

VALAHIA UNIVERSITY OF TARGOVISTE

WELCOME GUIDE FOR SOCRATES/ERASMUS STUDENTS

Welcome to the Valahia University of Targoviste! Welcome Guide is addressed especially to European students, who intend to spend in the future a study period on educational programs such as SOCRATES / ERASMUS and other exchanges at our institution.

The main aim of this booklet is to provide detailed and important information concerning the University and matters such as registration, accommodation, student facilities and other issues related to your stay in Targoviste.

We hope that this information package will answer to many questions that you might have. If you'll face any problems during your stay with us please, do not hesitate to contact the International Relationships Department and we will do with pleasure our best in order to help you.

You are welcome at the "Valahia" University of Targoviste with our warmest wishes for a fruitful and successful study period and a very pleasant stay in Targoviste.

International Relationships Department

A. ROMANIA

Romania, geographically belongs to the south-eastern part of Europe and covers an area of 247000 square kilometers. The country consists of many historical regions, such as Muntenia (Wallachia), Moldova, Transylvania, Dobrogea and Banat. The weather conditions are characteristics for temperate continental weather.

Its population is approximately 22 millions people.

Romania is well known for its churches and monasteries, its archaeological sites, its many resorts from the mountain and its 100 km of sea-coast resorts with beaches laid out along the Black-Sea. Try to enjoy your stay in Romania and be sure that this stay will certainly be an unforgettable experience.

Targoviste

Ancient cradle of history, culture and civilization, the city of Targoviste has earned its place by virtue of both its historical and spiritual values acquired as the capital of Wallachia for over three centuries.

The greatness of the princely fortress dominated by Chindia Tower comes to us from centuries of history... The National Museum Complex of The Princely Court,

the ruins of the palace built by ruling prince Mircea the Old in 1395, enlarged by Petru Crecel in 1583 when he also erected the Large Princely Church, renovated by Matei Basarab and Constantin Brancoveanu in 18th c., the “Chindia” (Sunset) Tower erected by ruling prince Vlad Tepes (the Impaler) in the 15th century, the administrative palace are a few of tourist places in Targoviste. The national festival of sentimental songs “Golden Chrysanthemum” take place every autumn in memory of the poet aviator and composer Ionel Fernic. A modern hotels network provides accommodation to the tourist in the beautiful hilly area of Targoviste. In the neighborhood of the town we could find the Bucegi Mountains. The former capital of Wallachia (between 1396 – 1714) is bearing with dignity the burden of its fame, even though Targoviste is a modern city at present.

B. Valahia University of Targoviste

Historical Notes

Valahia University of Targoviste was grounded by Romanian Government Decision no.288 from 01.06.1992, this establishment being only natural for the concept of regional universities, common in most European Union states. Although it is a new Institution, it was proved to be a modern and dynamic University that has managed to expand significantly during the last few years. After just 11 years of operation, the Valahia University of Targoviste has 9 faculties and 3 university colleges.

In particular, the structure of the University is the following:

Economic Sciences

- Years of study: 4 (8 semester)
- Address: Locotenent Stancu Ion St., no. 35, Targoviste
- Tel / Fax: 00 40 245 213920;
- Specializations: Accounting and Administration Informatics, Management, Marketing, Finance Banking;
- About post-graduated diploma: courses of one year, entitled “Management”, “Accounting and Administration Informatics”, “Finance and Insurance” and “Finance banking”.

Law

- Years of study: 4 (8 semester)
- Address: Soseaua Gaesti, no. 8-10
- Tel: 00 40 245 606048;
- Specializations: Law, Public Administration, Journalism;
- About post-graduated diploma: courses of one year, entitled “International and Community Law” and “The theory and the exercise of public functioning”.

Theology and Letters

- Years of study: 4 (8 semester)
- Address: Locotenent Stancu Ion St., no 35;
- Tel: 00 40 245 614179
- Specializations: Orthodox Pastoral Theology, Didactic Orthodox Theology – Romanian Literature and Language, Didactic Orthodox Theology - Social Assistance;

- About post-graduated diploma: courses of one year, entitled “History and Cultural Tradition”, “Pastoral and Mission” and “Social Mission of Church”.

Humanities

- Years of study: 4 (8 semester);
- Address: Locotenent Stancu Ion, no 35;
- Tel: 00 40 245 206104
- Specializations: Geography, History Geography, History Archaeology, Physical education and sport;
- About post-graduated diploma: courses of one year, entitled “Geo-archaeology of human sites”, “The unity of European history” and “Environment quality and geographical phenomena of risk”.

Electrical Engineering

- Years of study: 5 (10 semester);
- Address: Unirii Boulevard, no 18-24;
- Tel: 00 40 245 217683;
- Specializations: Electronics, General Electrotechnics, Electromechanics, Industrial Energetic, Automatics;
- About postgraduate diploma: one course of one year, entitled “Modern systems for controlling, processing and information transferring”

Engineering and Science of Materials

- Years of study: 5 (10 semester);
- Address: Unirii Boulevard, no 18-24;
- Tel: 00 40 245 206106;
- Specializations: Mechatronics, Materials Engineering, Equipments and Installations of Process, Economic Engineering in Mechanics;
- About post-graduated diploma: courses of one year, entitled “Special alloys”, “The stability of mechanical equipment dynamic sollicitated”, “Alloys for special industries”.

Biotechnologies and Environmental Engineering

- Years of study: 5 (10 semester);
- Address: Unirii Boulevard, no 18-24;
- Tel: 00 40 245 206108
- Specializations: Pisciculture, Environment Engineering, Technology of processing agricultural products, Engineering and Environmental protection in agriculture;
- About post-graduated diploma: courses of one year, entitled “Agro-Ecosystems integrated in durable development”, “Construction of mechanical systems”, “Control and expertise of food products”.

Fundamental Sciences

- Years of study: 4 (8 semester)
- Address: Unirii Boulevard, no 18-24;
- Tel: 00 40 245 213382;

- Specializations: Physics – Chemistry, Mathematics – Informatics, Mathematics-Physics;

Music

- Years of study: 5 (10 semester);
- Address: Parvan Popescu St, no 60;
- Tel 00 40 245 614746;
- Specializations: Music pedagogy;

Economic and Administration University College

- Years of study: 3 (6 semester);
- Address: Locotenent Stancu Ion, no 35;
- Tel: 00 40 245 211713;
- Specializations: Office Management, Librarianship, The Preservation of Archaeological and Museums' Patrimony', Accountancy;

Technical University College

- Years of study: 3 (6 semester);
- Address: Unirii Boulevard, no 18-24;
- Tel: 00 40 245 206107;
- Specializations: IT, Electrical energy transportation and distribution, Technology of processing materials, Technology of Food Products

Pedagogic University College

- Years of study: 3 (6 semester);
- Address: Locotenent Stancu Ion, no 35;
- Tel: 00 40 245 217604;
- Specializations: Schoolmaster-nursery school, Schoolmaster-primary school.

A. STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY

1. Students' Registration

Coordinators from partner institutions are kindly requested to send ERASMUS students' applications by the end of June 2003 for the academic year 2003-2004. Students, upon arrival, should contact the International Relationships Department in order to enroll at the relevant department of the University. To this aim, they should be provided with their passport.

There are no tuition fee. In this point we should like to notice that no student is accepted at our University as an ERASMUS student, unless his / her home institution has sent us the official documents (student application form, learning agreement, transcript of records) duly completed and signed by the authorized persons.

Erasmus free movers are also accepted to our University under certain conditions and prerequisites. Those interested are kindly requested to contact the International Relationships Department by the end of June 2003.

2. Residence Permit

ERASMUS students from European Union countries, who will spend a study period in Romania for more than 3 months are required to apply for a Residence Permit.

3. Health Insurance

ERASMUS students should have been provided with the health insurance document from their home country.

4. Accommodation –Living Expenses

Accommodation is offered to ERASMUS students in private apartments or student hostels at very reasonable prices (approx. 150 EUR). ERASMUS students are invited to send their application for accommodation to the International Relationship Department by the end of June 2003 at the latest. Student associations will help the students find accommodation and get adjusted to the new environment.

The cost of living in Targoviste is approximately 300 EUR per month for all expenses.

5. Teaching and Learning Methods

Teaching comprises basically lectures that are normally attended by around 30-40 students depending on the course (compulsory are optional). Besides, tutorials and seminars are offered and smaller groups of students attend them. The lecture is formal and it is very important for the student to make notes that are helpful for further study. In seminars and tutorials students can discuss a subject for which they should be well prepared before. In some courses students have to write an essay on a topic chosen from a list given by the professor. Sometimes this essay is absolutely necessary for the evaluation of the work carried out by the student.

6. Teaching Language

Teaching language is Romanian. However, another language (English, French) may be used in order to facilitate the academic work of the ERASMUS students, with the consensus of the professor responsible.

Incoming students can be informed concerning our study programs and the possibilities offered to them, from the Information Packages of our Departments, as well as from our web-site www.valahia.ro.

7. Assessment Methods

The majority of courses are assessed by examination. Some courses are assessed by a combination of a dissertation and examinations, some others by coursework assignments and exams.

8. Local Grading System

At the end of each semester there is a written exam for each course. Also, during the semester there may be some tests and the requirement to write a paper. The grades run from zero to ten. The passing grades are from five to ten. The grades five and six are considered good, the grades seven and eight very good and the grades nine and ten excellent. Students who fail an exam in February and in June can re-sit in September.

When a student finishes all his / her exams, he / she obtains his / her degree. The grading scale of the degree offered, calculated by the average score of all the exams, is as follows:

10 – 8.51	Excellent
8.50 – 6.51	Very good

6.50 – 5.00 Good

9. Examinations

For courses taught during the fall semester, the examination period is held between mid-January and mid-February. For courses taught during the spring semester, exams take place during June. Re-sits for the first semester is held in May and for the second semester is held in September.

10. Degrees Awarded

The 12 faculties and colleges of the Valahia University of Targoviste award degrees equivalent to a 4, 5 year BA or B.Sc. in the respective fields. The postgraduate departments award Master's degrees.

Doctorates are awarded by each department upon the completion of a dissertation and its successful defense in public.

11. Students with Disabilities

The University offers facilities for students with disabilities and is willing to provide special support. ERASMUS students with disabilities are kindly requested to contact the International Relations Department and discuss arrangements, well in advance of their arrival to Targoviste.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2003 – 2004

Fall Semester

Beginning of courses:	1 st October	2003
Christmas Holidays:	December	2003
Continuation of courses:	January	2004
End of courses:	January	2004

Examination period of January 2003

Beginning:	January	2004
End:	February	2004

Spring Semester

Beginning of courses:	February	2004
Easter Holidays:	April	2004
Continuation of courses:	April	2004
End of courses:	June	2004

Examination period of June 2004

Beginning:	June	2004
End:	June	2004

Examination period of September 2004

Beginning:	September	2004
End:	September	2004

C. CENTRAL FACILITIES

1. International Relationships Department

Valahia University of Targoviste participates actively in more than 25 exchanges with higher education institution in the framework of bilateral agreements SOCRATES / ERASMUS mobility programs. International Relationships Department is responsible for administrating the exchange programs concerning the incoming and outgoing students in solving practical, administrative and educational matters during their study period.

Some of its main objectives are the following:

- To participate to the European Union educational programs, like: Leonardo da Vinci, SOCRATES / ERASMUS – ECTS program – Bilateral Agreements, FP6 etc;
- To participate in international students exhibitions;
- To support the representation of the academic staff and students at the international conferences and congresses;
- To organize seminars, educational visits and cultural meetings;
- Promote of the University abroad;
- To establish new co-operation with foreign higher education institutions;
- Counseling the incoming and outgoing students.

SOCRATES / ERASMUS Exchange Partners

Bilateral Agreements for the academic year 2003-2004

Belgium

Academie Europeenne de Theorie de
Droit

Denmark

Ingeniorhojskolen Kobenhavn

England

University of Luton

Finland

Helsinki University

France

Universite de Bordeaux 1

Universite de Savoie

Universite de Macedonia

Universite de Poitiers

Universite de Rouen

Universite de Technologie de
Compiegne

Universite du Littoral Cote d'Opal

Universite Francois Rabelais Tours

Universite Paris XII Val de Marne

Universite Pierre et Marie Curie

Universite de Franche Comte

Universite d'Angers

Universite Bretagne Occidentale

Greece

University of Thessaly

Italy

Universita degli Studi Ca'Foscari di
Venezia

Spain

Universidad de Valladolid

Universidad de Zaragoza

2. The Library

Library Structure:

Similarly to the University its Library has an urban character and a decentralized structure.

The Library collection consists of about 80000 volumes (in open bookstands) and 5000 print and electronic journal subscriptions. Also there is a large collection of maps and audio-video material. The number of registered library users is currently over 10000.

Operating hours: Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. – 8 p. m.

D. USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Currency

The monetary unit in Romania is the leu (1 EURO=38000 lei approximately)

Coins: 500, 1000, 5000 lei

Notes: 2000, 10000, 50000, 100000, 500000 lei

Banks are open from Monday to Friday (except official holidays)

Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

2. Upon Arrival

Targoviste is located in the south part of Romania, at 80 kilometers west distance by Bucharest and can be easily reached by train or car. The connection from Bucharest to Targoviste are very frequent.

3. Public holidays

1st January New Year's Day

6th January Epiphany Day

3 Easter Days

1st May Labor Day

1st December National Day

25th December Christmas Day

26th December The second Christmas Day

Educational Institutions have a two-week vacation at Christmas and a one-week vacation at Easter time.

4. Culture and Leisure

a. Museums – Cultural Centers

“The Princely Court”, 81 Calea Domneasca

The Regional History Museum, 4 Stelea St.

The Museum of the Fierst Printing House in Romania

The writers' Museum, 7 Justitiei St.

The Painting Memorial House and workshop “Gheorghe Petrascu”, 24 Baratiei St

The History Museum, 89 Calea Domneasca

The Art Museum, 185 Calea Domneasca

The National Museum of the Romanian Police, 187 Calea Domneasca

The Chindia Tower of Targoviste

Dealu Monastery

“Tony Bulandra” Theater

Zoo Park

b. Libraries
Public Library, Stelea St
Municipal Library, Mihai Viteazul Place, 1

c. Sports Facilities
Municipal Stadium

E. APPENDIX I USEFUL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONES

Valahia University of Targoviste: 00 40 245 211 809
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Academic year
Begin October 1st
End June 30

Ambulance: 961
Fire brigade: 981
Police: 955
Civil protection: 982