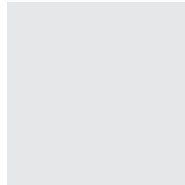
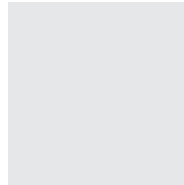
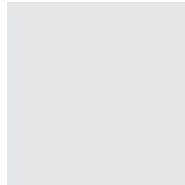


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## RECTOR'S ADDRESS

As a public higher education institution, “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia is going through a new stage of its existence, a stage marked by the three principles underlying the current mandate of the University's Management: performance, quality and consistency. Being a relatively young University – we celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2011 -, our University is fully aware of its place and role within the higher education system in Romania, and constantly relates to the tradition of the Transylvanian educational system. Each detail of our institutional activity is connected to the importance of our University's existence in the heart of Romania, a privileged locus of the national spirit. The basic mission of the University is precisely that of contributing through specific means of education, research and value creation to preserving and underpinning the national identity, to unity in diversity of the Romanian culture and to its active integration within the European and universal flow of values.

The previous developmental stage of our University has been marked by major strategic projects and significant achievements in the strengthening and advancement of the academic body, by an increase in scientific performances of the teaching and research staff, the development of all the material resources, including living conditions offered to our students. The new stage of maturity aims at intensifying these actions, having as main purpose the increase of every category of performances. It is our endeavour to focus on performances which will secure a higher ranking of our University in the coming years, in the context of a hierarchy based on sound, fair and unitary criteria for all Romanian institutions of higher education. The strategic objectives of the University are therefore oriented in this direction, and aim at increasing the quality of the educational process in accordance with the Romanian Law of Education 1/2011. Within the European context, our University promotes excellence in scientific research, by developing and strengthening academic relations at national and international level, supporting individual excellence of teaching staff and researchers, increasing the quality of students' life and creating opportunities for personal and professional development in order to help them actively integrate into society, promoting an efficient institutional management, developing and updating material resources, providing and diversifying financial resources.

The academic community of Alba Iulia focuses on students and the quality of their education and professional training. The values that we promote are orientated towards maintaining a harmonious and seminal relationship between the actors of the educational process: equality, diversity, sustainability and social responsibility, openness, transparency and fairness, innovation and professionalism, excellence, respect towards the individual and collective values, responsibility for the human and material patrimony. We enjoy collaboration with institutions from the secondary and higher educational systems from Romania and abroad, viable and proactive partnerships with public and private institutions and the enthusiastic support of local and regional officials, so that we cannot but mobilise and channel all our activities and commitment to the enhancement of our University's performances. In troubled times, marked by a world crisis and instability, we vouch to offer stability and balance, by promoting essential ethical and aesthetic principles, a sense of responsibility towards national identity and its values within the European and global context. We assure all our University's current and prospective students, friends, partners, sponsors or collaborators that they will always find a close-knit academic family in Alba Iulia, in the heart of the Alba Carolina Fortress. In order to understand its essence, you are warmly welcomed here to become the friends with whom we can pledge allegiance to the truth once spoken by Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

**Professor Valer Daniel Breaz, Ph.D.**  
**Rector of “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia**



## Welcome to “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia



“1 DECEMBRIE 1918” UNIVERSITY OF ALBA IULIA was set up as a public higher education and research institution founded pursuant to the Romanian Government Decision no. 474/09.07.1991. Its name is related to the historical moment (1918) when the union of the three Romanian provinces was accomplished in Alba Iulia. In 2009, following the institutional assessment carried out by the Executive Bureau of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education – ARACIS, “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia was awarded a HIGH CONFIDENCE RATING, the highest qualification for Romanian universities.

The aim of the university is to constantly develop an academic community, able to increase the value of the archaeological, social, economic and cultural heritage of our region, and committed to creating, preserving and disseminating knowledge, enhancing the academic community's excellence, developing students' skills and competences, through promoting a culture of values, morality, inquiry, research, and life-long learning.

Our University is also committed to continuing the process of extending, modernising and adapting its research and education facilities, and to developing a complex – both theoretical and practical – academic training system for all those who are willing to become highly qualified specialists in different fields of activity, adequately prepared for the ever more demanding and challenging national and international labour market. Therefore, we are permanently improving our undergraduate BA and BSc programmes, as well as post-graduate studies (Master and Ph.D. programmes). The academic programmes are completely aligned with the Bologna system.

“1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia has collaboration agreements with more than 120 research, educational and cultural institutions from Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, France, Hungary, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Republic of Serbia, UK, Ukraine, etc. Most of the agreements are focused on the exchange of students and staff (teaching staff, researchers and administrative staff), exchange of publications, journals and teaching materials, co-organisation of conferences and other academic events, and participation in research and educational projects.



# International Relations

“The Centre for International Relations is the pacesetter for the internationalisation strategy of “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia, developed in cooperation with and endorsed by the university management for the current mandate (2012-2016). The main tenets of this strategy are construed along the following lines: extending the international dimension of research activities, and teaching/learning processes, raising intercultural and plurilingual awareness, and active involvement in social and corporate governance.”

**Associate Professor Teodora IORDACHESCU, Ph.Ed.**  
**Director of the Centre for International Relations**

We actively foster the mobility of teachers and students and we continuously extend our cooperation with institutions worldwide, either through bilateral agreements or collaborating in different types of networks (Association of Carpathian Regional Universities, Consortium in Humanities, European Network for Intercultural Education Activities, etc.).

“1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia has currently concluded 101 Erasmus+ agreements with higher education institutions for student and staff mobility, as well as 50 Erasmus+ agreements with various institutions for student placement. We yearly host a number of approximately 150 outgoing students and 50 incoming students within the Erasmus+ mobility Programme. Our university is in the process of implementing the International Credit Mobility within the Erasmus+ Programme with Partner Countries with whom besides mobility programmes we will develop collaborative educational and research activities, such as: co-organising thematic conferences (GeoCAD, ICTAMI, BENA, etc.), co-publishing periodical volumes of conference proceedings and peer-reviewed academic journals. We have already established successful joint PhD programmes, and we are looking into new vistas offered by ERA+ and Horizon 2020.

For international students, our university provides a one-year programme in **Romanian as a Foreign Language** (Preparatory Year).

For information, advice on or support in the following areas, please contact the Centre for International Relations:

- Study/work experience in Alba Iulia;
- Funding/Scholarships;
- Admission procedures and recognition of diplomas;
- Visa applications;
- Accommodation;
- Insurance plans;
- Romanian language courses;
- Induction sessions.



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# Structure of “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” John Dewey*

Our university consists of 5 faculties (10 teaching departments), 15 research centres and 7 administrative centres.

## The Faculty of History and Philology

The Faculty of History and Philology brings together the undergraduate academic programmes in Humanities of our University. The Faculty of History and Philology consists of two large departments: the Department of History, Archaeology and Museology, and the Department of Philology.

The Faculty of History and Philology boasts leading edge facilities for a top-quality educational process: libraries (University Library, Batthyaneum Library, Library of the National Union Museum, National Archives – Alba County), access to databases (e.g. ProQuest, JSTOR, Emerald, Science Direct, Thompson ISI Web of Knowledge, etc.), state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms, archaeological and restoration sites.

The Faculty has also established partnerships with national and international institutions of higher education. As a result, our students can take part in study and work placement mobility with partner universities in France, Italy, Greece, Germany, Poland, Austria, Spain, Hungary, China, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Lithuania, Portugal, Turkey, Malta, etc.

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEOLOGY

The Department of History, Archaeology and Museology (DIAM) was founded in 2010, following the merger between the former History Department (founded in 1991), “Iuliu Paul” Institute of Systemic Archaeology (2001) and “Iuliu Maniu” Centre for Historical Research (1997). The teaching professionals and researchers of DIAM are specialised in Archaeology, Prehistory, Ancient/Medieval/Modern/Contemporary History, Art History, Museology, Heritage Conservation and Restoration.

**Academic programmes** with national accreditation

BA PROGRAMMES (3 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)	Ph.D. PROGRAMMES-all in Romanian (3 years) in the field of HISTORY, with the following specialisations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History (Romanian)</li><li>• Archaeology (English; Romanian)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Museum studies and cultural tourism</li><li>• Regional identities in Central and Eastern Europe</li><li>• Interdisciplinary archaeological research</li><li>• The research, conservation and capitalization of the historical</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Archaeology</li><li>• Archaeometry</li><li>• Museology</li><li>• Historiography</li><li>• History of Art</li><li>• History of Culture</li></ul>

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## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOLOGY

The Department of Philology was created in 2011, following the merger between the Department of Romanian Language and Literature (created in 1992), the Department of Foreign Languages (2002) and with three research centres: The Centre of Philological Research and Multicultural Dialogue, The “Speculum” Centre for the Research of the Imaginary and The Centre for Research and Innovation in Linguistic Education – CIEL. The members of the department are specialised in Languages, Literatures and Language teaching methodology. They teach both fundamental philological subjects and modern language courses and Latin in other academic programmes of the University.

CIEL is an accredited preparation and testing centre for Cambridge exams (in collaboration with the British Council, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) and an associate member of the European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education – CERCLES. It organizes language certification exams for students who sit in BA, MA, and Ph.D. examinations.

Moreover, it offers modern languages courses, accredited by the Romanian Council for Adult Education and preparation courses for international exams: CAMBRIDGE-FCE/CAE/CPE; IELTS; BEC/ILEC/ICFE, TOEFL, DaF-Zertifikat Deutsch, ZMP-Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung, ZOP-Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung/TestDaF, DELF and DALF.

**Academic programmes** with national accreditation:

BA PROGRAMMES (3 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES (2 years of study)	Ph.D. PROGRAMMES-all in Romanian (3 years) in the field of PHILOLOGY, with the following specialisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Language and Literature – English Language and Literature</li> <li>• Romanian Language and Literature – English Language and Literature</li> <li>• Romanian Language and Literature – French Language and Literature</li> <li>• Translation and Interpretation (English-French- Romanian)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romanian Literature and Culture within a European Context</li> <li>• English Language, Literature and Culture within a European Context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romanian Language and Literature</li> <li>• Comparative Literature</li> </ul>



## Faculty of Economic Sciences



The Faculty of Economic Sciences was established in 2014, on the basis of Government Decision no. 580/2014, published in the Official Gazette of Romania no. 527/16 July 2014, and University's Senate decision from 28 April 2014. The Faculty of Economic Sciences organizes study programmes in various fields that are relevant for nowadays development of the national and European economy and society.

### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MARKETING

The BBA and MBA programmes have been developed in connection with the business environment and the local government and in partnership with the research teams made up of teachers, students and master students. The results obtained in this partnership substantiate their visibility through the acknowledgement of the economic study programmes at national and international level.

Academic programmes with national accreditation:

BBA PROGRAMMES: (3 years of study)	MBA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Economy of Trade, Tourism and Services (Romanian)</li><li>• Business Administration (English, Romanian)</li><li>• Marketing (Romanian)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administration of Sustainable Regional Development</li><li>• Business Administration in Trade, Tourism, and Services</li><li>• Marketing and Sales Promotion</li></ul>

### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

The main mission of the Department of Finance - Accounting is to contribute to the training of professionals and to the scientific development in the field of managed degree programmes, accounting and finance respectively.

The prestige of the specializations managed by the Department of Finance - Accounting is given by the quality of education provided to develop intellectual capacity, moral character and expertise acquired by students.

Academic programmes with national accreditation:

BA PROGRAMMES: (3 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)	Ph.D. PROGRAMMES - in Romanian: (3 years of study) in the field of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finance and Banking (Romanian)</li><li>• Accounting and Computer Science Management (Romanian)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audit and Control of Companies</li><li>• Accounting Information System in the Management Decision Making</li><li>• Banks, Insurance and Financial Markets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACCOUNTING</li></ul>

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# Faculty of Exact Sciences and Engineering

The Faculty of Exact Sciences and Engineering is the youngest faculty of the University being founded in 2014 on the basis of the University's Senate decision from 28 April 2014 and of the Government Decision no. 580/2014, published in the Official Gazette of Romania no. 527/16 July 2014, and as a consequence of the development of study and research programmes in technical fields.

## DEPARTMENT OF EXACT SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

The core of the faculty is provided through the Department of Exact Sciences and Engineering, comprising four teaching staff / researchers teams: Computer Science, Electronics, Environmental Engineering, Land Measurements and Cadastre. The Technological evolutions and communication and partnership relations with major national and multinational companies have revealed the necessity to develop undergraduate and master academic programmes supported by the four teams of the department.

**Academic programmes** with national accreditation:

B.Sc. PROGRAMMES (3/4 years of study)	M.Sc. PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer Science (English, Romanian)</li><li>• Land and Cadastral Surveying (Romanian)</li><li>• Applied Electronics (Romanian)</li><li>• Environmental Engineering (Romanian)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced Programming and Database</li><li>• Information Systems in Surveying and Property Management</li></ul>

The Department has over 15 laboratories specialized in areas of interest such as Multimedia Laboratory, Laboratory for Networks and Internet, Microprocessors Laboratory, Chemistry Laboratory - waste water and waste gas treatment, Materials Science Laboratory, Physics Laboratory, Laboratory for Topography, etc. The rich material endowments as well as the converging preoccupations of the Department's teams make possible the fulfillment of the objectives undertaken to provide our students a good theoretical and practical training, but also the opportunity to quickly getting employed/a job.

We are happy to offer to our potential students a team of young but experienced teachers trained through research and study programmes in major international universities. The teaching and research projects conducted by the teams are another guarantee for a successful educational journey.



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## Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Law and Social Sciences was set up in 2003 (by Government Decision no. 1082/11.09.2003 published in the Official Gazette of Romania, part I, no. 687/30/09.2003). At present, the Faculty offers academic programmes in law, sociology, social work, public administration, occupational therapy and physical education.

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

One of the most sought after Departments of the University trains students to become experts in the field of legal sciences, administration, secretarial studies or physical education. Legal experts teach as permanent or adjunct academic staff members of the University, so that the connection between theory and practice is ensured. Physical education and sports is a more recent and very successful academic programme provided by the Department of Law and Administration.

**Academic programmes with national accreditation:**

BA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (3/4 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law</li><li>• Public Administration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private Law Institutions</li><li>• Criminal Sciences and Criminology</li><li>• Managerial Assistance in the Public and Private Sectors</li></ul>

### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The activity of the Sociology and Social Work Department is focused on teaching and research. Student research is strongly encouraged. There are two student research centres, coordinated by highly qualified members of the academic staff, who work closely with students to guide them through their theoretical and practical training.

**Academic programmes with national accreditation:**

BA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (3 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES - in Romanian (2 years of study)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sociology</li><li>• Social Work</li><li>• Occupational Therapy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Work in Ecclesiastical Institutions</li><li>• Human resources Development and Management</li></ul>

### DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Within the academic world, the development of teaching and research in the field of educational sciences is a priority for the University, considering that most of the academic programmes have teacher education components. In this regard, the existence of study programmes in educational sciences strengthens and develops the overall training quality of future teachers of secondary or higher education.

**Academic programmes with national accreditation:**

BA PROGRAMMES - in Romanian (3 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary and Preschool Teacher Education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psycho-Pedagogy of Early and Primary Teacher Education</li><li>• Educational Management</li></ul>

### DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

Physical education and sports is a more recent and very successful academic programme.

**Academic programmes with national accreditation:**

BA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (3/4 years of study):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical Education and Sports;</li><li>• Kinetherapy and Special Motion</li></ul>



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# Faculty of Orthodox Theology

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology was founded in 1990, after the fall of the atheistic totalitarian regime in Romania. It is co-founder of the “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia, together with the Faculty of History and Philology.

Academic programmes with national accreditation:

BA PROGRAMMES -all in Romanian (3/4 years of study)	MA PROGRAMMES - all in Romanian (2 years of study)	Ph.D. PROGRAMMES - in Romanian (3 years of study) in the field of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pastoral Orthodox Theology</li><li>• Religious music</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparative Theology</li><li>• Pastoral Counselling</li><li>• Intercultural and Inter-religion Mediation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theology</li></ul>



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# Student Services

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## Accommodation

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### Residence Halls

The University has 4 modern Student Residence Halls, with a total capacity of 948 places. The standard facilities and appliances in each Residence Hall include triple bed rooms with modern furniture, bathroom, refrigerator, TV, Internet connection, a launderette, a multifunctional hall, study rooms and kitchens with gas stoves and electric hoods.

The cost of accommodation in the Student Residence Halls is 200 lei (approx. 44 Euro)/person/month. The Centre for International Relations and the Student Services office at “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia will help you apply for accommodation.

Upon request, we can provide assistance to international students who want to rent accommodation in an off-campus apartment. Current real estate market rates will apply (ranging from 125 Euro/month for a studio to 200 euro/month for a 3-room apartment).

The University also has a **Guest House** with 32 rooms (studios and apartments equipped with bathroom, refrigerator and TV), mainly used to accommodate professors from Romania and abroad, as well as delegates for scientific events organised by the University.

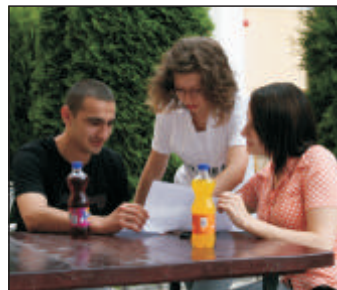
The “**Gaudeamus**” **International Study and Conference Centre** is the most recently-built complex of the University, designed to host most of its national and international scientific and cultural events. It includes accommodation facilities, conference and lecture rooms with a spectacular view to the green surroundings of Alba Iulia.

## The University Restaurant

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Students can have lunch at the University Restaurant located on campus with the following facilities: a lunch room with 200 seats, 2 cocktail rooms for special occasions (social events, conferences, and official meetings) with 39 seats; an automatic line for preparing food with modern kitchen appliances. The Restaurant also offers lunch à la carte. The University has a snack bar with an open-air terrace (during summer time), as well as outdoor recreational areas within the historical grounds of Alba Iulia Fortress.

The University Restaurant provides lunch on a regular basis on week days; and breakfast and dinner on request only. A 3-course menu costs approx. 15 lei (3.3 Euro)





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## The University Library

The University Library is a modern, computerised library with a stock of over 100,000 volumes (together with the Archbishopric Library) that cover almost all fields of interest. The Orthodox Archbishopric Library is located on the premises of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology and provides services which are similar to the ones of the University Library, both sharing a common database.

The Library services are open to all University students, researchers, teaching professionals and administrative staff.

The database of the Library can be accessed through the OPAC software. The library is organised on home loan and reading rooms with over 100 seats, offering free access to the shelf. Access to the Library collections is based on a library card (2 Euros), issued in accordance with Library bylaws.

There are additional services available to the readers in exchange of a small fee.

The library includes four reading rooms with free access to the shelves, located on the first floor of the building, where readers can make photocopies; there is also a loan section, a reading room and the acquisitions and archiving department on the ground floor; a multimedia room is located in the attic of the Library building equipped with 50 computers, where students can check the electronic databases to which the University is a subscribed user. There are digitised teaching/learning materials which students can also purchase.

## Students' Health Service

The Students' Health Service aims to provide a positive and unique health care experience for students of "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia. The Practice, located on campus, offers a range of free health service treatment and also additional medical services specifically for student patients. It is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

## Students' Sports Centre

### Sports facilities

There are two gyms owned by the University available to its students, which are suitable for different sports activities such as: fitness, body-building, football, volleyball, table tennis, basketball, and handball.

CSU Alba Iulia is the University's International Women's Basketball Team playing in the First Division of Romanian Women's Basketball Competitions.

Sports Hall: Address (in the vicinity of the Students' Residence Hall No. 1):106, Vasile Alecsandri Street, Alba Iulia, Romania.

## The Students' Union and Cultural Centre

Students can benefit from the cultural, artistic and entertainment facilities and services provided by the Students' Cultural Centre, one of the partner institutions of our University, which hosts and organises cultural events and artistic performances for students and the general public.

Three student and alumni organisations are active within the University: the University Students' Union (LSUA), The Association of Christian-Orthodox Students (ASCOR), and the Alumni Association (ALUMNI). Volunteer work is strongly encouraged and supported by these students' organisations, which organise different events for and with students.

## Student Identification Card

International students receive a student ID card that gives them access to various university facilities. The card can also be used to get discounts when purchasing entry tickets to swimming pools, fitness centres, museums, cinemas and public transportation.



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## Studying at “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia



Students can choose between 28 undergraduate programmes, 24 master study programmes and 4 doctoral degree programmes in Romanian, and 4 undergraduate programmes in English. They are all Ministry accredited, aligned with the Bologna system, and fully compatible with other similar European degrees. The workload of one academic year equals 60 ECTS credits.

The list of degree programmes is available on the official website of “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia: [www.uab.ro/international\\_student/](http://www.uab.ro/international_student/)

### Language of Instruction

#### Academic Programmes in Romanian

Foreign citizens from EU third countries will be enrolled in undergraduate and post-graduate studies only after graduating the Romanian language preparatory year or on the basis of a certificate proving Romanian linguistic competencies; during the preparatory year, the candidates will learn the necessary Romanian language vocabulary as well as the specific vocabulary needed for the future studies (anatomy, physics, chemistry, technical drawing etc.), if the study programme is held in Romanian.

#### Academic programmes in English

“1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia offers the following degree programmes in English:

##### Faculty of History and Philology:

- BA in Archaeology;
- BA in Translation and Interpretation (English-French- Romanian);
- BA in Romanian Language and Literature - English Language and Literature;
- BA in French Language and Literature - English Language and Literature;

##### Faculty of Economic Sciences:

- B.Sc. in Business Administration;

##### Faculty of Exact Sciences and Engineering

- B.Sc. in Computer Science.

Prior to admission to accredited study programmes in English, “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia will organize an English language proficiency test, evaluated with pass / fail. Topics and bibliography will be provided in the Admission Methodology for undergraduate studies, published early for each academic year.

## Romanian Language Preparatory Year

### Aims and scope

The one-year, full-time academic programme in Romanian as a Foreign Language is addressed to foreign citizens who wish to gain entry onto a Romanian degree programme (at bachelor, master, Ph.D. level), as well as post-graduate and advanced training programmes in various fields. The programme also meets the needs of expatriates who work in Romania and who want to acquire a formal language certification.

The course aims at developing international students’ skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in Romanian for academic purposes. By the end of the course, students will have reached level B2 of the Common European Framework.

Besides the 22 contact hours per week, the programme also includes extracurricular activities to ensure that international

students understand Romanian academic life and culture. Various social events, excursions, outings and documentary visits to other cities and tourist attractions are organised regularly to ensure social, linguistic and cultural integration.

#### Programme structure

Courses	No. of hours/week	Academic credits 30 ECTS/semester
<b>First semester (14 weeks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Romanian Language Course (CEFR Levels A1 and A2)</li> <li>• Romanian Culture and Civilisation (Module 1)</li> </ul>	23 hrs/week 2 hrs/week	25 5
<b>Second semester (14 weeks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Romanian Language Course (CEFR Levels B1 and B2)</li> <li>• Romanian Culture and Civilisation (Module 2)</li> <li>• Romanian Language for Specific Purposes – (1 course to be elected out of Romanian for medical/business/technical/humanities/law and social sciences fields)</li> </ul>	18 hrs/week 2 hrs/week 5 hrs/week	20 5 5

#### Teaching and assessment

This course is taught by a team of experienced scholars and uses varied teaching methods, including lectures, seminars, workshops, and one-to-one tutorials. Students normally have twenty hours of scheduled contact time per week. In addition, staff are available each week for one-to-one tutorials.

Assessment consists of a combination of methods, ranging from assessed coursework, including essays, assignments, creative writing and other tasks; progress tests; oral examinations, including viva voce, individual and group presentations and seminars; individual research assignments, including library projects.

#### Certification

Students who successfully complete the course and pass the final examination will be awarded a CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE – B2 LEVEL. The programme is approved by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Scientific Research; therefore certificates are valid across the European Union.

## How to apply

#### Admission requirements for EU students

Citizens from EU, European Economic Association (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Switzerland who apply for admission in the Romanian educational system have to meet the same conditions as the Romanian citizens and they have the same tuition fees as Romanian students.

In order to obtain recognition of studies, European candidates must send following documents to the university of their choice:

- Filled application form;
- Certified copy of the Baccalaureate diploma;
- Certified copy of the university degree diploma and academic transcript (for master or PhD);
- Personal Identification Documents: Passport (copies of pages 1, 2, 3, 4) / identity card.

These documents have to be accompanied by legally certified translations in an international language (English or French), certified for authentication with the Apostille of Hague.

The certificate recognising the studies will be issued by the National Centre for Equivalence and Recognition of Diplomas (CNERD). The institution will send the certificate to the university within 15 days.

The fee for the recognition of study documents is 50 RON and can be paid either by bank transfer or postal order. The following account should be mentioned:

**Transfer data: Beneficiary:** The Ministry of Education and Scientific Research; **Fiscal Code:** 13729380; **Bank:** DTCPMB - Directia de Trezorerie si Contabilitate Publica a Municipiului Bucuresti; **IBAN Code:** RO86TREZ70020E330500XXXX

# Studying at “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia



## Admission requirements for non-EU students

International students from non-EU Member states who wish to attend the Romanian language preparatory year or a degree programme must comply with the national legislation and “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia Charter.

## Application procedure

Prospective students will send the application files directly to “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia. The University will evaluate the files and send to the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research – General Department for International Relations, a shortlist of persons that are nominated to receive the Letter of Acceptance to Studies. Along with the list, the University must send a copy of the applications for issuing the Letter of Acceptance to Studies that were filled in by the candidates. The General Department for International Relations will issue the Letter of Acceptance to Studies and send it to “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia.

Applications are received on a rolling basis, until the end of August for admission to studies in the following academic year. The Letter of Acceptance will be issued by the Ministry of Education by the commencement of each academic year, i.e. 1st of October.

## Documents required for the application file:

1. Application form (in 2 original copies);
2. Certified copy of the High school graduation diploma or equivalent – for undergraduate studies;
3. Certified copy of the Bachelor’s degree or equivalent – for postgraduate applicants or PhD;
4. Transcript of records translated into Romanian, English, French or German;
5. Language certificate (optional);
6. Certified copy of the birth certificate;
7. Certified copy of the passport valid at least 6 months after the date when the letter of acceptance to studies is issued;
8. Medical certificate (in a widespread international language) to prove that the person to be registered for studies does not suffer from infectious diseases or other illnesses that are incompatible with the future profession;
9. Four passport-type photos.

## Enrolment

When registering, the candidates will present the documents from the Application file, in original, certified for authentication by the Embassy of Romania to the issuer country or endorsed with Apostille of Hague, if the previous studies were not completed in Romania, in a European Union country or in accordance with the legal assistance agreements signed between Romania and third countries.

## Tuition fees

Tuition fees for foreign citizens from non-EU member states (valid for the academic year 2015/2016), payable in advance for 9 months (one academic year), as per University Senate’s decision from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013:

Romanian language preparatory year	Undergraduate and Master programmes	Ph.D. programme
2,970 Euro/academic year	2,970 Euro/academic year	4,000 Euro/academic year

## Other administrative fees

The fee for processing the application file: 50 Euro.

The Centre for International Relations offers certified translation services (from English, French into Romanian) for diplomas, academic transcripts, and other study-related documents for a fee (6.5 Euro per page) (optional - prospective applicants may seek the services of certified translators off-campus).



## Grading System

ECTS grading system	FX, F Fail	E Sufficient	D Satisfactory	C Good	C Good	B Very Good	A Excellent
Romania	1-4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Austria	5	-	4	-	3	2	1
Albania	1-4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bulgaria	2	3	-	-	4	5	6
Belgium	7, 8, 9	10	11	12	13, 14	15, 16, 17	18, 19, 20
Denmark	0, 3, 5	6	7	8	9	10	11, 13
Switzerland	< 3,5	3,5-3,99	4,0-4,49	4,5-4,99	5,0-5,49	5,5	5,51-6,0
Finland	1	1 1/2	-	2	1 1/2	3	
France	Insuffisant (< 10)	Passable (10-10,49)	Passable (10,5-10,99)	Assez bien (11,0-11,49)	Assez bien (11,5-12,49)	Bien (12,5-14,49)	Très bien (14,5-20,0)
Germany	> 4,01	4,00-3,51	3,5-3,01	3,00-2,51	2,50-2,01	2,00-1,51	1,50-1,00
Greece	2, 3, 4	5	6	-	7	8, 9	10
Ireland	< 25% Fail	25% - 39% Pass	40% - 44% 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	45% - 54% -	55% - 69% 2 <sup>nd</sup> /II	70% - 84% 2 <sup>nd</sup> /I	85% - 100% I
Iceland	Fail	5	-	6	7	8	9, 10
Italy	< = 17	18, 19	20-22	23-24	25-26	27, 28	29, 30, 30+
Lithuania	1-4	5	6	7	8	9	10
UK	0 – 39% (Fail)	40 – 49% (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	50 – 54% (2ii)	55 – 59% (2ii)	60 – 64% (2i)	65 – 69% (Upper 2i)	70-100% (First)
Norway	6-4.1	4-3.5	3.5-3	2.9-2.4	2.3-2	1.9-1.2	1.1-1.0
Holland	1-4	5	6	-	7	8	9, 10
Poland	< 3,00	3,00	3,01 – 3,49	-	3,50 – 3,99	4,00 – 4,49	4,50 – 5,00
Portugal	1-9	10	11, 12	13	14, 15	16, 17	18, 19, 20
Slovakia	5	-	4	-	3	2	1
Slovenia	1-5.9	6	6.1-6.9	7-7.5	7.6-7.9	8-9.9	10
Spain	< 5 Suspenso	5,0-5,49 Aprobado	5,5-6,49 Aprobado	6,5-7,49 Notable	7,5-8,49 Notable	8,5-9,49 Sobresaliente Excellent	9,5-10 Matricula de Honor
USA	E-F/0-59	D/60-65	-/66-72	C/73-79	B/80-86	A-/87-93	A/94-100
Hungary	1,00-1,99 elegtelen	-	2,00-2,50 elegseges	-	2,51-3,50 kozepes	3,51-4,50 jo	4,51-5,00 jeles, kiváló
Turkey	1-4 Noksan/Pek Noksan	4,5 – 4,99	5,00 – 6,49 Orta	6,5 – 6,99 Orta	7,00 – 7,99 Lyi	8,00 – 8,99 I.yi	9,0 – 10,0 Pek iyi
Argentina	4 Approval	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bangladesh	F 0	-	-	C 2-2.50	B 2.75-3.25	A 3.5-4.0	-
Brazil	D 50-59%	-	-	C 60-79%	B 80-89%		A 90-100%
China	0-59.99	60-69.99	70-74.99	75-79.99	80-84.99	85-89.99	90-100
Egypt	0–29%	30–49%	50–64%	-	65–74%	75–84%	85–100%
India	< 39%		40 to 49%		50 to 59%		60-100%
Indonesia	3	-	Pass 6	Good 7	Very good 8	Outstanding 9	Exceptional 10
Iran	F/0		D/1	-	C/2	B/3	A/4
Israel	4 <44%	5 45-54%	6 55-64%	7 65-74%	8 75-84%	9 85-94%	10 95-100%
Japan	F 0-59%	-	-	C 60-69%	B 70-79%	A 80-100%	-
Kazakhstan	2	-	3	-	4	-	5
Malaysia	F	-	D	C	B	A	A+ Exceptional
Nepal	F	-	-	C 2.0-2.3	B 2.7-3.3	A 3.7-4.0	
Pakistan	F Fail	E Satisfactory Below 40% to minimum pass marks	D Fair 40% and above, but below 50%	C Good 50% and above, but below 60%	B Very Good 60% and above, but below 70%	A Excellent 70% and above, but below 80%	A-one Outstanding 80% and above
Paraguay	1	2	3	-	-	4	5
Saudi Arabia	Below 59	-	60-69	-	70-79	80-89	90-100
South Africa	Lower 40-49% - Fail	-	-	D 50-59%	C 60-69%	B 70-79%	A 80-100%
South Korea	F 0	D- (last passing grade) 0.7	D, D+ 1-1.49	C-, C 1.5-1.99	C+, B- 2-2.99	B, B+ 3-3.99	A, A+ 4-4.5
United Arab Emirates	Below 2	-	2.0-2.4	-	2.5-2.9	3.0-3.5	3.6-4.0



## "Study in Romania" Programme

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The Romanian State offers yearly 85 Scholarships to foreign citizens, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in keeping with Government Decision No 288/1993. These scholarships for under- and post-graduate studies in Romania are granted following a process of selection of application files, jointly organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) and the Ministry of Education.

**Priority fields:** priority will be given to candidates applying for: political and administrative sciences, educational studies, Romanian culture and civilization, journalism, technical studies, oil and gas, agricultural studies, veterinary medicine, architecture, arts, as well as other fields, as requested by applicants.

**The scholarship consists of :**

- free-of-charge tuition;
- free-of-charge accommodation (depending on availability, accommodation will be offered free-of-charge in students hostels, in keeping with the higher education regulations);
- financial support - a monthly amount representing:
  - the equivalent in Romanian currency of 65 EURO per month, for the under-graduate students (1st cycle);
  - the equivalent in Romanian currency of 75 EURO per month, for post-graduate students (master degrees and specialization) 2nd cycle;
  - the equivalent in Romanian currency of 85 EURO per month, for post graduate students (doctor's degree) 3rd cycle.

**Enrolment Calendar**

The deadline for submitting the application files is established by each diplomatic mission. The candidate should enquire at the diplomatic mission about the enrolment calendar, starting 25 October 2015. All application files should be sent by the Romanian diplomatic missions through the diplomatic courier in such a way that they be registered at MAE no later than 15 February 2016.

The scholarship does not cover subsistence, nor international and local transport fees. The candidates must be prepared to support any other additional expenses themselves.

The list of documents necessary for the application file can be found here: <http://www.mae.ro/en/node/10251>

The selection results will be announced by 30 May 2016 to each diplomatic mission that submitted application files. The scholarship holders will receive a Minister's Matriculation Order to be presented upon registration at the Rectorate of the receiving university.

**Academic Calendar**

The academic year is divided into two semesters and two examination periods:

Autumn semester: October 1 – end of January

Winter holiday: December 22 – beginning of January

First examination session: end of January – end of February

Intersemestrial holiday: mid February – end of February 24

Spring semester: end of February – end of May

Second examination session: end of May – end of June - beginning of July

Summer holiday: beginning of July – September 30

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## **Romanian National Holidays in 2016**

### **New Year Days**

- Anul Nou: 1 January 2016
- Sfântul Vasile: 2 January 2016

### **Easter Days / Paște**

- 2 May 2016
- 3 May 2016

### **Labour Day / 1 Mai**

- 1 May 2016

### **Whitsun Days / Rusalii**

- 19 June 2016
- 20 June 2016

### **Assumption / Sfânta Maria**

- 15 August 2016

### **Saint Andrew's Day / Sfântul Andrei**

- 30 November 2016

### **National Day / Ziua națională a României**

- 1 December 2016

### **Christmas Days / Crăciun**

- 25 December 2016
- 26 December 2016

## **Entry into the Republic of Romania**

The long-stay visa shall only be granted with the approval of the Ministry of Internal Affairs – the Romanian Inspectorate for Immigration.

Foreign citizens having entered the territory of Romania with a long-stay visa may apply for the extension of the right of temporary residence and obtain a residence permit. The request filed in this respect must be addressed to the Romanian Inspectorate for Immigration within the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

All foreign citizens requiring a Romanian visa shall attach to the duly filled-in and signed application form a valid travel document, acknowledged by the state of Romania, to which the visa sticker may be applied, as well as all the documents required under the law to attest the stated purpose of the trip, the duration of the stay, financial means for the stay, as well as the possibility for the foreigners to return to their home country or continue the trip to a third state, upon the end of their stay in Romania.

As to the states or territorial authorities that are not acknowledged by Romania, visas shall be granted upon request, on standard forms, regulated by the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 94/2008 on establishing measures regarding the issue of electronic passports and of other travel documents.

## Long-stay visa for studies

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**Long-stay visa for studies (marked D/SD), in accordance with Art. 45 from Government Emergency Ordinance no. 194/2002 modified.**

(1) The long-stay visa for studies is granted, upon request, to third-country nationals who wish to enter the territory of Romania as students, or to third-country nationals who partake in pupil-exchange programs.

(2) Third-country nationals accepted for studies by a state or private education institution accredited or temporarily authorised according to the law, including for participation in Ph.D. courses, are considered as students.

(3) The visa application must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

a. in the case of students:

- i. proof of acceptance for studies from the “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia, stating that the third-country national will undeniably attend a full-time degree programme;
- ii. proof of payment of the tuition fee for at least one year of studies (9 months in advance);
- iii. proof of the financial means in amount of at least the country minimum net wage / month, for the entire period specified in the visa;
- iv. a criminal record certificate or another document that bears the same legal value.

Within three business days from arriving in Romania, all foreign citizens must be present and give a written statement at the Alba Iulia Inspectorate for Immigrations, announcing their arrival and estimated period of stay in Romania.

**The next step is to obtain a Residence Permit. All of the following are required:**

Payment of Consular Fee: 120 Euro

CEC Bank – Residence Permit Fee: 58 Euro

Bank Statement - proof of the financial means in amount of at least 2,500 Euro

Proof of payment of the tuition fee

Fiscal stamp: 5 RON (0.88 Euro)

Passport copy (all pages)

A copy of original Acceptance Letter + Translation into Romanian

Certificate issued by “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia (attesting to the student’s status)

Proof of residence: University’s Residence Hall Contract.

Medical certificate issued by “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia – Students’ Practice.

Proof of health insurance issued by the Romanian Health Insurance Agency - Alba Iulia subsidiary (for students aged above 26).

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A representative of the Centre for International Relations will assist foreign students in obtaining the Residence Permit.

**Tuition fees and other administrative fees will be transferred into the following bank account:**

<b>BANK NAME:</b>	<b>BANCA TRANSILVANIA (BT) ALBA IULIA</b>
<b>SWIFT:</b>	<b>BTRLR022 ALBA IULIA</b>
<b>IBAN:</b>	<b>RO 37 BTRLEURCRT 000 6338302</b>
<b>BENEFICIARY:</b>	<b>UNIVERSITATEA "1 Decembrie 1918" din Alba Iulia</b>
<b>FISCAL CODE:</b>	<b>5665935</b>

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### **Romanian Embassies and Consulates Abroad**

Romania has embassies and consulates in many countries around the world, where one can obtain general information about Romania and apply for an entry visa.

Many countries have embassies and consulates in Romania and provide assistance to their nationals.

### **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania**

Address: Aleea Alexandru nr. 31, Sector 1, 011822 Bucharest

Phone: (40 21) 319.21.08; 319.21.25

Fax: (40 21) 319.68.62

E-mail: [mae@mae.ro](mailto:mae@mae.ro)

[www.mae.ro/en/node/2882](http://www.mae.ro/en/node/2882)

### **Public Relations Office**

Phone: (40 21) 319.21.08 / (40 21) 319.21.25 / Ext. 1352

Fax: (40 21) 319.68.50

E-mail: [relatii\\_cu\\_publicul@mae.ro](mailto:relatii_cu_publicul@mae.ro)

### **Communication Directorate and Public Diplomacy**

Address: Aleea Alexandru nr. 31, Sector 1, Bucharest

Phone: (40 21) 431.11.86

Fax: (40 21) 319.21.95

E-mail: [presa@mae.ro](mailto:presa@mae.ro); [dcdp@mae.ro](mailto:dcdp@mae.ro)

### **Consular Department**

Address: Aleea Alexandru nr. 24, sector 1, Bucharest

Phone: (004) 021.319.68.70

Fax: (004) 021.319.68.69

E-mail: [drco@mae.ro](mailto:drco@mae.ro)

### **National Visa Centre - for third-state nationals who wish to travel to Romania**

Phone: (004) 021.232.55.07

Fax: (004) 021.232.55.78

# Living in Romania

## Beautiful Romania

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Romania lies in the Central-South-Eastern part of the European continent. Having a surface of approximately 238,000 square km and a population of 19 million inhabitants, it is one of the medium-sized countries of Europe. Romania's neighbours are Moldova, Ukraine, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria and the coasts of the Black Sea.

Romania, a semi-presidential republic, with a bicameral Parliament, joined the European Union in 2007.

The geographical position and the historical evolution of this territory imposed it as an archetype of mixture between cultures relatively differentiated: Western-European, East-European and Balkan. This historical reality was materialised into a special type of general behaviour that manifests itself through tolerance, hospitality and easiness of communication for the people that live here.

The capital of the country is the city of Bucharest, founded in 1459, which has now a population of over 2 million inhabitants. The official language of the state is Romanian, belonging to the Romance family of languages.

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### Castles & Fortresses of Romania

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**Biertan Fortified Church, Harman Fortified Church, Bran Castle, Peles Castle in Sinaia, Calnic Fortified Church, Prejmer Fortified Church, Cisnădie Fortified Church, Râsnov Fortress, Corvinesti Castle in Hunedoara, Saschiz Fortified Church, Cristian Fortified Church, Valea Viilor Fortified Church, Dârjiu Fortified Church, Viscri Fortified Church, Făgăras Fortress.**

Romania's collection of castles and fortresses perhaps best illustrates the rich medieval heritage of the country. While castles built from the 14th to the 18th centuries are strong and austere fortresses, built mainly for defence against invaders, those erected beginning in the late 1800s are imposing and luxurious. The most popular include the 14th century Corvinești Castle, built on the site of a former Roman camp, the elegant 19th century Peleş Castle with its 160 rooms filled with priceless European art and, of course, the Bran Castle, built in the mid-1300s.

World literature found valuable sources of inspiration in some of Romania's castles, the most famous novels written on this subject being "The Castle of the Carpathians" by Jules Verne and "Dracula" by Bram Stoker.

As a result, of almost nine centuries of Saxon presence, Transylvania, located in central Romania, claims a cultural and architectural heritage unique in Europe. This region is home to nearly 200 Saxon villages, churches and fortifications built between the 13th and 15th centuries. Seven of the fortified Saxon churches (in Biertan, Călnic, Dârjiu, Prejmer, Saschiz, Valea Viilor, and Viscri) were designated by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. A visit to these quaint villages, placed amidst lush farmland and green rolling hills, will give you a glimpse of the long-gone medieval times.

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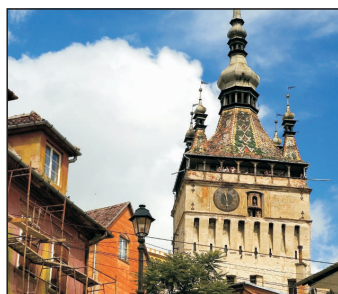
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#### **Medieval Cities**

**Apuseni Natural Park, Biczului Gorges – Hășmas National Park, Călimani National Park, Ceahlău National Park, Piatra Craiului National Park, Retezat National Park**

Romania's national and natural parks, displaying a unique variety of landscapes, vegetation and wildlife, protect some of the largest remaining areas of pristine forest in Europe. Grasslands, gorges, subterranean caves, volcanic lakes, and an extensive river network add to the richness of the park system that also includes the Danube Delta, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and Europe's largest wetland.



**Sighișoara**



**Sibiu**



**Hunedoara**



# The City of Alba Iulia

## Historical facts:

Alba Iulia is one of the most important historical sites of Romania.

The city was an important Dacian political, economic and social centre named Apulon, mentioned by the ancient Greek geographer Ptolemy. After the southern part of Dacia became a province of the Roman Empire, the capital of the Dacia Apulensis district was established here, and the city was known as Apulum. It was one of the largest centres in Roman Dacia and the seat of Legion XIII Gemina.

Alba Iulia became the capital of the Principality of Transylvania in 1541, a status held until 1690. It was during the reign of Prince Gabriel Bethlen that the city reached a peak in its cultural history, with the establishment of an academy. Further important milestones in the city's development include the creation of the Batthyanaeum Library in the 18th century, and the advent of the railway in the 19th century.

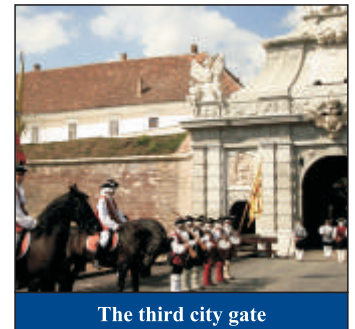
In November 1599, Mihai Viteazu (Michael the Brave), Voivode of Wallachia, entered Alba Iulia following his victory in the Battle of Şelimbăr and became governor of Transylvania. In 1600, he took control of Moldavia, thereby uniting the three principalities under his rule until his murder in 1601 by Giorgio Basta's agents. His achievement has a historic significance for Romanians, representing the first unification of the three Romanian-populated principalities of Wallachia, Moldavia, and Transylvania.

In 1918, tens of thousands of Romanians and representatives of the Transylvanian Saxons and other minority groups gathered in Alba Iulia on December 1st, now commemorated as the Union Day in Romania, to hear the proclamation of the unification of Transylvania with the Kingdom of Romania. In 1922, Ferdinand of Romania was crowned King of Romania in Alba Iulia, as a symbolic feat which revived the former short-lived achievement of Mihai Viteazu. Ever since, our city has been known as The City of the Unification or The Soul Capital of all Romanians.

## Landmarks:

### The Roman Catholic Cathedral

Built in the 13th century, the Roman Catholic Cathedral is considered to be an important monument of early Transylvanian medieval architecture. It harmoniously combines Gothic and Roman style elements.





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### **The Reunification Cathedral**

The Reunification Cathedral of Alba Iulia was built during 1921-1923 based on a project designed by architect D. G. Ștefănescu in collaboration with the engineer T. Eremia. The establishment is built in the shape of a Greek cross. The Great Romanian monarchs King Ferdinand and Queen Mary were crowned here on 15th October 1922.

### **The Union Museum**

The Union Museum of Alba Iulia is one of the finest in Romania. It was originally built for military purposes, the Babilon Building dating since the half of the 19th century (1851-1853). It has two floors and over 100 rooms, and it exhibits over 130,000 pieces of priceless works included in its patrimony.

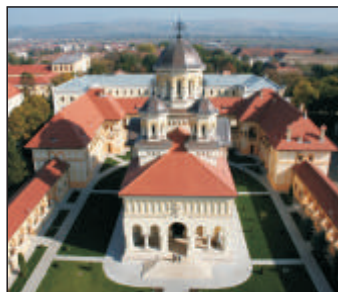
### **The Fortress of Alba Iulia (Alba Carolina Fortress)**

The Alba Carolina fortress was built between 1714 and 1738 and it is considered to be the most representative of Vauban type in Europe. The fortress was designed by the Italian architect Giovanni Morando Visconti, who worked under the supervision of General Stefan de Steinvile and was later completed under General Weiss. The fortification has seven bastions (Eugene of Savoy, St. Stephen, The Trinity, St. Michael, St. Charles, St. Capistrano and St. Elisabeth) that make it into a 7 star-shape, Vauban-style fortress. The fortress is the most important baroque architectural ensemble in Romania and Europe.

### **The Route of the Three Fortresses**

The Route of the Three Fortresses offers the visitors the chance to travel 2,000 years back in time, walking around the old walls of the three fortifications belonging to three different historical periods, successively built on the same location, each new citadel including the previous one: The Roman Camp (106 AD), The Medieval Citadel (16th -17th c.) and the Alba Carolina Citadel, a Vauban-type fortification (18th c.). The route includes visits to: The Minting Factory Gate, South Gate of the Roman Camp (Castrum), the Military Camp, the Access Tunnel to the Artillery Platform, the Artillery Platform, The Guard Room - The Arms Room, The Bethlen Bastion and the Alba Carolina Citadel.

The tourist potential of the area is mirrored by many other numerous traces of millenary history, art and architecture, and the variety and beauty of nature.



**The Reunification Cathedral**



**The Roman Catholic Cathedral**



**The Route of the Three Fortresses**

## Traditional Dishes

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**Romanian gastronomy** is an expression of the geography and history of the country: the landscape diversity provides Romanian housewives with a large variety of fruits, vegetables and spices while the historical neighbourhood of other ethnic groups has left a colourful and tasty mark. Therefore, Romanian cuisine is extremely diverse. In fact it is a mix of different dishes from the several cultures it has come in contact with during its stormy past. However, it has managed to maintain its own character and adapt the foreign recipes to local taste. It has been greatly influenced by Balkan cuisine but it has preserved some influences from other neighbours' culinary traditions, such as the Germans', Serbians', and Hungarians'.

Traditional **Romanian spirits** are very strong and we can include here the famous **pălincă** and **țuică**.

Romania is also a great **wine producer**. In fact **archaeological findings** and **historical documents** place the beginning of **wine culture** on these lands some 4000 years ago. **High quality wines** produced in this region were object of trade ever since ancient times. Some of the most important vineyard centres are Dealu Mare, Pietroasa, Drăgășani, Murfatlar, Cotnari, Odobești and some of the best Romanian wine varieties include **Tămâioasă Românească**, **Fetească Albă**, **Fetească Neagră**, **Jidvei**, **Galbenă de Odobești**, **Băbească**, **Busuioacă** and many others.

Although each region has its own specific dishes, there are a few characteristics of Romanian traditional cuisine.

**Home-made bread** - since ancient times, Romanians have been an agrarian society and worshipping agrarian and earth gods came natural to them. That is why cereals like wheat have always played an important role in our life and in our cuisine too.

**Polenta** (mămăligă) is a very popular Romanian dish made from boiled cornmeal. It is traditionally a slowly cooked dish. It sometimes takes an hour or longer to prepare and constant stirring is necessary. Polenta is considered the peasants' bread – it is thick, but not as consistent as bread.

**Soups** (supe) – you can find a lot of soup recipes in **Romanian cuisine**; some of them are clear soups, but some of them are thicker broths which are usually prepared with lots of vegetables and these ones are called ciorbe in Romanian.

**Broths** (ciorbe) are extremely diverse – one can prepare a ciorba almost from everything. Meat used for **ciorbe** can be of any kind – pork, beef, chicken, lamb – and they usually contain a mix up of vegetables. Ciorbe are usually served with sour cream (smântână) in Transylvania but there are several recipes of broths served with or without sour cream.



Pâine de casă



Supă



Cozonac

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Here are some special Christmas dishes, which can be easily found all over the country:

- **Cârnați** – pork-based sausages.
- **Caltaboși** – a special type of sausages made from pork entrails.
- **Piftie** – pork based jelly (aspic) made of pork and leftover organs (such as ears or snouts), garlic and sometimes vegetables like carrots, string beans.
- **Tobă** - various cuttings of pork, liver boiled, diced and “packed” in pork stomach, similar to salami.
- **Sarmale** - rolls of cabbage pickled in brine and filled with minced meat, rice and various spices and herbs. They can be served with sour cream and/or polenta. These are probably the most well known Romanian dish.
- **Cozonac** – a special type of panettone filled with a walnut squash and/or cocoa, raisins, Turkish delight or with poppy squash (poppy seeds dried, smashed and boiled with sugar and milk).

**Easter feast** – there is always going to be lamb on the table for Easter! **Lamb roast** and sometimes lamb soup is eaten on the Easter day.

**For Easter there are also “sarmale” and “cozonac” on the table alongside other specialties, such as:**

- **Drob** - a cooked mix of intestines, meat (traditionally lamb), eggs and fresh vegetables, mainly green onion and dill
- **Ouă roșii** (red painted eggs) – for Easter Romanians symbolically knock red eggs (hard boiled eggs painted traditionally in red – although today people use different colours).
- **Pască** – a nutty kind of cheesecake made only at Easter time!

### Leisure

If you want to feel the Romanian party vibe, you can find local clubs and pubs, with different sorts of music, like: house, Latin American, dance, jazz, rock, live music.



Ouă roșii



Sarmale



Drob

# Useful information

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## Healthcare

### Health Services and Medical Insurance:

All University students are required to have health insurance for the entire period of their stay in Romania. Due to the fact that international health insurance is not always recognized in Romania, we advise you to get only travel insurance from your country of origin, and once you arrive in Romania, to apply for a Romanian health insurance policy (either public or private), according to the Romanian law.

The cost of a minimum health care package is approx. 10 Euros/month.

Students aged below 26 are exempt from paying for health care services provided by the Romanian public health care system (students' practice, public hospitals or clinics). Please note that all dental care services are paid in Romania (except for emergency dental care in hospitals).

**EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112** (Police, Fire-fighters, Ambulance)

## Currency

Romania's official currency is LEU (RON), pl. LEI (RON); 1 LEU is 100 BANI.

You can use your foreign debit card at any ATM and you will be issued the equivalent in Lei of the amount you wish to withdraw in US dollars or Euro. Romanian ATMs only accept Visa, MasterCard and Maestro.

Credit cards are widely accepted but you should also have cash available when you go shopping (especially at the food stores and open markets).

Depending on your needs, there are several possibilities for money transfer: postal money order ("mandat poștal"), bank transfer or special transfer (such as Western Union and Money Gram).

## Banks

Non-residents have the right to acquire, hold and use financial assets denominated in foreign currency or in the national currency of Romania - Lei.

To open a bank account you usually need a passport or an identity card, and if available, a temporary resident permit.

Some of the commercial banks present in Alba Iulia are: BRD Groupe Soci t  G n rale, Raiffeisen Bank, BCR, OTP Bank, City Bank, Banca Transilvania, CEC, Piraeus Bank, etc.

**Cost of Living:** minimum 120 Euros/month:

120 Euro x 12 months = 1,440 Euro/year

1 Euro = 4.53 RON

## Post office

The Romanian Post, Poșta Rom n , is the national operator in mailing services. It also provides currency exchange, consultancy and transportation services, national and international payments.

For further information you can access the website: [www.posta-romana.ro](http://www.posta-romana.ro).

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### Cable TV and Internet

If you live in your own flat, you may have to subscribe to cable and Internet providers. The main companies are UPC, RDS, NextGen, Romtelecom, etc.

The Romanian television offers a wide choice of channels and programmes in English, German, Hungarian, Spanish, French, Turkish, etc. Films are usually subtitled in Romanian, and rarely dubbed.

### Electricity

The electricity is 220V / 50Hz.

### Shopping in Romania

There is a wide variety of shopping centres, where you can find everything you need for your stay in Romania. Discount periods are mainly in January-February, July and the end of October. For clothing, there are numerous outlet shops, where you can find good quality clothes at reasonable prices. For electronics, you can find shops with a large variety of products (Flanco, Altex, Domo). For furniture and decorations, the most popular stores are Ikea and Bricostore (only in larger cities). The most important hardware stores in Alba Iulia are Dedeman and Ambient. Some of the supermarkets where you can do your daily shopping are Kaufland, Lidl, Dacia, Penny, etc. In big cities and in shopping malls, stores are generally open from 9.am to 22.pm from Monday to Saturday. They are also open on Sundays but close earlier. In smaller towns, many grocery stores are open 24/7.

### Phones

Cell phones are widely spread in Romania. Almost the whole country is covered by telephone networks. You can use your home SIM card but be aware of roaming fees when you make a phone call to your home country.

You should unlock your mobile phone before leaving your home country, so that you can use a Romanian SIM card. Cosmote, Orange and Vodafone are three major mobile companies, among others. You can consult their websites or pay a visit to their store to get information about subscriptions, especially if you stay for several months!

To call a Romanian number from a foreign one, you have to add +40. For example, if you want to call 0721 34 56 78 you have to dial 00 40 721 34 56 78.

Provider	Cosmote	Orange	Vodafone
Price / SIM card	5€	4€	4.27€
Credit	5€	4€	4€
Website	<a href="http://www.cosmote.ro">www.cosmote.ro</a>	<a href="http://www.orange.ro">www.orange.ro</a>	<a href="http://www.vodafone.ro">www.vodafone.ro</a>

## Basic dictionary

### Time

today	astăzi
yesterday	ieri
tomorrow	mâine
morning	dimineată
evening	seară
night	noapte
day	ziua
Monday	luni
Tuesday	marți
Wednesday	miercuri
Thursday	joi
Friday	vineri
Saturday	sâmbătă
Sunday	duminică
public holiday	zi de sărbătoare

### In the city

street	stradă
square	piață
park	parc
bus stop	stație de autobuz
train station	gară
market	piață
post office	poștă
stamp	timbru
embassy	ambasada
ATM	bancomat

### Basis

hello	Bună ziua
good morning	Bună dimineată
good evening	Bună seara
good night	Noapte bună
good bye	La revedere
thank you	Mulțumesc
Yes / No	Da / Nu
Please	Vă rog
Excuse me	Scuzați-mă
Where ?	Unde ?
When ?	Când ?
How much ?	Cât ?
Why ?	De ce ?
How are you ?	Ce mai faceți ?

I don't understand  
I don't speak Romanian  
Could you write it ?  
What does ... mean?  
My pleasure

### Daily life

Mrs.  
Mr.  
schedule  
open  
close  
public WC  
  
taxi  
tramway  
subway

### Emergencies

hospital  
doctor  
pharmacy  
police  
Could you help me?

### Accommodation

hotel  
pension  
double bedroom  
simple bedroom  
  
with bathroom  
without bathroom  
Is the breakfast

### At the restaurant

restaurant  
breakfast  
lunch  
dinner  
menu  
the bill  
beer

Nu înțeleg  
Nu vorbesc românește  
Puteți să notați ?  
Ce înseamnă ...?  
Cu plăcere

Doamna  
Domnul  
orar  
deschis  
închis  
WC public /  
toaletă publică  
taxi  
tramvai  
metrou

spital  
doctor  
farmacie  
poliție  
M-ați putea ajuta?

hotel  
pensiune  
o cameră dublă  
o cameră de o  
persoană / simplă  
cu baie  
fără baie  
Este inclus micul  
included? dejun?

restaurant  
mic dejun  
prânz  
cină  
menu  
nota  
bere

café  
tea  
wine  
still water  
mineral water  
cheese  
salty cheese  
desert  
fruits  
milk  
vegetables  
bread  
fish  
meat  
pepper  
salt  
soup  
sour soup  
salad  
(without) sugar

#### Visits

lake  
sea  
beach  
mountain  
monastery  
church  
(outside) museum

#### Direction and transport

Where is ... ?  
I am looking for ...  
Is it far?  
left  
right  
straight ahead  
arrival / departure  
entrance / exit  
north  
south  
east  
west  
petrol station

cafea  
ceai  
vin  
apă plată  
apă minerală  
brânză / cașcaval  
telemea  
desert  
fructe  
lapte  
legume  
pâine  
pește  
carne  
piper / ardei  
sare  
supă  
ciorbă  
salată  
(fără) zahăr

lac  
mare  
plajă  
munte  
mânăstire  
biserică  
muzeu (în aer liber)

Unde este ... ?  
Caut ...  
E departe?  
Stânga  
Dreapta  
Drept înainte  
Sosire / Plecare  
Intrare / ieșire  
nord  
sud  
est  
vest  
benzinărie

road  
highway  
bridge  
train  
ticket  
ticket office  
platform  
airport  
At what time arrives / leaves ...? La ce oră sosește / pleacă ...?  
I would like a ticket for a one way (round-trip) for...  
Aș dori un bilet dus (dus-întors) până la ...

#### Numbers

0	zero
1	unu
2	doi
3	trei
4	patru
5	cinci
6	șase
7	șapte
8	opt
9	nouă
10	zece
11	unsprezece
12	doisprezece
20	douăzeci
21	douăzeci și unu
.....	.....
100	o sută
101	o sută unu
200	două sute
1 000	o mie

## How can you reach us?

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### Arriving in Alba Iulia

#### By plane:

International airports of Romania: Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Timișoara, Sibiu, Constanta, Arad and Targu Mures.

#### By train:

Thanks to its central position, Alba Iulia is situated on an important railway route. The timetable of Romanian train routes can be found at [www.mersultrenurilor.ro](http://www.mersultrenurilor.ro)

#### By bus:

From Bucharest and Cluj Napoca to Alba Iulia you can travel by bus. There are at least 4 buses a day and the price is about 5 Euro (from Cluj Napoca to Alba Iulia) or 15 Euro from Bucharest.

#### For more information, please visit the following websites:

The International Airport in Bucharest [www.bucharestairports.ro](http://www.bucharestairports.ro)

The International Airport in Cluj-Napoca [www.airportcluj.ro](http://www.airportcluj.ro)

The International Airport in Timisoara [www.aerotim.ro](http://www.aerotim.ro)

The International Airport in Sibiu [www.sibuiairport.ro](http://www.sibuiairport.ro)







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