The “Gheorghe Asachi”
Technical University of Iași
Romania

Practical Information for International Students
“Iaşi is more than a once illustrious capital city of Moldavia; within its walls there are treasures of national art and history, which in no other city of Romania are so plentiful. Iaşi is in itself a national museum and a sacred duty prompts us to untiringly and continually do our best in making sure that its historical monuments are not suffocated, and we are able to shine brightly on the horizon of our past. We are to give them the necessary space and atmosphere so as to allow them to breathe the fresh air which gave vigor to our ancestors who built them.”

Nicolae Iorga
Some facts about Romania

**Land area:** 237,500 Km²

**Neighbours:** Ukraine N, Hungary and Serbia W, Bulgaria S, Black Sea and Republic of Moldavia E. Much of the border with Bulgaria is formed by the Lower Danube. The total length of borders is 3190 km.

**Location:** Romania lies in the Southeast of Europe, on parallel 45, between 43°37’07” and 48°15’06” North, and 20°15’44” and 29°41’24” East.

**Population:** 21,584,365

**Urban population:** 55.2%

**Capital:** Bucharest

**Religion:**
- Orthodox: 86.8%
- Romano-Catholic: 4.5%
- Reformed: 3.7%
- Pentecostal: 1.5%
- Other religion: 3.5%

**Official language:** Romanian - a language of Latin origin.

**Currency:** The Romanian currency is the LEU (plural “lei”). VISA and Travelers Cheques are accepted at most major banks. The EURO is the main hard currency.

**Local Hour:** GMT+ 2

At European level Romania is a country considered by the majority quite safe; most of its inhabitants are friendly. You will find here a surprisingly rich culture and a beautiful environment. Romania joined NATO in 2004 and the EU in 2007.
**Iaşi County and The City of Iaşi**

**Location:** NE of Romania  
**Population:** over 825,000.  
**Surface:** 5,500 sq. km.  
**County capital:** Iaşi - over 400,000 inhabitants.  
**Climate:** predominantly temperate - continental.

Iaşi - “the town of the seven hills”, was attested in the 15th century by Prince Alexandru cel Bun (1400 - 1432) who issued a document granting commercial privileges. The history of Iaşi area goes back to the beginnings of the second millennium. Archaeological investigations carried out at Cucuteni village revealed one of the most brilliant Neolithic cultures in Europe, the famous Cucuteni Culture (millennium 3 - 2 B.C.), Băiceni - Mlada (3rd - 2nd c. B.C.), Dumbrava (1st - 2nd c. A.D.), and Iaşi - Nicolina (dating from the Iron Age and the 4th - 12th c. A.D.).

Having a leading position in Romania’s economy, the development of Iaşi is connected to its ideal geographical location at the crossing of old commercial roads. Iaşi region is one of the major knots of commercial transit roads in the Eastern part of Romania; its network of roads and railways are easily accessible from any part of Romania and Europe.

**Short History of The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iaşi**

The origin of Higher Education in Iaşi dates back to the Middle Ages. Academic education, initially dominated by the humanities, began to make room for science. The first scholastic nuclei were formed in the 16th century, with the Latin School at Cotnari near Iaşi, and later on the College of the “Trei Ierahi” Church (1634-1653). In 1813 Gheorghe Asachi set up the first centre for technical education taught in Romanian, beginning with a civil engineering class which was later developed within the Michailean Academy (1835) and the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University in Iaşi (1860).
The “Gheorghe Asachi” Polytechnic Institute of Iaşi was founded in 1937 as a separate institution, drawing together a number of engineering departments in an independent institution; in 1993 it became The Technical University of Iaşi. From among the 56 institutions of state higher education in Romania, The Technical University of Iaşi has the oldest tradition in engineering education. The University is administered by the University Senate, which is made up of the representatives from the eleven Faculty Councils and representatives of the students. The Senate elects the rector, the four vice-rectors, the scientific secretary and the president every four year.

Our Students

The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University has 16728 students, out of which 13452 are enrolled in undergraduate programmes, 2211 in Master’s programmes, and 1004 in Ph.D. programmes.
Our faculties

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE “G.M. CANTACUZINO”
43, Bd. D. Mangeron, Iași, 700050, Romania
Homepage: www.ce.tuiasi.ro/~arhitect/
Phone: +40 232 211 595, Fax: +40 232 211 595

FACULTY OF AUTOMATIC CONTROL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
53A, Bd. D. Mangeron, Iași, 700050, Romania
Homepage: www.ace.tuiasi.ro
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FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING SERVICIES
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FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
53, Bd. D. Mangeron, Iași, 700050, Romania
Homepage: www.ee.tuiasi.ro
Phone: +40 232 237 627, Fax: +40 232 237 627

FACULTY OF ELECTRONICS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
11, Bd. Carol I, Iași, 700506, Romania
Homepage: www.etc.tuiasi.ro
Phone: +40 232 270 041, Fax: +40 232 217 720
The Library

The Library of The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iași was founded in 1937 and since then it has served the research, information and documentation needs of its users.

It provides resources to support the academic and research programmes of the university. Established as a reference and research technical library, it holds about one million volumes archived according to the international cataloguing and indexing practices, covering a wide range of subjects on engineering and technology, science, economics and law.
It comprises a central library and six subsidiaries endowed with:

- handbooks,
- treatises,
- practical works,
- technical guide books,
- Romanian and foreign books selected to answer the didactic and current documentation requirements,
- Romanian and foreign technical journals,
- reference journals,
- proceedings of conferences, congresses, symposia held in Romania and abroad, Ph.D. theses,
- dictionaries,
- micro forms,
- Romanian and foreign standards.

The library integrated software is ALEPH and the on-line Catalogue is available to public, accessing the address: http://www.library.tuiasi.ro/.
Erasmus Programme

Each year, many students go abroad to partner universities, within the frame of The European Longlife Learning Programme – Erasmus.

Documents for Enrolment - Erasmus Students

Incoming students
Students enrolled at one of our LLP Erasmus partner universities can apply for an Erasmus stage at the “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iaşi. First, they have to be selected by their home universities, and afterwards, they should be accepted by the Romanian faculty they applied for.

Between the student and the university there will be signed an Erasmus Learning Agreement, stating the curricula and the students’ rights and obligations. The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iaşi uses the ECTS system, therefore the grades and examinations passed are fully recognized by their home universities, as stated in the Erasmus University Charter (www.socleoyouth.be).

Outgoing students
The students of the “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University can apply as well for an Erasmus study stage within the European Union, at our LLP Erasmus partner universities. For each faculty there is an Erasmus Co-ordinator who is in charge with the selection of the students. A list of the necessary documentation is available on www.tuiasi.ro. Between the student and the university there is signed an Erasmus Learning Agreement, stating the curricula and the students’ rights and obligations.

For more information, please contact The Office for International Relations and University Image.
Information about Admission

Foreign students, generally self financed, can register for courses without passing the entrance examination. However, this does not apply for those wishing to study “Architecture”, as they have to demonstrate their ability in technical and artistic drawing. The candidates for the Ph.D. programmes are required to pass an examination in order to prove that they have the necessary background knowledge in the respective field of study; they also need the scientific co-ordinator’s written agreement.

The foreign students who want to attend undergraduate and postgraduate courses taught in Romanian, and do not speak Romanian, can enrol for one year Romanian language preparatory course. The course is offered, through both English and French, by the “Al. I. Cuza” University of Iaşi, the monthly fee being 270 Euro. After completing the above mentioned course, the foreign students have to pass a Romanian language examination at The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iaşi. For the undergraduate level the fee is 270 Euro, while for the postgraduate and Ph.D. level the fee is 290 Euro.

Since fees are subject to change, it is better to get information directly from our Office for International Relations and University Image.

International Students – Documents for Enrolment

In order to apply for studying at The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iaşi, the foreign students need to submit the following documents:

● Copy of the documents proving the studies already completed: Baccalaureate Diploma or its equivalent, for undergraduate studies
● The graduation diploma for postgraduate studies, as well as a complete set of transcripts including undergraduate courses and any other post graduate course completed
● Copy of birth certificate and marriage certificate – if the applicant’s last name changed subsequent to marriage
● Medical certificate
● 4 passport – size photographs
● Application Form – application forms can be obtained from the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation or from the Romanian Embassy in the applicant’s country.
For further information regarding the validation of studies performed in other countries, and the requirements for the medical check, please contact the The Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation at the following address:

**The Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation**
**International Student Department ,**
**Phone/Fax: + 40 21 315 50 99; Homepage: www.edu.ro**
**28-30 Gen. Berthelot Street**
**010168 – Bucharest, Romania**

**Important!**

All applicants, except Erasmus students, must submit the original of a scholastic record such as a degree certificate acting as a proof of study. This document must be endorsed by the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation or the appropriate legal authority, and by the Romanian Embassy in the applicant’s country. All the documents listed above must be submitted to the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation – see the address above.

**Fees**

Tuition fee is 270 Euro per month for the undergraduate level, 290 Euro per month for the postgraduate and Ph.D. level, payable before the benning of each academic year (9 months in advance). For the foreign students who want to study in the field of “Architecture” the fees are 350 Euro per month, for the undergraduate level and 370 Euro per month for the postgraduate level. This money covers the cost of tuition and access to the educational, cultural and sports facilities throughout the university.

Foreign citizens of Romanian ethnicity can benefit of tuition discount if they do not waive Romanian citizenship. They must contact the Consular Department of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the Romanian Embassy in their country.
General Practical Information

A. Host Country Formalities

First contact:
Office for International Relations and University Image

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Website: http://www.tuiasi.ro

Office for International Relations and University Image coordinates and develops the international relations at university level. The main directions covered by the office are international exchange relations based on bilateral agreements, Trans-European and Trans-Atlantic programmes, teaching staff and students mobility, information flow and university image. The staff of the Office for International Relations and University Image offer assistance to foreign students and professors during their stay at The “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University.

Public Relations: Monday to Friday 09:30 a.m. 02:00 p.m.

Registering with the Police - Foreign Citizens Office

International students, other than EU citizens, coming to study in Romania need a visa from the Romanian Embassy in their country. If you come directly to Iași you need to contact the Office for International Relations and University Image within 48 hours prior to your arrival. The Office for International Relations and University Image will direct you to the Police Station and will help you with all the problems related to this matter, including visa extension.

The visa extension request should be submitted to the Foreign Citizens Office at least 30 days before the visa date expires; otherwise foreign students are subject to fines.

Foreign students may request a visa extension if they are enrolled in a Romanian education institution and submit the proof of having paid...
the tuition fees for the whole academic year. In order to extend their visa, the students need to present the following documents at the Foreign Citizens Office:
- two passport sized photos,
- the fill-in-application form (to be found at the Rector’s Office of the university),
- certificate issued by the Rector’s Office confirming the registration as a student,
- copy of the first two pages of the student’s passport,
- certificate from the “Tudor Vladimirescu” Campus for the students hosted in the University residence; if the student rented an apartment in the town, the student needs to present the rental contract between the lodger and the owner or in case that no rental contract is signed, the student needs to present a written declaration on behalf of the owner and a copy of the apartment contract.

B. Travelling to and from Iași

Geographically, Iași is situated in the North East of Moldova region, on the European road E 85 and E 581. Iași is the largest city within the region, and an important crossroads of communication with road, rail and air links.

Public transportation in Iași

The Transport Company of Iași ensures all public transport within the Iași metropolitan area and covers bus and tram services. Timetable information can be obtained at each ticket booth.

Taxis

All taxis have meters. The cost of taxis is around 1,8 LEI (0.50 Euro) per kilometer at the moment of printing this brochure. You should use only company’s taxis with charged apparatus.
Trains

Traveling by train you can get timetable information by phoning the Railway Travel Agency number +40 232 242 620, or the Information Office number +40 232 410 636, both in Iasi. Foreign students who are grantees of the Romanian Government have the same facilities as the Romanian students. Once you arrive in Bucharest, you have several possibilities to travel to Iasi, either by train or by plane. Many students tell us they enjoy travelling by Intercity express or by the first class of other fast trains, which are not expensive and quite comfortable. There are 6 routes per day.

For more information you can access web page:
http://www.cfr.ro/

Airplanes

Located in the North East of Moldavia on a 180 m MSL elevated hill, Iasi Airport is one of the most ancient accredited airports in Romania. At this moment Iasi Airport is equipped with an NDB approach system and has the most modern pax terminal from the regional airports. Operating from October 2001, the new passenger terminal is capable to process 150 pax/hour for internal flights and 100 pax/hour for external flights using separate flows and distinct awaiting embarking rooms. There is an airplane ensuring the connection between Iasi and Bucuresti four times per day.

There are plains ensuring flies to Budapest everyday except Saturday and Sunday and to Vienna everyday except Saturday.

More information you can get from Iasi Airport, tel/fax +40 232 271 570 or you can access web page http://www.aeroport.ro/
Travel Agencies

Among the travel agencies in Iași there are:

The TAROM Agency
Phone: +40 232 267 768

The TRAVIS TOURISM Agency
Phone: +40 232 237 790

The ICAR TOURS Agency
Phone: +40 232 216 310

For more information, you can consult yellow pages.

Registering Your Car

If you bring your car you have to contact the Traffic Service (Politia Rutieră Iasi, 14, Otilia Cazimir Street, phone +40 232 446 348) in order to register it.

C. Cost of living

Money matters

The Romanian currency is Leu (plural “lei”). For changing money you can choose a bank or an exchange office. Changing money in the street, at unauthorized persons is officially prohibited. There are many banks in the town which can give cash on VISA and Master card, travelers cheque, Eurocheque.

Shopping

The shops are usually open between 10.00 - 20.00 during the week, Saturday included. On Sundays most of the shop are open until noon. There are also supermarkets with extended shopping hours and several non-stop shops. You can pay only in Romanian cash currency.
Food

In the university campus there is a cafeteria for students located in front of T13 hall. You can also have lunch “a la carte”. There are several restaurants and fast food restaurants downtown as well, and they are not very expensive.

We do not have exclusively vegetarian but almost all restaurants offer at least one vegetarian dish.

D. Accommodation

University has enough space to accommodate most undergraduate and postgraduate students from both home and overseas. You could either have a place in the campus or you can rent a room or an apartment through an advertisement in the local papers or post advertisements on notice boards in university building, community centers etc.

The average cost of accommodation in the private sector is approximately 200 - 300 Euro per month, depending on the number of rooms, area, telephone etc. A tenancy agreement endorsed by the Financial Administrative Service is compulsory; a copy of this agreement for the extension of your stay is required at the Passport Office.

E. Health and Insurance

The Student Health Service (Policlinica Studenţească) offers a full range of medical services to students, and it is located within easy reach of the University campus. All foreign students have access to consultation with doctors and hospital treatment.

Students can also call on the services of private medical cabinets; the addresses of the cabinets can be found in the telephone directory.

In case of emergency (sudden illness or accidents) please call the Emergency Services, telephone: 112.
Social Life

Being considered the cultural capital of Romania, Iași offers to its students and visiting academics some exceptional tourist attractions such as the spectacular 17th century “Trei Ierarhi” Church, The Palace of Culture containing museums of history, art, ethnography, and music boxes, the Metropolitan Church, the Unification Museum and numerous 16th and 17th century churches.

Iași also hosts the “Vasile Alecsandri” theatre, which is worth while visiting, and The Concert Hall. If you want to spend a pleasant after-noon, you can have a walk in the Copou Park or in the Botanical Gardens. In Iași several tourism agencies provide plenty of opportunities for students who want to get involved in extracurricular activities.

Cinemas show the latest box office hits in English with subtitles in Romanian. Try the:

- Cinema City Iulius Mall Iași, 2, Tudor Vladimirescu boulevard
- Glendale Multiplex Moldova Mall, 1, Palat street
- Republica, 8, Lăpușneanu street
- Victoria, 5, Piața Unirii

**Discos & Clubs:**

- **Skin** (Music Lounge), 20-21, Ion C. Brătianu Street
- **Club Mezzo** (Bar&Club), Tudor Vladimirescu Bd.
- **Hypnotic** (Club), 6, Codrescu Street
- **Pub 25** (Disco) Tudor Vladimirescu Bd.
- **Traffic** (Cocktail Bar&Club), 1, Anastasie Panu Street

**Recreation and Sports**

In Iași and its neighborhood there are available facilities for tennis, wind surfing, gliding, canoeing, skiing and horse riding. The University Sports Federation, “Politehnica”, runs students clubs and welcomes students and their abilities.
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