and 700 mm per year.

La Pitești - city of entertainment: Pitesti Philharmonic, County Museum, the first digital Planetarium in Romania for virtual astronomy education, Cultural Centre, Alexandru Davila Theatre, Art Gallery, Student's House, Children's Palace.

Pitești - city of sports performances: Olympic Swimming Pool, Nicolae Dobrin Stadium, Swimming, Skating, Tennis and Football Complex, Argeș Sports Museum. Sports performance is achieved through Municipal Sports Club (MSC), FC Argeș football teams, Pitești and FC International Pitești basketball teams (BCMUS Pitești and BCA Pitești), women volleyball team.

**Pitești - city of nature:** Trivale Forest, Expo Park, Ștrand Park, Tineretului Park, Lunca Argeșului Park, the Zoo.

Pitești - city of events: Tulip Symphony (celebrated each year in April), Zavaidoc Old Fiddle Music National Festival (celebrated at the end of November), Autumn Fair (celebrated each year in October), Pitești Days (celebrated each year in May), 3FEST Festival.

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

#### Pitești - taste the traditional cuisine at:

**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 Tuciuri** is the place where you can taste Romanian traditional (lamb, pork, beef, chicken, fish dishes) in a traditional atmosphere. (http://latuciuri.ro)

**Cornul Vânătorului** offers the tastiest traditional game food and international cuisine within the splendor 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)

# **WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PITEȘTI (UPIT)**



The **University of Piteşti, commonly known by its abbreviation UPIT**, is a public higher education institution, member of the national higher education system in Romania since 1962. Its mission is to become a modern and dynamic higher education and research institution, based on performance, competitiveness and quality, active and integrated in the local, regional and national community as well as in the European Higher Education Area.

The University of Pitești is a member of several notable international professional and academic institutions like:

- European University Association (EUA),
- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF),
- Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC),
- European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (EfVET),
- European Distance and E-Learning Network (EDEN),
- Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE).

UPIT has a strong collaboration with more than 230 universities from 40 countries, EU Member-States and Non-EU countries having an increasing number of partners on all continents for all undergraduate or postgraduate studies, Erasmus+mobilities, research-development-innovation projects or conferences and scientific journals.

**Additional information**: https://www.upit.ro/

#### **FACULTIES and STUDY PROGRAMMES**

The faculties have 54 Bachelor's Degree Programmes, 51 Master's Degree Programmes and 8 Doctoral Schools in 10 fundamental scientific domains: Mathematics and Environmental Sciences, Energetic Engineering, Biological and Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Sports Science and Physical Education.

## 1. Faculty of Sciences, Physical Education and Computer Science

(Central Campus, Târgu din Vale Street No. 1, Pitești, Argeș)

Study Programmes in the field of Mathematics and Environmental Sciences:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Medical Chemistry
- Ecology and Environmental Protection

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Applied Mathematics
- Didactic Mathematics
- Advanced Techniques for Information Processing (in English)
- Modeling, Design and Management of Software Systems
- Monitoring and Environmental Protection (interdisciplinary with the fields: Horticulture and Biology)

## **Doctoral School:**

- Biology
- Mathematics
- Informatics
- Study Programmes in the field of Engineering Sciences:

## **Bachelor's Degree programmes:**

- Energetics and Nuclear Technologies
- Environmental Engineering
- Horticultur

#### **Master's Degree Programmes:**

Nuclear Materials and Technologies

Study Programmes in the field of Biological and Biomedical Sciences:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Biology
- Nursing

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Medical Biology
- Forensics Chemistry
- Study Programmes in the field of Social Sciences:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programme:**

- Occupational Therapy
- Study Programmes in the field of Sports Science and Physical Education:

## **Bachelor's degree programme:**

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

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

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

## **Doctoral School:**

Sports and Physical Education

Web:https://www.upit.ro/en/faculties/facultatea-de-stiinte-educatie-fizica-si-informatica

# 2. Faculty of Mechanics and Technology

(Central Campus, Târgu din Vale Street No. 1, Pitești, Argeș)

Study Programmes in the field of Engineering Sciences:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Road Vehicles
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Industrial Economic Engineering (Production Engineering)
- Traffic and Transport Engineering

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Transport and Road Security
- Automotive Engineering for Sustainable Mobility
- Design and Management of the Automotive Projects
- Materials Science and Technology (interdisciplinary)
- Engineering and Management of Products Manufacturing
- Logistics Management

#### **Doctoral School:**

- Mechanical Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Interdisciplinary School with doctoral domains: Material Engineering,
   Industrial Engineering and Electronic Engineering, Telecommunications
   and Information Technologies domains

Web: https://www.upit.ro/en/faculties/facultatea-de-mecanica-si-tehnologie-2

# 3. Faculty of Electronics, Communications and Computers

(Central Campus, Târgu din Vale Street No. 1, Pitești, Argeș)

Study Programmes in the field of Electronic Engineering and Telecommunications:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Computer Science
- Electromechanics
- Communication Networks and Software
- Applied Electronics
- Electronic Engineering and Computers (at Râmnicu Vâlcea)

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Electronic Systems for Management of Industrial Processes
- Modelling, Simulation and Design of Electromechanical Systems
- Electronic Engineering and Smart Systems
- Energy Conversion Systems

#### **Doctoral School:**

 Interdisciplinary with: Material Engineering, Industrial Engineering and Electronic Engineering, Telecommunications and Information Technologies domains.

Web: https://www.upit.ro/en/faculties/facultatea-de-electronica-comunicatii-si-calculatoare-2

# 4. Faculty of Economics and Law

(C Campus Building, B-dul Republicii No. 71, Pitesti, Arges)

Study Programmes in the field of Economics:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- 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)
- Marketing

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Business Administration in Trade, Tourism and Hospitality
- Management Accounting and Auditing
- Management Accounting and Information Systems
- European Economics and Finances
- Financial-Banking and Insurance Management
- Strategic Management of Human Resources
- Strategic Management and Business Development (in English)
- Study Programmes in the field of Law and Administrative Studies:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Law
- Law (distance course)
- Public administration

### **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Public Administration in the Context of European Integration
- Juridical Careers
- Contentious Law

Web: https://www.upit.ro/en/faculties/facultatea-de-stiinte-economice-si-drept-1

# 5. Faculty of Education Sciences, Social Sciences and Psychology

(Campus A Building, Doaga Street No. 11, Pitesti, Arges)

Study Programmes in the field of Education Sciences:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

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

# **Master's Degree Programmes:**

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

Study Programmes in the field of Social Sciences and Psychology:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Social Work
- Psychology
- Journalism
- Human Ressources

#### **Master's Degree Programmes:**

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

Web: https://www.upit.ro/en/faculties/facultatea-de-stiintele-educatiei-stiinte-sociale-si-sihologie-2

## 6. Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts

(Campus B Building, Gheorghe Doja Street No. 41, Pitesti, Arges)

Study Programmes in the field of Philology:

# **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- French Language and Literature English Language and Literature
- Romanian Language and Literature English Language and Literature (at Râmnicu Vâlcea)
- 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

# **Master's Degree Programmes:**

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

#### **Doctoral School:**

Philology

Study Programmes in the field of Theology:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

Orthodox Theology and Social Work

#### **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- 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
- Study Programmes in the field of History and Philosophy:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

History

#### **Master's Degree Programmes:**

- Romania and the Romanians in the European Context (14th to 20th centuries)
- Study Programmes in the field of Arts:

## **Bachelor's Degree Programmes:**

- Music
- Sacred Art
- Performing Arts (acting)

## **Master's Degree Programmes:**

Contemporary Musical Education

Web: https://www.upit.ro/en/faculties/facultatea-de-teologie-litere-istorie-si-arte

For detailed information on the exact admission requirements for each faculty, please visit the faculties websites.

For a detailed list of all faculties, please visit the website: https://www.upit.ro/admission

# 7. Preparatory Programme of Romanian Language for Foreign Citizens

(Campus A Building, Doaga Street no. 11, Pitești, Argeș)

Intensive Romanian as a foreign language is a one-year preparatory course addressed to foreign citizens willing to study in Romania and who choose undergraduate and postgraduate courses (bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral studies).

- The **enrollment** of foreign citizens in higher education institutions is subject to the same regulations and laws applicable to the Romanian citizens pupils, students or applicants for post academic courses.
- The admission at the University of Piteşti follows the selection procedure of the application files. Every year the university receives applications in competition for 150 places.

#### **ADMISSION CONDITIONS:**

 For EU citizens who want to attend the Preparatory Programme of Romanian Language for Foreign Citizens or undergraduate/ master/ doctorate/ DPPD at the University of Pitesti may apply for recognition of the diploma in order to receive a Certificate of recognition of their studies.

Additional information: anpregatitor@yahoo.com, international@upit.ro

 For Non-EU citizens who want to study in Romania may apply at the University of Pitesti in order to receive the Letter of Acceptance issued by the Ministry of National Education.

Additional information: anpregatitor@yahoo.com, international@upit.ro

#### **TUITION FEES:**

- For the Non-EU citizens: 1980 Euros/ academic year for undergraduate and postgraduate courses (bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral studies). Tuition fee for the non-EU citizens - 1620 Euros/ academic year for pre-university courses.
- For EU citizens: the same as for Romanian students per academic year for undergraduate and postgraduate courses (bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral studies) and pre-university courses.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** are offered by the Romanian state to foreign citizens according to unilateral or bilateral agreements, via authorities in charge in the respective countries. Foreign citizens may receive scholarships or grants on behalf of other states or international organizations.

#### See Application Procedure for scholarships:

- Ministry of National Education: https://www.edu.ro/studenti%20non%20ue
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: https://www.mae.ro/en

#### **COURSE GRADUATION:**

- The assessment at the end of the 1st semester consists of: oral and written exams in order to determine the Romanian language proficiency (reading, listening, speaking and writing): A1-A2 level.
- The assessment at the end the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester consists of: oral and written exams in order to determine the Romanian language proficiency (reading, listening, speaking, writing): B1-B2 level; written and oral exams in specialized language, according to the curriculum.

Graduation exam: the Preparatory Programme of Romanian Language for Foreign Citizens is completed with a graduation examination. The graduation examination is conducted in compliance with the requirements of the study programme and according to the Order of the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research no. 6156/2016 regarding the organization of the Preparatory Programme of Romanian Language for Foreign Citizens, with subsequent modifications and completions and on the basis of the methodology/ procedures approved annually by the Senate of the university.

**GRADUATION CERTIFICATE:** Successful candidates are awarded a Graduation Certificate which offers them the possibility to enroll at bachelor/ master/ doctoral degree programmes.

Additional information: anpregatitor@yahoo.com/ international@upit.ro

Web: https://www.upit.ro/en/international/biroul-studenti-internationali-bsi/anul-pregatitor

# 8. The Department for Teachers Training DPPD

Campus Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, B-dul. Republicii No. 71, Piteşti, Argeş) is responsible with assuring the initial psychological and pedagogical training of students and graduates in order to receive the right to activate in the educational system. It provides DPPD has a pedagogy analysis and development center in order to support the development and the implementation of the new technologies which are specific to the academic education and pedagogy quality management in University of Piteşti. DPPD has a psychological and pedagogical counselling center which aims to guide students, to help them make the best choices for their future career.

Web: www.dppdpitesti.ro

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The students in the University of Piteşti may obtain scholarships:

- Special scholarships
  - 1) Special scholarships for sports activity
  - 2) Special scholarships for cultural and artistic activity
  - 3) *International Olympic merit* scholarships according to the Methodological Norms for the application of Law no. 235/2010
- Performance scholarships
- Merit scholarships
- Social aid scholarships
- · Occasional social assistance grants
- Scholarships from the university's own incomes

## DAILY LIFE IN PITESTI AND UNIVERSITY OF PITESTI

#### **ACCOMMODATION AND CAFETERIA**

- **Student Hostel** The student hostel offers accommodation for **about 1000** students. Besides the student hostels, there are a number of accommodation options to suit different lifestyles and budgets.
- **Student Cafeteria** The student cafeteria can provide three meals a day for 200 people. It serves a wide selection of food and beverage products.

#### **HOTELS IN THE CITY:**

ARGEŞ HOTEL \*\*\* Web: http://www.hotelarges.ro VICTORIA HOTEL \*\*\*\* Web: http://victoriahotel.ro

MUNTENIA HOTEL \*\*\*\* Web: http://www.hoteluripitesti.ro/ro/hotel- muntenia.php

#### SUMMER CAMP

The students with remarkable academic results may participate in summer camps.

#### **SPORT & LEISURE**

University of Piteşti has a great multifunctional European sport center. The students may spend their free time relaxing and practicing different sports such as: tennis, football, handball, basketball, volleyball.

#### LIBRARY

- With more than 300.000 titles in all the fields of the university curricula.
- Access Point to Information (PAI) implemented by L'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) - Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe (AUF-BECO).
- Access to the European Documentation Centre (EDC-UPIT).

#### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

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.

#### **PHARMACIES**

Pharmacies are opened from 8.00 am to 10.00 pm from Monday to Saturday.

#### MONEY

The national currency: Leu (1 Euro = 4.7 lei)

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Public transportation: the price of a bus ticket is 4 Lei (0.8 EUR) valid for two trips.
   Tickets are available at special stands, never at the driver.
- Taxi: One kilometre by taxi costs between 1.5 lei and 2 lei (less than 0.5 EUR). Big taxi companies have the name of the company and the phone number displayed on top and on the sides of the taxi.

#### **Additional information:**

https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/ http://www.publitrans2000.ro/ http://www.autogari.ro

#### THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME:

- Study mobility: the study mobility takes place over a period of 3 to 12 months in another partner institution/ university of a country participating in the program. Its purpose is for students to have educational, linguistic and cultural experience to study in other university centers.
- Traineeship mobility: the traineeship mobility is between 2 and 12 months, spent
  in a company/ organization/ enterprise, professional training center in a partner
  country. This period may be completed by training courses or language courses in
  the host country.
- Selection registration: each candidate contacts the Erasmus coordinator in the respective faculty.
- University of Piteşti has more than 500 inter-institutional agreements with universities from: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.
- The students from the EU countries who benefit of the grant of 450-500 Euro/month may partly cover the costs of transport, subsistence, other taxes and facilities. Thus, the Erasmus students have to come with a personal financial contribution too.
- The Erasmus students are exempt from paying the educational fees in the host university and they keep the scholarship during the period spent in the partner institution.

Web: https://www.upit.ro/ro/international/erasmusplus

#### **VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT INFORMATION**

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 according to the regulation in force.

Additional information: http://igi.mai.gov.ro/ro/content/permis-de-%C8%99edere



#### **Contact:**

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