

Why Romania.

If you are reading this, we imagine that you are somewhat familiar with Romania, its location and some basic facts about it. Nevertheless, it might be sometimes difficult to grasp just what a diverse and complex country it is. Think medieval towns, time-capsule villages, delicious cuisine, picturesque monasteries, virgin forests, majestic mountains, great seaside and fascinating Danube Delta canals, a blossoming art community and impressive landscape... and, of course, high quality education!

Romania is a great place for you to study, its diplomas are recognised all over Europe and beyond, and the education system has made great efforts in being more open to international students. Indeed, over 23,000 international students already call our universities home, and we are ready to welcoming you and other would-be students to be a part of this ever-growing community.







Low tuition fees and living expenses.

While maintaining our academic standards, we have some of the lowest tuition and living costs in the European Union. Housing is especially affordable, and dormitories are subsidised and offer accommodation at affordable rates. Furthermore, numerous universities offer meal plans or discounts within university canteens. Students also benefit of considerable discounts for public transport (locally and nationally) and there are many "student deals" available for food, telecommunications etc.





Work opportunities and quality of life.

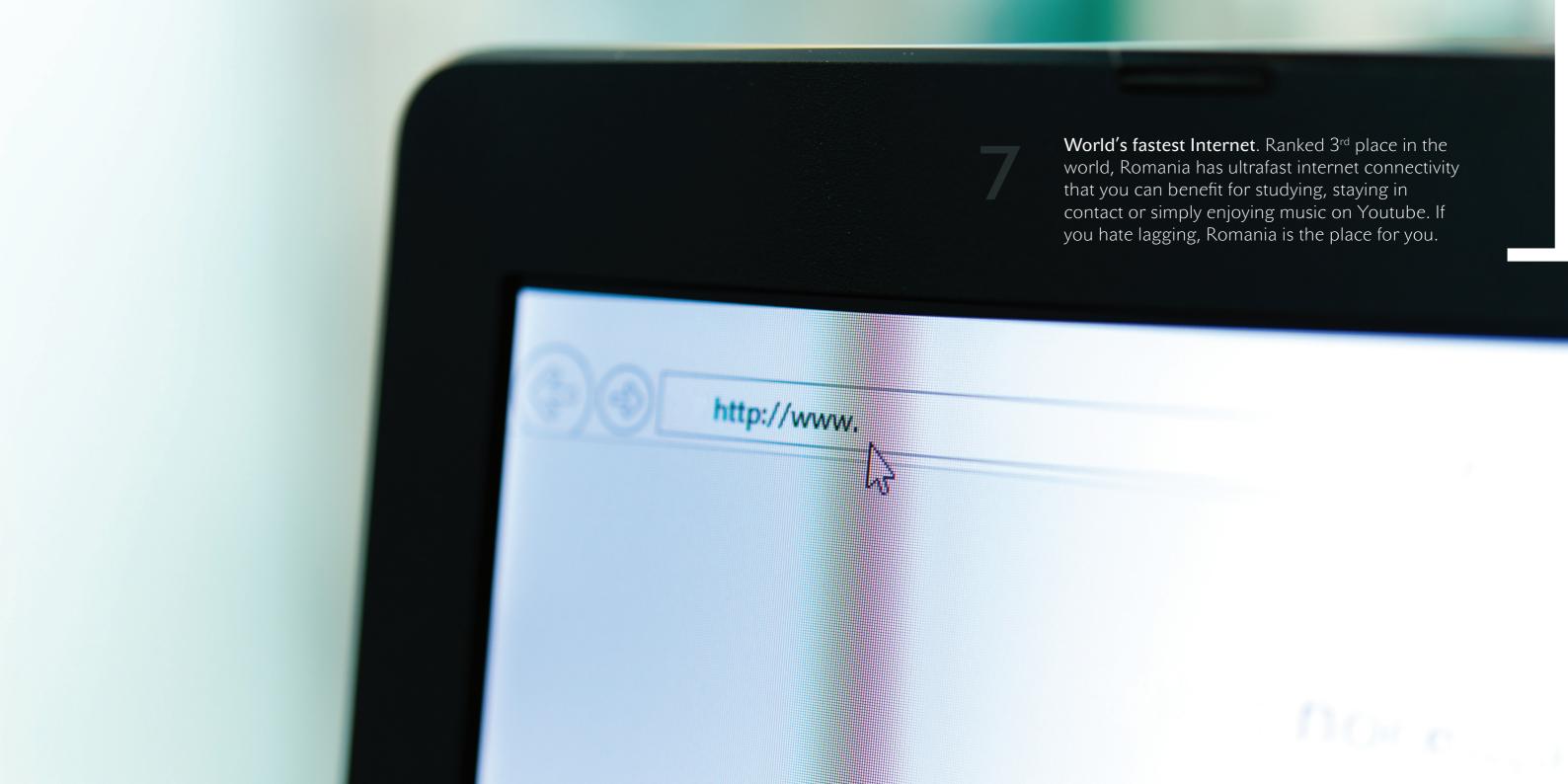
There are a number of possibilities to work as a student: you can apply directly to vacant positions published online, in Call Centres / outsourcing companies where you can work part time, or via personnel recruitment companies and students NGOs that can help you find a job, adequate for your student schedule. While salaries are smaller compared to what you encounter in other EU countries, do note that these are in line with living costs and have been rising at over 10% per year (in real terms) over the past few years.

The nightlife can also be quite exciting, especially in the big universities cities which tremble of festivals (music, film or food) all year-long.

In terms of life quality, Romania is ranked number 48 in the world in air quality by World Health Organisation. You will also be living and studying in one of the safest countries in Europe, with the crime rates among the lowest in Europe and no acts of political violence or terrorism having been registered for decades. The 210 sunny days per year give us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the time outdoors, with different activities for each season!







Application procedure.

- Step 1. Choose your programme and university
- Step 2. Scan your documents:
 - Passport
 - Birth certificate
 - High School Diploma / Certificate
 - Transcript of records
 - Medical certificate
 - Romanian / English / French certificate (B2 level) if needed
- Step 3. Contact the university and apply for your desired programme

The university will ask for your documents.

Some universities will provide you with the possibility to register online, but others will ask for them in hard copy.

Send / upload the required documents.

Pay the application fee - if needed.

Step 4. Wait for feedback

The university will review your documents and will facilitate the recognition process for your prior degrees.

Some universities will require a Skype or face-to-face interview or even passing another form of examination to be admitted (check the details for the specific programme you are interested in).

Both the studyinromania.gov.ro portal and all university websites will provide you with the information needed to start you journey!

- Step 5. Wait for the final Acceptance Letter / Recognition confirmation
- Step 6. Pay the tuition fee
- Step 7. Apply for a visa if needed
- Step 8. Arrive in Romania to start your academic journey

Study programmes.

Romanian universities offer a wide range of Bachelor or Master programmes in Romanian, English, French, German, Romanian or Hungarian.

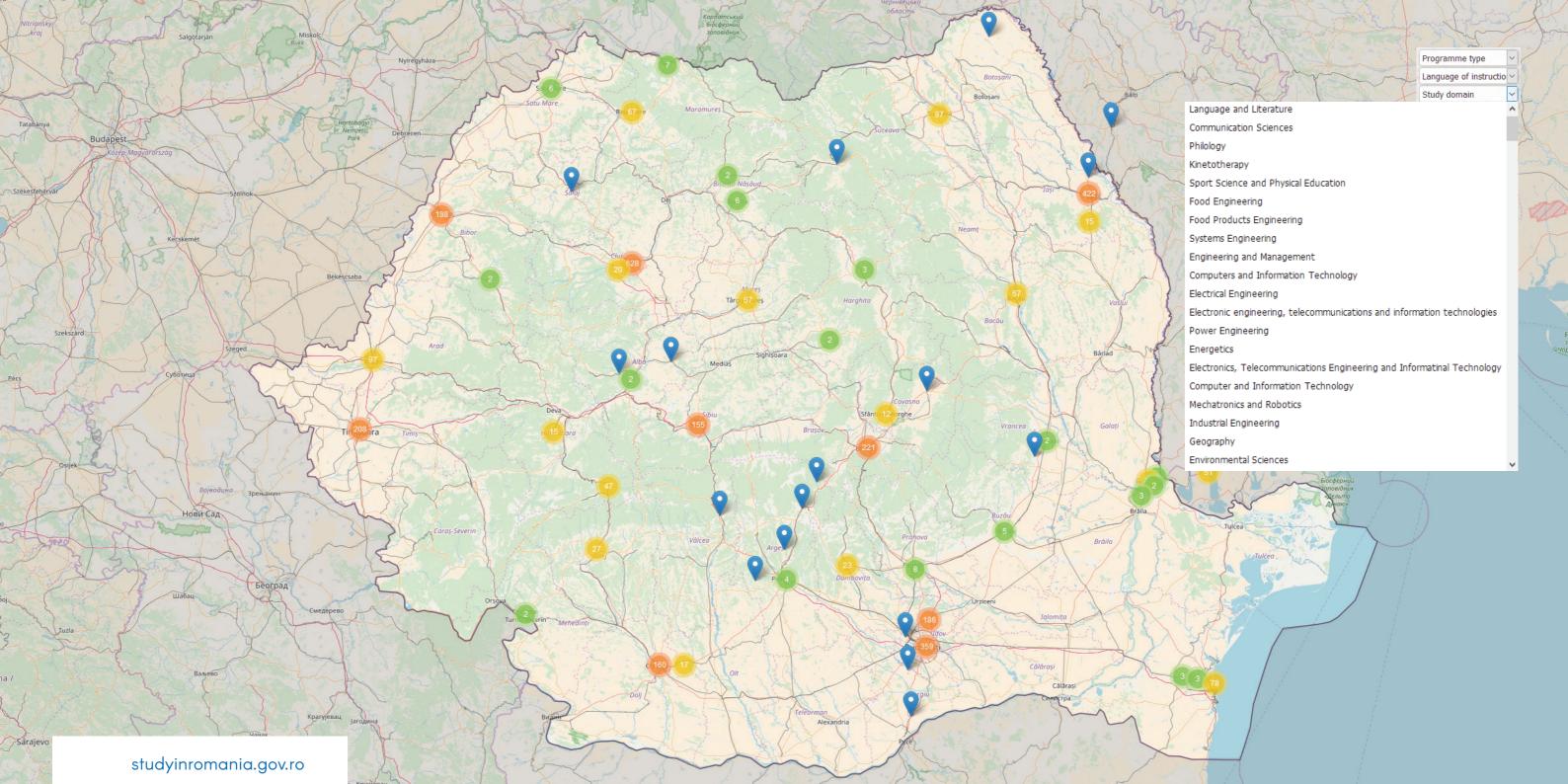
You can search among the 2,000+ programmes listed in the studyinromania.gov.ro portal based on you preferences regarding:

- The study domain
- The level of the programme (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate)
- Language
- Location

If you want to study in a Romanian taught programmer you can chose to have a foundational year for:

- Learning Romanian language and connecting with Romanian culture
- Developing English language skills
- Preparing yourself for the academic journey and facilitating the smooth adjustment to university life







Living on campus

Most universities in Romania offer this type of service to students, which can be a very good option compared to private accommodation, in terms of costs. These vary depending on your chosen university, city and type of accommodation. Quality of accommodation varies from university to university. Some universities offer comfortable and clean dorms with free Internet access, canteen, reading rooms and sport facilities. The rooms are of two beds or more with private bathrooms and sometimes kitchenette and they are equipped with security video surveillance. Make sure you contact your institution directly to find out the available accommodation options and how the costs compare with private accommodation.

Eating on campus

Most universities in Romania have their own canteens where food is very cheap as it is subsidised by the state. There are also restaurants with student discounts in big university cities.

Free of charge medical care and psychological assistance

In Romania, as a student you benefit from free of charge medical care and psychological assistance, if you are under 26 years old. These services are provided in the higher education institution and in public hospitals, based on the public medical insurance. If you are 26 or older, you must pay a monthly health insurance fee (approx. 12 Euro / month). Note that you must register with a general physician (family doctor), which provides basic consults and can refer to specialists if needed.



Free or discounted services for students

All students benefit from

Free transportation inside Romania (by train), which gives them the option to visit Romania extensively and enjoy its culture and landscapes;

At least 50 percent discount domestic public transportation (except for air transport), during the academic year;

Discount entrance fees to museums, concerts, theatres, operas, cinemas, cultural and sport events, organised by public institutions.

You are entitled to apply for financial assistance, grants-in-aid, student loans, work-study, living allowance, social allowances directly to the University, depending on your financial situation. Note that some are accessible to EU / EEA / CH students only.

More information about the facilities students have can be found on the studyinromania.gov.ro portal

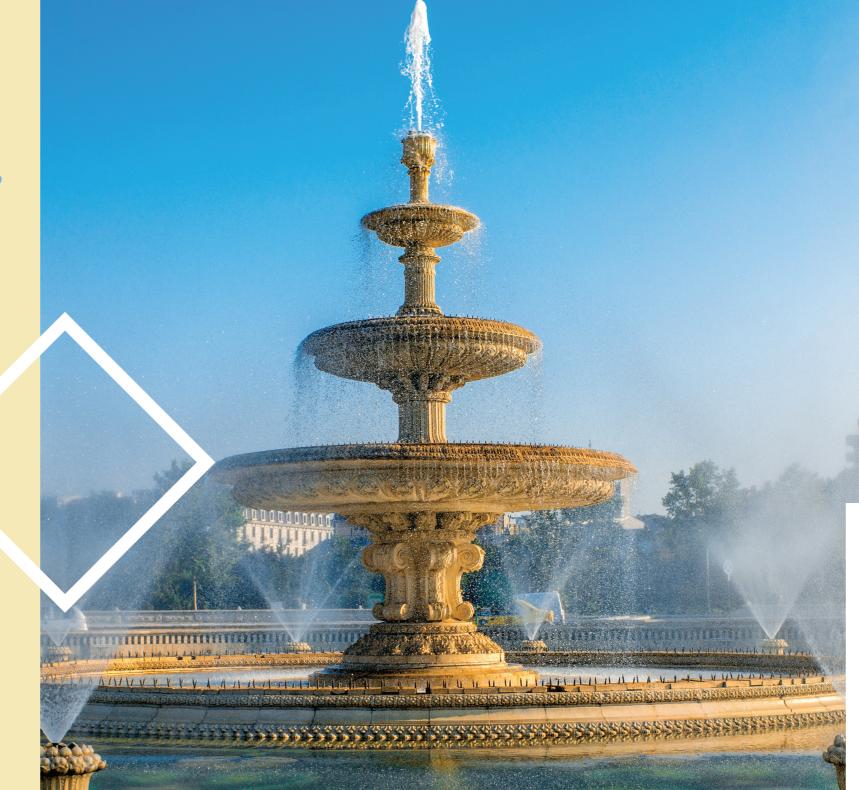
Living in Romania.

International students who choose to study abroad in Romania will reap the benefits of choosing to live in one of the lesser expensive countries in the European Union.

It is estimated that an international student can live a very comfortable life in Romania on a monthly budget of 300 to 500 Euro.

A student studying Romanian language could expect to pay up to 2,000 Euro per year, with tuition for most programmes ranging around 2,000 - 3,000 Euro. Tuition fees increase as programmes becomes more technical and specialised, where studying in the medical, architecture or engineering fields could cost upwards of 7,000 Euro.

Students interested in specific programmes are advised to check the various tuition fees of universities around the country to see where there may be variance.



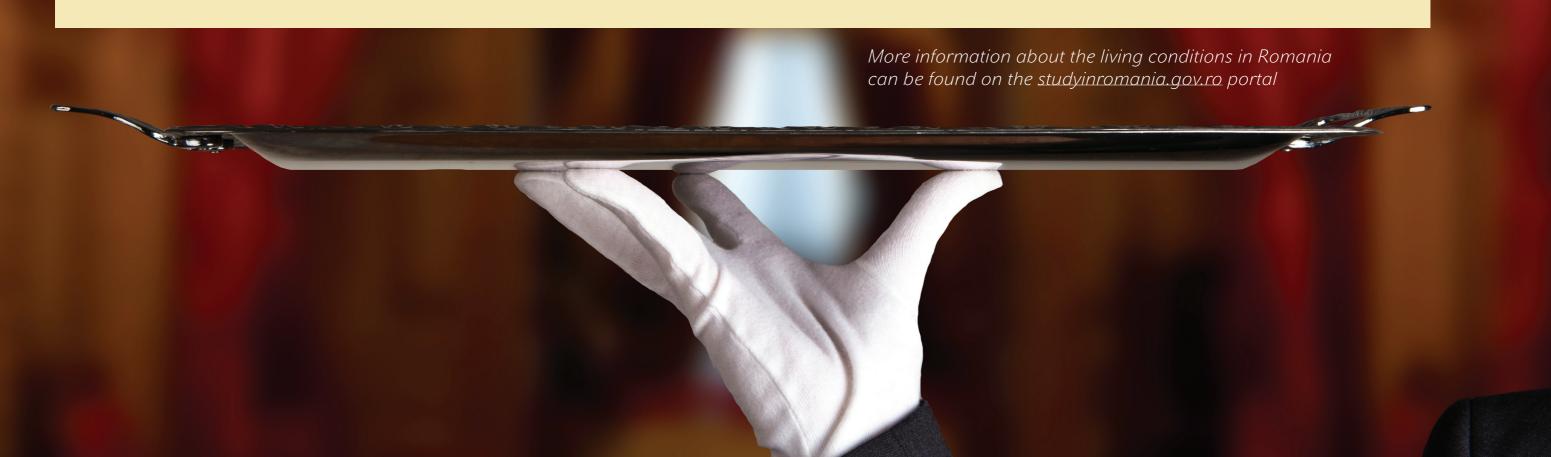
Here are some costs you may expect when coming to Romania:

Accommodation

- Shared Rental: 80 150 Euro /month
- Private housing / Rental: 130 300 Euro / month
- On campus dormitories: 60 85 Euro / month

Other living expenses

- Food (canteen / groceries / eating out): 100 300 Euro / month
- Car maintenance (after purchase): around 100 Euro / month
- Gas, electricity: 40 60 Euro / month
- Phone and internet: 20 40 Euro / month
- Medical insurance: from 12 Euro / month (either private or at the National Health Insurance Company: CNAS, state owned)
- Public transportation: 10 30 Euro / month
- National transport: a train or bus ticket for a 300 km distance is around 15 20 Euro
- Entertainment: 200 Euro / month



Traveling.

There are plenty of low cost flights in and out of the main university cities in Romania, thus making travel cheaper than i was several years ago.

Distance (in km) between cities from Bucharest to:

Amsterdam 2,292	Istanbul 733	Paris 2,379	Cluj Napoca 426
Athens 1,224	Kiev 1,291	Prague 1,406	Constanta 225
Berlin 1,786	Chisinau 650	Rome 2,039	Craiova 248
Berne 1,966	Lisbon 4,246	Sofia 389	lasi 406
Brussels 2,242	London 2,560	Stockholm 3,278	Sibiu 282
Budapest 824	Luxemburg 2,138	Vienna 1,079	Timisoara 538
Copenhagen 2,710	Madrid 3,489	Warsaw 1,210	
Helsinki 2,681	Moscow 1,899	Brasov 161	

Time (by plane) from Bucharest to:

Vienna 1h35	Rome 2h10	Budapest 1h50	Istanbul 1h15
Prague 1h55	Barcelona 3h20	Athens 1h35	Tel Aviv 2h35
Paris 3h10	Berlin 2h10	Moscow 2h12	

