

WELCOME GUIDE FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS

Cluj-Napoca - Historical heritage

The Dacian and Roman names of the city were joined in “Cluj-Napoca” in 1974. A history more than two millennia dates this settlement back to the Paleolithic and Neolithic ages. Napoca flourished as a municipium unde Roman rule and was raised to the status of a colony and the capital of Dacia Porolosensis in the 2nd century. The population withstood the invasion of several nomadic tribes after the Romans withdrawal, until the city was conquered by the Hungarians (10th-11th centuries).

The king of Hungary, Carol Robert, proclaimed the settlement a town in 1316 and later, in 1405, Cluj was declared a free royal city with the permission to built fortifications. A thriving economy made it possible for the numerous guilds to contribute to an extended system of fortification on 45 hectares. In 1541 the Ottoman conquered the Hungarian Kingdom, yet the city continued to prosper, as Transylvania became an autonomous principality. Stephen Bathory founded a Jesuit academy in 1581, with three faculties, and the city became the main cultural and religious center of Transylvania. In the second half of the 17th century, the economic situation of the city deteriorated for having lost its autonomy. The settlement was placed under Austrian rule at the end of the century and, consequently, was forced to host Austrian army.

In 1970, Cluj became the headquarters of the Hungarian governors and the capital of Ardeal province. Many Romanians who studied here fought at the Revolution in 1848. Romania received Transylvania by the Treaty of Trianon after the World War I. Hungary regained possession of the province in 1940. After the World War II, Transylvania reentered into the possession of Romania, and the subsequent communist years - a dark period for the entire country – ended in 1989. The re-evaluation of all aspects of the life of the Romanian brought about a series of economic, political and social changes.

Cluj-Napoca - Academic city

The city boasts an impressive offer of education for all the ages, being proud of its ten universities, which attract youngsters from all over Romania. The outstanding tradition and the rich offer of education place Cluj in a national competition with Bucharest and Iasi. With a tradition going back to 1581, when the Jesuits set the basis of education in Treasure City and the inauguration of the University in 1872, Cluj is the most prestigious higher education center in Transylvania, where many world-renowned scientists began their career.

More than 100.000 students rush to Cluj-Napoca every autumn to enroll in the six state-run universities:

- “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- “Babes-Bolyai” University
- Technical University
- University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine
- “Gheorghe Dima” Music Academy
- University of Art and Design.

The active educational environment triggered a similar development of libraries. Thus, the city has three big libraries, The Library of the Academy, The Central University Library and “Octavian Goga” Public Library. Other smaller libraries belong to the numerous cultural centers and language departments of the universities.

“Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy

The beginnings of the University of Cluj-Napoca can be traced back to the Middle Ages, when the Diet of Transylvania convened in Cluj in 1565 and decreed the foundation of a College. Attempts were made to bring scholars from Switzerland and France to secure the organization. It was the time of the offensive of the Counter-Reformation, a movement which was gaining ground in Transylvania, especially after the election of Stefan Bathory as Prince in 1571.

In 1781, the German language replaced Latin. Under the dual compromise, the Emperor Franz Joseph founded the University of Cluj, on October 12, 1872. Initially, the Faculty of Medicine was part of the Franz – Joseph University.

In 1919, Iuliu Hatieganu was named Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. He gave his first lecture in Romanian, thus founding the higher Romanian Medical education system in Cluj.

The Faculty continued to develop its curriculum and increase the number of its disciplines so that in 1948 the Institute of Medicine and Pharmacy was created, with the faculties of General Medicine, Hygiene, Pediatrics, Dentistry and Pharmacy.

In the academic year 1990, the Institute became the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, with the following faculties: Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, and in 1993 the University was designated as the Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, after its first Romanian Professor of Clinical medicine, who also was the first Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Today, the Iuliu Hatieganu University is a reputable institution, where research and teaching have remarkable results – national and international – reflected in scientific research and books and studies published by members of our academic staff.

Education:

A. University degree

- Faculty of Medicine (Romanian section; French section; English section)
- Faculty of Dental Medicine (Romanian section; French section; English section)
- Faculty of Pharmacy (Romanian section; French section; English section)
- Faculty of Midwifery and Nursing (Romanian section)
- Faculty of Health Sciences (Romanian section)



- B. Master's degree**
Medical informatics and biostatistics
Bio-informatics
Clinical pharmacology
Molecular medicine and neuro-sciences
Clinical ultrasonography

Instrumentation techniques and concepts for licensed medical assistants in surgical specialization
Physiological bases of cosmetology
Sport and physical training medicine
Research methodology for life sciences
Social pediatrics
Sexology
Rehabilitation of patients with rheumatological diseases through physico-kinetic methods
Nursing in pediatrics and puericulture
Promotion of health and preventive strategies
The management of health services
Rehabilitation treatment in the psychology of the child
Study and control of drugs
Industrial pharmaceutical technology
Toxicology of drugs and environment
Oral rehabilitation and oral medicine



C. Doctoral degree – Doctoral school in medical sciences

Research activity

The “Iuliu Hatieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy is an institution of higher education where didactic activity weaves harmoniously with scientific research. An Excellency centre (in molecular medicine and neurosciences) and 10 other research centers (cardiovascular pathology, digestive, rheumatology, immunology, pediatrics, surgery, oncology, genetics, biopharmacy and drug pharmacokinetics) were founded and accredited. In the last years, the university was situated among the first two medical universities in the competition of research projects won on national level, both as number and as financial contribution. Also, we are successful partners in two European research projects, and a great

School plays a special role, founded in 2005 is supported by 97 professors, scientific directors from all medical and pharmaceutical specializations, who are guiding the activity of 946 PhD students, from which 195 are with attendance.



International cooperation programs

- Lifelong Learning Program (LLP)
- AUF (Agence universitaire de la Francophonie)
- Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPUS)
- Cooperation agreements with 26 universities from all over the world



Local grading system

ECTS Grade	Local grade	% of successful students normally achieving the grade	Definition
A	10	10	EXCELLENT - outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	9	25	VERY GOOD - above the average standard but with some errors
C	7-8	30	GOOD - generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	6	25	SATISFACTORY - fair but with significant shortcomings
E	5	10	SUFFICIENT - performance meets the minimum criteria
FX	4	-	FAIL - some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F	1-3	-	FAIL - considerable further work is required

Student life

Our University has a lot to offer for its students, whether they are Romanians or foreigner, whether they are here for the whole academic year or just for a short internship. Three of our nine dorms have been fully renovated recently and we now offer more than 2.000 places for our students to stay in. Although the demand might be higher than their full capacity we are working on providing the quality and comfort the student desires. High-speed Internet connection and cable-tv are available in every room while keeping living costs affordable for our students. The main campuses are conveniently located near the historic city center and there is a fast and easy access to university libraries, major hospitals and the University's cafeteria.

For those interested in being involved in extra-curricular activities while helping others in need, the local student organizations are the perfect place. Student representatives are involved in all departments of our university and the main focus of the organizations is maintaining/developing new public health awareness campaigns and activities targeting the population of Cluj-Napoca and Cluj county.



Pre-arrival advice

At least 2 month before you leave your home university, you should contact the Erasmus Office of “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in order to inform us about your arrival as Erasmus student. Erasmus Office will provide you all the information concerning your study programme, registration, accommodation, travel in Cluj, Romanian language courses or any questions related to your Erasmus mobility.

Make sure that:

- Ø You faxed or mailed to the Erasmus Office of “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy: Application form, Learning Agreement, Housing Application Form.
- Ø You got your Transcript of Records signed and stamped by your home faculty for registration at “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Ø You got a letter form the coordinator or from the International Relations Office university, stating your name, your field of study and your period of study in Cluj-Napoca
- Ø You informed the Erasmus Office of “Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy about the days of your arrival in Cluj-Napoca
- Ø You know what documents you will be requested when getting back to your home institution

Accomodation

“Iuliu Hațieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy offers accommodation for its Erasmus students. The student’s house is located in “Hasdeu” Campus, within walking distance from the main University buildings, the University Library and University Restaurant.

Place are available in double rooms with kitchen and bathroom.

In order to arrange for your accomodation in this residence you are kindly asked to fill in the Housing Application Form.

Studing at the university

1. Structure of the academic year 2009-2010 (5th October 2009 – 4 July 2010)

Fall semester

Beginning of the courses: 5th October 2009

Christmas Holidays: 24 December 2009 – 3 January 2010

Continuation of courses: 4 – 15 January 2010

Examination period: 18 January – 14 February 2010

Winter Holiday: 15– 21 February 2010

Spring semester

Beginning of the courses: 22 February 2010

Easter Holidays: 4-11 April 2010

Continuation of courses: 12 April - 4 June 2010

Examination period: 7 June - 4 July 2010

Summer practice: 5 – 30 July 2010

Re-examination period: 1 - 7 September 2010

13 - 19 September 2010

2. Students' Registration

The international students who intend to study at "Iuliu Hațieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in the framework of an interuniversity agreement, have to submit to the Department of International Relations (13 Emil Isac St., 400023 Cluj-Napoca, Fax no: +40 264 597 257) the following documents:

1. Mobility nominalization (Erasmus certificate) from the home university
2. Learning agreement signed by the ECTS coordinator of your home faculty and university
3. Passport/ID copy
4. Two identity photos

After registration you receive:

- a student ID card (*carnet de student*) that is valid only for your Erasmus study period; student card may be required in the University or in any other institution where identity needs to be proved; you must use your student card during the session of exam;
- a travel card (*legitimație de transport*) that you can use when you buy train tickets and season tickets for buses/trams/trolley-buses; by showing your student travel card you can have a 50% discount of the price of these tickets.

The faculty that registered you must provide you the same study conditions as for local students: access to library, laboratories, readings room. During your mobility at "Iuliu Hațieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy you have the same rights and obligations as other students of the university.

3. The Residence of EU Citizens (according to the OUG 102/2005)

EU citizens accepted to studies in a Romanian University for a period longer than 90 days, have to register to the arrangements at the Office for Foreigners - Police Cluj, in order to obtain the Stay permit.

Our Department of International Relations (IDR) can assist you in this matter. You have to submit the following documents:

1. Application form;
2. ID or passport, valid for at least one year (original and photocopy);
3. Identity photo;
4. Documents attesting that the student is enrolled to an accredited institution (Erasmus certificate)
5. A proof of the meanings of support (the EU citizens can give an affidavit);
6. European Health Insurance + a complementary health insurance for the students over 26
7. A fee of 1 RON as an extra-judiciary stamp

Office for foreigners

16, Andrei Mureșanu Street, Tel&fax. 0264 44 22 45/ 43 27 27

Working hours:

a). Citizen from EU and EEA

Submission of the documents: daily 8, 30 - 10

Issuance of the documents: daily 14-16, 30; Wednesday 14-18, 30

b). Citizens from other States

Submission of the documents: daily 10 - 12

Issuance of the documents: daily 14-16, 30; Wednesday 14-18, 30

Audiences: Tuesday 12-14

“Valeriu Bologa” University’s Library

Adress:

8, Victor Babeş Street

4000012, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: 0040 264 592 629, 0040 264 597 256 extension 2212, 2213

E-mail: irobu@umfcluj.ro

<http://www.bibumfcluj.ro>

Opening hours:

During the academic year (1 October to 1 July)

Monday - Friday: 8 - 20

Saturday: 8 - 12.30

During summer holidays (1 July to 1 October)

Monday - Friday: 8 - 14

To have access to the library is required a **Library card**

Students are issued a library card based on their

- student ID
- small photo and an annual fee of 25 lei.

Cultural Centre in Cluj-Napoca

British Council

Adress:

11, Arany Janos Street

400028, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: 0040 264594 408

E-mail: bc.cluj@mail.rdscj.ro

<http://www.britishcouncil.ro>

Italian Cultural Centre

Adress:

7, Universităţii Street

400091, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: 0040 264 591 117

E-mail: culturaitclujro@yahoo.com

French Cultural Centre

Adress:

22, I.C. Brătianu Street

400079, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: 0040 264593 854/ 597 595/ 598 551

E-mail: ccfc@ccfc.ro

<http://www.ccfc.ro>

German Cultural Centre

Adress:

7-9, Universităţii Street

400091, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: 0040 264591 117

E-mail: cgc@polito.ubbcluj.ro

<http://www.kulturzentrum.ubbcluj.ro>

Polish Cultural Centre

Adress:

58-60, Teodor Mihali Street

400591, Cluj-Napoca