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PRACTICAL GUIDE

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Welcome to POLITEHNICA Bucharest and congratulations on securing a place at one of the leading universities in Romania!

POLITEHNICA Bucharest is the top destination for international students coming to Romania. We pride ourselves on fostering innovation and welcoming a diverse community of over 3.000 international students from around the world.

The university offers a dynamic campus environment, combining world-class degree programs and cutting-edge research with a vibrant range of clubs, societies, sports facilities, student accommodations, and green spaces. University life is designed to be a journey of academic excellence and personal growth.

At POLITEHNICA Bucharest, we inspire our students to "Innovate Today, Shape Tomorrow." Many of our graduates have risen to leadership roles in Romania and around the world across fields such as engineering, technology, business, the arts, and public service. POLITEHNICA graduates are highly regarded by global employers and enjoy outstanding career opportunities.

Starting your studies at POLITEHNICA Bucharest marks the beginning of an exciting journey filled with intellectual challenges, skill development, and advanced knowledge in your chosen field. This experience will be both deeply fulfilling and instrumental in shaping a successful career.

We look forward to welcoming you at POLITEHNICA Bucharest!

WHAT TO DO NOW

As soon as you receive your offer you need to:

CONFIRM

DECLINE

Confirming Your Admission Decision

After receiving the acceptance letter, you have 20 calendar days to confirm your place and pay the tuition fee, according to the instructions provided. Please ensure that all required documents and payments are submitted within this timeframe.

By confirming your admission decision, you express your intention to enroll in the selected programme and secure your place at the university. This step represents your formal commitment to begin your academic studies at POLITEHNICA Bucharest.

Failure to complete these steps within the specified deadline may result in the automatic cancellation of your admission and the release of your place to another candidate.

International website

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STUDY ABROAD PREPARATION

As soon as you receive confirmation of your admission, check when the academic year starts on the university website before your arrival. This chapter tells you what you should take care of before you leave home. There are many things to consider, plan and organize.



At enrollment candidates must present:

- the authentified original of the study and identity documents from the application file of the ***Apply platform***
- certified copies and translations in Romanian or an international language (French or English)
- the letter of acceptance to study
- a valid passport holding a D/SD STUDY VISA, for at least 1 year, starting with the 1st of October
- proof of payment for the paying students
- 4 photos ¾ cm

Do not forget to pay the tuition fee within 20 days after receiving the Letter of Acceptance, confirming your place by sending a copy of the receipt or payment order to the e-mail address:

internationalstudents@upb.ro - Bucharest Campus
internationalstud@upit.ro - Pitești Campus

(See the ***Planning your budget*** section for more information)

IMMIGRATION AND RESIDENCY PROCEDURES IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

To study in Romania as a non-EU student you need to consult the Romanian Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence to follow the application procedure for a student visa. As an exchange student, you must apply for a long-stay study visa (symbol D) which will allow you to enter and stay in Romania for a period that does not exceed 90 days (check the ***Validating your visa/Applying for a residence permit*** for next steps).

PREPARING YOUR FILE APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

In addition to your admission, several aspects of your application will be reviewed by the Consulate, including proof of residence in Romania (which may be temporary accommodation) and proof of sufficient financial resources. You will be required to have the amount of at least €5.000 in your account. Contact the Romanian consulate near you for more information.



FULL LIST OF ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD

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HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

In Romania, it is compulsory for all students, researchers and teaching staff from abroad to have health insurance. It is important that you learn about the differences between the medical care system in your own country and the medical care system in Romania. You will find here useful information to anticipate the different steps to take, and thus be covered straight from your arrival and throughout your period of study.

Before you arrive in Romania, you must take out travel insurance or private health insurance in order to be covered during the first weeks of your stay. You will have to register with the Romanian state health insurance once arrived, after your administrative enrollment at the university. A birth certificate will be requested, so remember to bring yours.





YOU WILL ARRIVE SOON

PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

As you prepare to leave home please be sure to have the following items with you when traveling to Romania:

- ✓ The documents needed for completing your enrollment
- ✓ ID card (European nationals) or passport
- ✓ Health record and vaccination certificates (if available)
- ✓ Birth certificate with affiliation

Certain documents written in a language other than Romanian (birth certificate, driver's license, etc.) must be translated and legalized. If you want to translate these documents before leaving, we recommend asking the Romanian Embassy or Consulate in your country, to have legal translations or apostilles.

PLANNING YOUR BUDGET

It is essential to estimate your budget in order to anticipate the main expenses during your stay in Romania, as well as the expenses related to your arrival and settling in.

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PLANNING YOUR BUDGET

UNIVERSITY TUITION FEE

The tuition fees at the POLITEHNICA Bucharest remain low compared to many eastern countries. They vary depending on your level of studies:

Study programmes	Bucharest Campus	Pitesti Campus
Technology Sciences Mathematics/Applied mathematics	€2,600/ academic year - Bachelor studies €2,700/ academic year - Master studies €3,800/ academic year - Phd studies	
Socio-humanities Psychology Economics		€2,200/ academic year Bachelor and Master studies €3,200/ academic year Phd studies
Music and arts		€4,200/ academic year Bachelor and Master studies
Music performance Theatre		€7,500/ academic year Bachelor and Master studies

Tuition fees for the Romanian Language Preparatory Year

- ***€2,430*** *for students enrolled in technical, sciences, mathematics, and applied mathematics*
- ***€1,980*** *for students enrolled in economics, philological, law, and socio-humanistic*
- ***€3,780*** *for students enrolled in music and visual arts*
- ***€6,750*** *for students enrolled in theatre and performing arts*

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING EXPENSES

Monthly Costs	Lowest (on campus)	Highest (private rental sector)
Accommodation(twin room)	€100-150	€350-500
Electricity/ gas/ water	included	€40-50
Internet & TV bundles	included	€20
Travel (Public transportation pass)	€30	€30
Books & Copying	€20	€20
Mobile	€10	€10
Food	€300	€300
Social	€200	€200
Miscellaneous	€100	€100
Total	€760-810	€1,070-1,220



SCHOLARSHIPS

POLITEHNICA Bucharest grants many scholarships to students and researchers. For more information, please visit **our website**.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also offers ***Scholarships for Non-EU students***.

LIFE ON CAMPUS

BUCHAREST CAMPUS

SPORTS AND WELLNESS

Bucharest campus facilities:

- Gym
- Football field (natural grass/ synthetic)
- Tennis/ volleyball/ handball/ basketball fields (synthetic surface)
- Fitness center.

We offer a unique opportunity for students to participate in sport tournaments and special events.





RESTAURANTS ON CAMPUS

Bucharest Campus provides 6 restaurants with plenty of dining options with discounted prices for our academic community and visitors. All food is freshly cooked and prepared by our dedicated staff with special attention to quality.

A full meal (starter, main course, dessert) at our university dining halls starts at €6.

LOCATIONS AND OPENING HOURS

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Being active in a student association is perhaps the best and easiest way to gain experience in the areas you are interested in. Bucharest Campus has more than 27 student organizations.

Time as a student is the period when a young person's life develops various colors. Being active in a student organization is perhaps the best and easiest way to gain experience and train or develop existing skills.

Centre de Réussite Universitaire under the high patronage of AUF provides a whole range of activities for students.

ASSOCIATIONS LIST





HEALTH SERVICE CENTER

We provide a wide range of medical services to support the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff. Medical assistance for Bucharest Campus students is provided free of charge by the Medical Center located in REGIE student campus.

The specific services offered by our university medical department can vary, and students and employees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the available resources.

MEDICAL SERVICES OFFERED

LIBRARY

Bucharest Campus library offers a variety of books and academic journals. It holds important collections for research and teaching in science, engineering and technology.

We offer:

- more than 1 million printed publications
- A Digital Library, Bibliographies and an Online Catalogue
- Access to the European Documentation Centre
- Mobile access to Scientific Databases via ***E-nformation***

LIFE ON CAMPUS

PITEȘTI CAMPUS

SPORTS AND WELLNESS

Pitești Campus has a great multifunctional European sport centre. It includes 2 sport halls where the students may spend their free time relaxing and practising different sports such as: athletics, tennis, football, handball, basketball, volleyball.



RESTAURANTS ON CAMPUS

The restaurant is located near Pitesti Campus Residence Hall. It provides a wide range of fresh food products at low prices daily. daily. All food is freshly cooked and prepared by our dedicated staff with special attention to quality. Students may have different dishes for lunch from Monday till Friday.

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Pitești Campus has 2 student organizations.

ESN - Erasmus Student Network Pitești is an association helping incoming on outgoing students, by providing information and organizing different indoor and outdoor activities.

ASUPIT- The Association of the UPIT Students provides support to students and organizes different types of events for them, including charity events, entertainment or career events

ASSOCIATIONS LIST

HEALTH SERVICE CENTER

The Medical Center is located inside the students' halls and provides medical assistance daily. International students find here a doctor and two nurses. Except for the Medical Center, one may also find a family planning office inside the students' halls.

MEDICAL SERVICES OFFERED

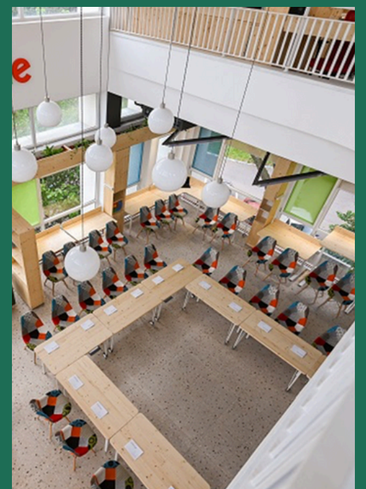


LIBRARY

Pitești Campus includes two libraries situated in two of its buildings (B and Central Building). We have more than ca. 300.000 titles in all fields of study such as humanities, education, law, engineering, medicine, science and social sciences.

We offer:

- more than ca. 300.000 titles
- Access point to information implemented by L'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie.
- Access to European Documentation Center.
- Access to different scientific data basis.
- Membership card
- Digital content





HOW TO GET HERE AND MOVE AROUND

TO BUCHAREST

From Henri Coanda International Airport

The «Henri Coanda International Airport» train station located in front of the airport links the airport with the «Bucharest North» Railway Station in 25 minutes. Buy your ticket at a terminal or **online** (€2). If you want to go directly to another location in the city, there are two more options: by bus, or by taxi.

By bus

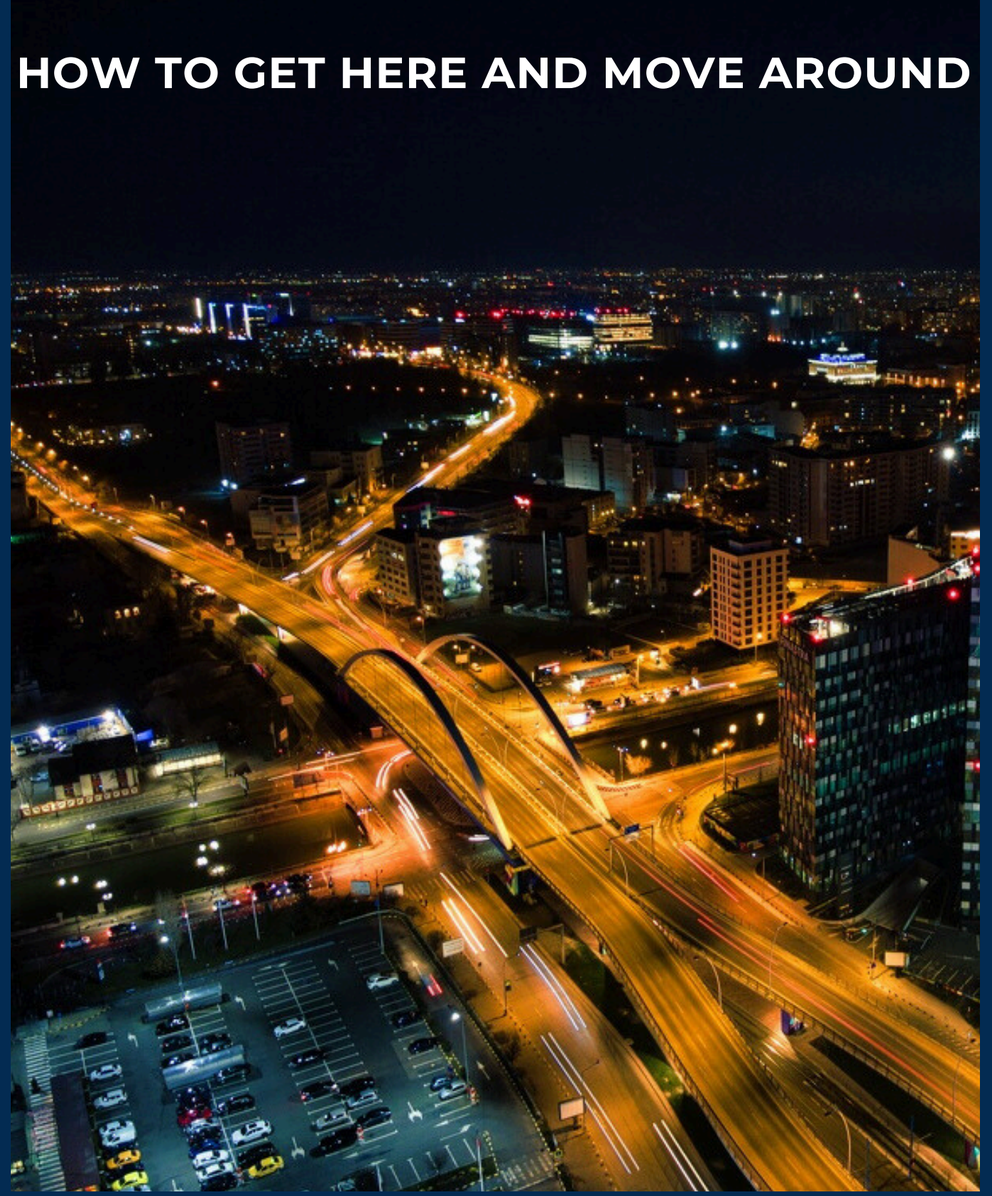
The 100 Express line connects Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport with the city center and runs day and night - by day the bus leaves every 15 minutes and at night, the bus leaves every 30 minutes. The price for a metropolitan trip of 90 minutes is under €1. More information **HERE**.

By Taxi

In Romania, taxi fares are regulated. Licensed taxis have an illuminated sign on the roof of the vehicle. Price: about €15 to €20 from Henri Coanda International Airport to Bucharest. You can also book an **Uber** or **Bolt** from the Airport to the City, prices are slightly lower.

Moving around town

Bucharest has its own public transportation network called STB. Upon arrival, you can easily get tickets for 1 ride, and 10 rides. Monthly and yearly passes are the most cost-effective and you can get large discounts on those as a student.



TO PITEȘTI

There are several options to reach Pitești:

- **By Train** from the Bucharest North Railway Station, the price is €6.
- **By Bus** - **Several bus lines** operate bus routes to Piteşti and the price is €6.
- Another option to get to Piteşti is to pick up a one-way car hire from Bucharest, which is about 117 km from Piteşti. You can find good offers **HERE**.

Moving around town

Roaming around Pitești is easier than ever with our excellent bus network provided by Publitrans 2000. With affordable prices and a wide range of payment options (including on-the-bus card payment), our students can make the most of their stay in the City!

- **Bus Map**
- **Plan your trip** with Moovit
- **Bus Fare** - single journey Ticket: €0.40

Pitești also offers alternative means of transport:

- By taxi: €0.40 - €0.60 per km
- Ride-Sharing Apps: **Bolt** and **Uber**

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AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL

COMPLETE YOUR ENROLLMENT AT POLITEHNICA BUCHAREST

On your arrival in Romania, you must complete your academic enrollment and sign your study contract. It is very important to have **all the authenticated original documents** used on the Apply platform.

The academic enrollment can be completed at the Admission Office located in the Rectorate building of the host institution (See ***Contact section*** for address).

Signing the study contract, choice of courses, options, etc. will come after and take place in your particular Faculty.

The last steps is receiving your student card and login details to access the internet in the student residence (if you applied for **on-campus accommodation**).

STEPS

- ✓ Submit all the documents listed in the Requirements for completing your enrollment (if you choose on-campus accommodation, ask for an application form).
- ✓ Pay the enrollment fee - €100 (first year only).
- ✓ After submitting your application, wait for university confirmation (2-3 days).
- ✓ Proceed with the application to your faculty for signing the study contract.





GET HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

All students, researchers, and teaching staff from abroad who come to a Romanian University must have Medical Insurance. It is important not only for covering a part of your medical expenses but also for obtaining your residence permit.

Depending on your nationality and country of residence, you will have to take some steps to ensure your coverage in Romania.

Non-EU citizens will have to submit a set of documents to ***CASMB*** in order to obtain the right to medical assistance in Romania. Students holding documentation that gives them the right of residence on Romanian territory (with an allotted personal numeric code – CNP) have the same rights and obligations as Romanian students, within the same age and income criteria.

If non-EU students do not own such a document, they are not included in the social security and healthcare system and can only benefit from medical services based on ***bilateral agreements*** between Romania and their country of origin.

Medical insurance is mandatory to be paid for international students over 26 years old.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance covers only part of the medical expenses. To be better reimbursed, we highly recommend you take out additional health insurance. Many insurance providers have special offers for students. Take your time to compare the different offers according to your needs.



VALIDATE YOUR VISA
APPLY FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT

After entering Romania, you must obtain a residence permit. It certifies your right to stay in Romania and you can get it from the territorial units of the General Inspectorate for Immigration in the country where you live.

To obtain a residence permit you have to submit personally several documents at least 30 days before the expiry of the right to stay granted by the visa (make sure to complete your registration at POLITEHNICA Bucharest first).

You also have the possibility to submit the documents through the ***Online service***.

FIND OUT MORE





OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

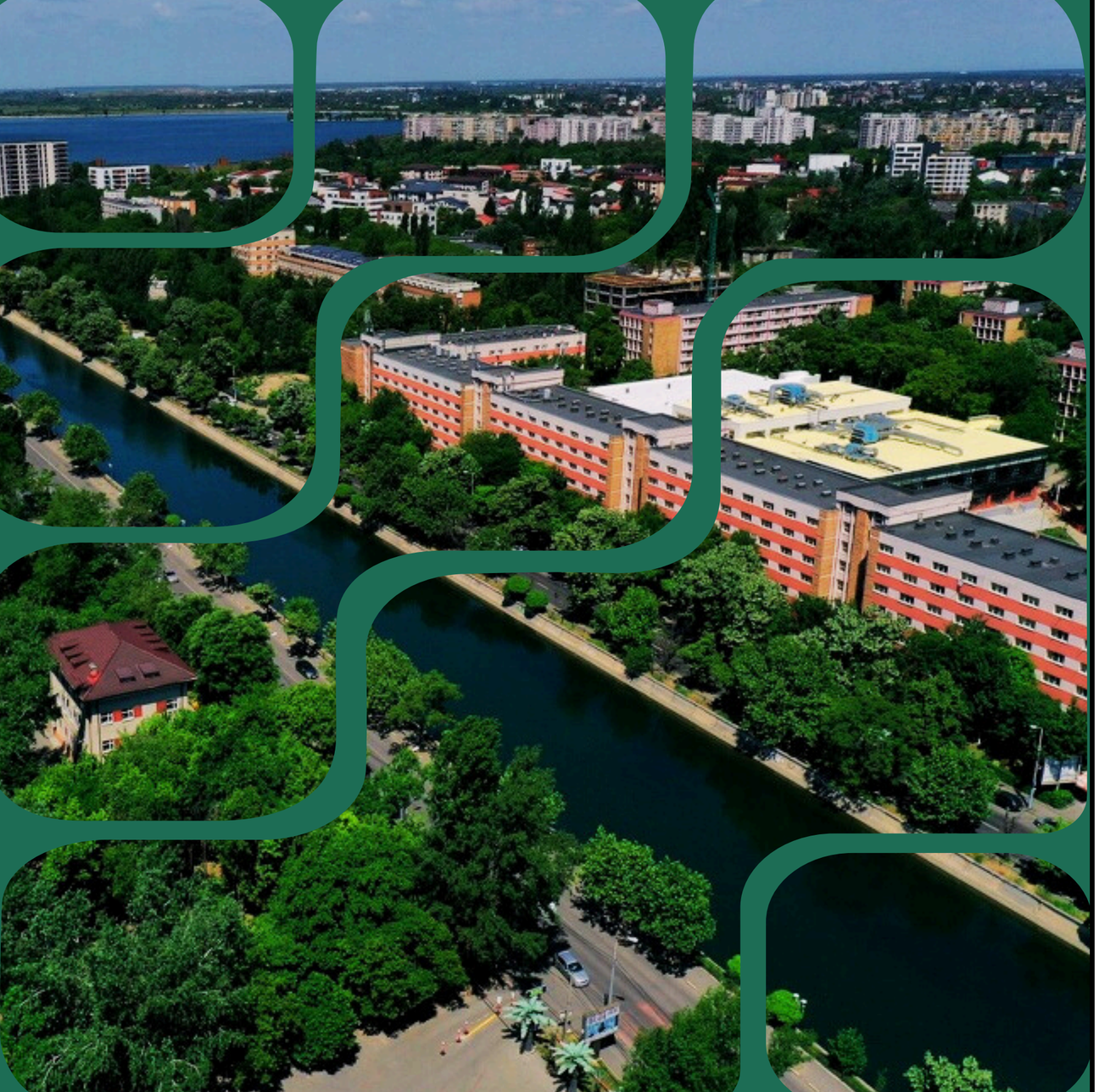
A bank account in Romania is essential, allowing the payment of possible wages, and facilitating the payment of bills or subscriptions, allowances or reimbursement of medical expenses.

How to choose a bank?

- Check if your bank in your home country has a partnership with a Romanian bank.
- Most banks offer online services that you can access after you have opened an account.
- Consider the location of branch offices and automatic teller machines (ATM) locations.
- Most major banks offer special solutions for students
- Opening an account is usually free of charge, but some services may have to be paid for (credit card, money transfers, overdraft facilities, etc.).

Documents required to open a bank account:

- ID card (Europeans) or passport (non-Europeans).
- Proof of address (electricity bill, rent receipt, accommodation certificate).
- Proof of enrollment at POLITEHNICA Bucharest, in case of special offers.



ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

ON-CAMPUS DORMITORIES

This is the most affordable type of accommodation, but the number of places is limited. The POLITEHNICA Bucharest campuses benefit from approximately 13,700 accommodation places, distributed on two campuses located in Bucharest and Pitești that have availability for university students, scholars, and faculty.

Advantages: *Close proximity to classes, on-campus facilities, and social events.*

Steps to follow for accommodation:

- When you arrive, complete the housing application forms provided by the Admission Office.
- Receive your student card and login details to access the internet in the student residence (***Learn how to connect***).
- Pay the **accommodation fee**.
- Prepare to move-in.

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PRIVATE STUDENT RESIDENCE

Rents are higher than POLITEHNICA's On-Campus dormitories and they offer similar benefits: communal living, furnished rooms, internet, laundromat, gym, etc. Requests must be sent directly to the residences, by submitting an application file.

Advantages: *Purpose-built for students, often close to campus, community amenities.*

HERE are some good options to help you in your search.

PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR

The rental offer in the private sector is greater but it may be challenging for an international student to find accommodation remotely. It is generally preferable in this case to book temporary accommodation for a few weeks and then search for long-term accommodation on arrival. We recommend you start your search at least one month before your arrival.

Advantages: *More independence, potential cost savings, and varied housing options.*

Considerations: *Commute to campus, additional responsibilities and costs (utilities, maintenance).*





WE DO NOT RECOMMEND WIRING MONEY OR PAYING DEPOSITS FOR A RENTAL WHICH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN ON-SITE

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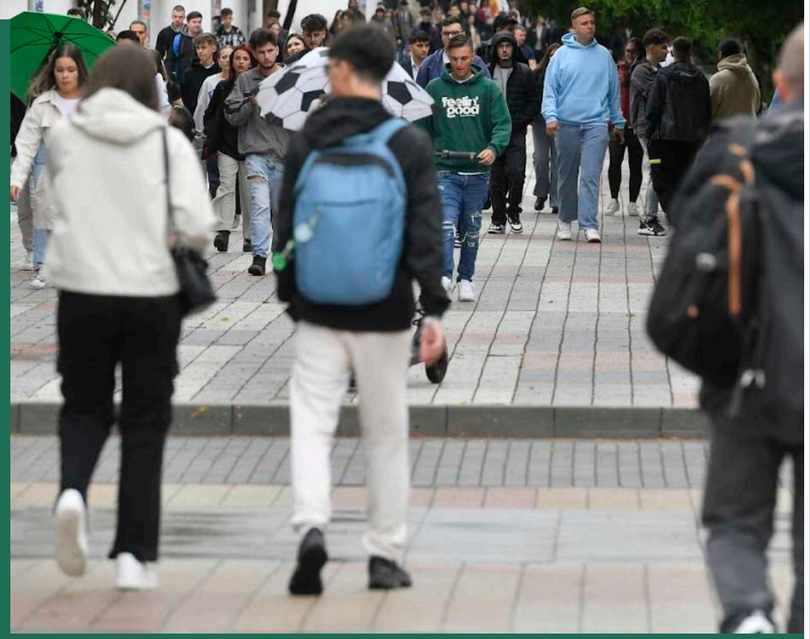

ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR STUDENTS

Online student platforms serve as valuable resources to help newcomers acclimate to their academic environment, access essential information, and engage with their university community.

ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

To access the platforms and services provided by POLITEHNICA Bucharest, new students must activate their account using ***MyUPB platfom***. After entering their identity card number/ passport number used for registration, students will receive their credentials via email or the phone number associated with the admission account.

We have prepared ***several guides*** to help you join our most important student platforms.

MOODLE

Moodle is the virtual learning environment (VLE) used at the POLITEHNICA Bucharest for accesing/uploading diverse course and seminar materials. Authentication is done using the credentials obtained from the account activation.

To check your university grades and keep up to date with various useful documents, log in the ***Student platform***.

If you have any difficulties accessing the POLITEHNICA's student platforms, it is necessary to ***open a ticket*** *and the issue will be resolved in maximum 3 working days.*

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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