

Handbook for International Students



Dear International Student!

Welcome to the “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara, Romania!

This handbook provides you with important information about procedures to be completed before and after your arrival in Romania and practical information for your stay at our university and in Timisoara. Please read the information carefully and keep the handbook available during your stay as a reference.



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TIMISOARA

Coat of arms



Timișoara (Romanian pronunciation: [timiʃoara], German: *Temeschburg*, also *Temeswar* or *Temeschwar*, Hungarian: *Temesvár*, Serbian: Тимишвар, *Temišvar*, Turkish: *Tamışvar* or *Temeşvar*), is a city in the Banat region of western Romania. It is the capital of Timiș County.

With 311,586 inhabitants (2009), Timișoara, the second largest Romanian city, is the main economic and cultural center in Banat in the west of the country.

The ethnic makeup, as of 2009, is as follows: 85.52% Romanian, 7.5% Hungarian, 2.25% German, 4.73% other. The Ukrainian community is currently growing, partly due to the presence of Ukrainian language educational facilities. In recent years, local investment by Italian companies has spurred the creation of an Italian community, even leading to calls for an Italian Cultural Center.

The Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy



The “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara, was initially established as one of the faculties of the Western University, following the Law-Decree 660, signed by King Michael I on 30 December 1944. The opening ceremony of the faculty took place on 15 July 1945.

Since then, more than 20,000 students have graduated from the Timisoara medical school, including a fair number of foreign students from all over the world.

The “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara has three faculties, which in turn have several sub-specialisations: the Faculty of Medicine (Medicine, Midwives, Registered nurses, Balneo-physio-kinetotherapy and recuperation, Radiology and imaging, Nutrition), the Faculty of Dental Medicine (Dental Medicine, Dental Technique, Registered nurses in dentistry), the Faculty of Pharmacy (Pharmacy, Pharmacy assistants).

The “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara has several student hostels, providing accommodation for all our students, first-year students included.

The university has its own library, an IT study centre, a department of computer sciences and two laboratories of medical informatics.

The university has expanded its Erasmus cooperation with several European HEIs, focusing on study and placement mobility. Students may participate in summer programmes funded by the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt-am-Main and by Lions Wien, Austria, as well as in various summer schools and programmes promoted by the students’ association.

Applicants have the possibility to acquire a booklet containing the multiple choice tests required from them at the entrance exam.

For detailed information, please access our website www.umft.ro



The International Students Office

The International Students Office is in charge of processing all the documentation of first-year students who study on a self-supported fee-based form, as well as of incoming and outgoing mobility programmes. Together with the Institutional International Coordinator and the administration at faculty level, we are responsible for the foreign students who come to VBUMPT. You can contact us by telephone or e-mail, or come by our office if you need assistance.

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Contact information:

First-year students - submission of documents:

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BEFORE ARRIVAL

ADMISSION TO THE SELF-SUPPORTED FEE-BASED FORM

Applicants who did not apply for the budgeted places or who did not succeed at the entrance exam in July, **can study in the self-supported fee-based form, in the limit of the places approved by the Ministry of Education** provided that they have submitted a formal request to that end.

The schedule of the pre-registration and registration can be found by accessing our website www.umft.eu

The following applicants may enroll in the self supported fee-based form: Romanian citizens, citizens of European Union, of the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation who did not take the entrance exam in July, but have their **high-school diplomas recognized and validated** by the Romanian National Centre for the Recognition and Validation of Diplomas, which is a department of the Romanian Ministry of Education, citizens of non-EU countries who have a **Letter of Acceptance from the Ministry of Education**. The applicants in question have to submit their documents (see **Documents needed for pre-registration**) to the International Office of the university. The requested documents have to be sent by post to:

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The above mentioned candidates may apply for one of the established study programs. The **number of available places/faculty/study program** and the tuition fees can be found by accessing www.umft.eu . The admission of the candidates will be based on the number of points obtained by each

candidate, observing the **selection criteria** set by the university, in descending order, according to the number of available places/study program.

DOCUMENTS FOR PRE-REGISTRATION

1. **Online application form** – filled in, printed and signed by the candidate (the form can be accessed [here](#));
2. **Personal data form** (download the form from the Download section);
3. **Application form for a Letter of acceptance** (download the form from the Download section) – **3 copies**;
4. **High-school/equivalent diploma and final transcript of the high-school/equivalent diploma** - 2 certified copies and 1 photocopy (xerox or scan) **IN THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTRY THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED IN** and 2 certified translations into Romanian (bearing the stamp of the **Foreign Ministry** / the **Romanian Embassy** in the country the diploma was issued in/ certified by a notary public/ bearing the **Hague Apostille** – see below the provisions regarding the Hague Apostille);
5. **Graduation Certificate** - 2 certified copies and 1 photocopy (xerox or scan) **IN THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTRY THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED IN** and 2 certified translations into Romanian, for the candidates who graduate in 2017, (bearing the stamp of the **Foreign Ministry** / the **Romanian Embassy** in the country the certificate was issued in / certified by a notary public/ bearing the **Hague Apostille** – see below the provisions regarding the Hague Apostille);
6. **High-school transcripts of records for ALL HIGH-SCHOOL YEARS** - 2 certified copies and 1 photocopy (xerox or scan) **IN THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTRY THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED IN** and 2 certified translations into Romanian

(bearing the stamp of the **Foreign Ministry / Romanian Embassy** in the country the diploma was issued in / certified by a notary public / bearing the Hague Apostille – see below the provisions regarding the Hague Apostille);

7. **Birth certificate/Equivalent** – 2 notarised copies and 1 photocopy (xerox or scan), 2 notarised translations into Romanian;
8. **Marriage licence** - 2 notarised copies and 2 notarised translations into Romanian (if applicable);
9. **ID (for EU citizens) or Passport** (for non-EU citizens) (valid for at least 6 months from the beginning of the academic year – 18 September 2017) - 2 notarized copies;
10. **The document attesting the candidate's permanent residence in a foreign country** - 2 notarized copies and translations;
11. **6 Photographs** (passport size);
12. **Health Certificate**, original and notarized copy. If the health certificate has been issued in other languages than Romanian, English, French, then it has to be translated as well. The health certificate should state that:
 - the candidate has been immunized for B Hepatitis
 - the candidate suffers / does not suffer from chronic disorders
 - the candidate is mentally and physically fit to pursue medical higher education
 - the candidate does not suffer from any disorder that is incompatible with his/her future profession
13. **International language certificate** (for English and French, see the list of accepted language certificates) – notarized copy and a simple copy;
14. **Affidavit for Romanian citizens residing in a third country** (certified by a notary public) who wish to study as self-supported fee-

based students stating that they choose and agree to study as self-supported fee-based students;

15. Candidates who graduate high-school in 2018 and who haven't received their high-school/equivalent diploma by the start of the enrollment period, have to submit an **affidavit** stating (certified by a notary public) that they will submit the original diploma (together with 2 certified copies and 2 certified translations into Romanian) until a certain date (the date is established depending on the country which issued the document, but it cannot exceed the beginning of the next academic year);

16. 2 cardboard folders;

17. Proof of payment of the processing fee of 150 Euro (non-refundable), paid into the following bank account:

Name of the bank: BANCA TRANSILVANIA, AGENTIA BEGA TIMISOARA

Address: Str. Augustin Pacha nr. 1, Timisoara, Romania

IBAN: RO53BTRL03604202A6896600

SWIFT: BTRLRO22TMA

**BENEFICIARY: UNIVERSITATEA DE MEDICINA SI FARMACIE
"VICTOR BABES" DIN TIMISOARA**

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RECOGNITION AND VALIDATION OF DIPLOMAS

Candidates from EU countries, the Swiss Confederation or the EEA should have their study documents endorsed by the National Centre for the Recognition and Validation of Diplomas (CNRED) **PRIOR** to registration. The International Office of the university forwards the documents to the National Centre for the Recognition and Validation of Diplomas (apart from those cases which fall under special provisions of the CNRED).

For more information about the process of validation of diplomas, access the site of the National Centre for the Recognition and Validation of Diplomas: <http://cnred.edu.ro/en/>

SPECIAL PROVISIONS: Besides the standard documents for pre-registration, candidates have to observe the minimum requirements for each country, as specified in the document entitled *"Minimal requirements for high-school diplomas"*.

- a. Besides the standard documents for pre-registration, candidates having study documents issued in certain European countries must also submit additional documents, according to the requirements of the CNRED (please check the link below to see if your study documents have been issued in a country that requires additional documents):

<https://cnred.edu.ro/en/recognition-studies-european-citizens-admission-undergraduate-studies-in-Romania>

- b. Romanian citizens having a foreign high-school diploma are required to access the site of the CNRED in order to get comprehensive information about the recognition and validation of their diplomas:

<https://www.cnred.edu.ro/en/equivalence-of-the-baccalaureate-diploma-obtained-abroad>)

THE HAGUE APOSTILLE

The apostille is a stamp or printed form consisting of 10 numbered standard fields which certifies the signature (and the capacity of who placed it) and correctness of the seal/stamp on the document which must be certified.

Apostilles are affixed by *Competent Authorities* designated by the government of a state which is party to the convention.

STUDY DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY STATES THAT ARE NOT SIGNATORIES OF THE HAGUE APOSTILLE CONVENTION MUST BE CERTIFIED BY (documents that do not have this certification will be rejected):

A. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE RESPECTIVE DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED

OR

B. THE ROMANIAN CONSULATE/EMBASSY IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY.

The following countries need the Hague Apostille on their study documents:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei, Cape Verde, Cyprus, People's Republic of China, Colombia, Cook Islands, the Republic of Korea, the Dominican Community, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Grenada, Honduras, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Lesotho, Liberia, Lichtenstein, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Malawi, Malta, Marshal Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Niue, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Romania, The Russian Federation, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadine, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome & Principe, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, Surinam, Swaziland, Tonga, Trinidad Tobago, Turkey, the U. S. A., Vanuatu, Venezuela.

For more information about the Hague Apostille, please access:

http://www.mai.gov.ro/Info_Apostila/State%20semnatare.html

<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

CITIZENS OF THE STATES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, EEA OR THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

Acceptance to studies for these citizens will be granted only on the basis of a **Letter of Acceptance** issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education.

In order to facilitate obtaining the Letter of Acceptance, applicants may submit their documents as specified above to the address of the International Office of the university (see above) and the university will process their documents and apply for the letter of acceptance. Upon registration, applicants will have to pay a processing fee, besides their tuition fee.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

a. Candidates wishing to study in English or French **HAVE TO** take a language test organized by the language department of our university, test that will be marked with “PASSED” or “FAILED”;

b. **The following candidates will NOT be required to take a language test, provided they present justifying documents** (certified copy):

➤ Candidates originating from countries where the official language is the same with the language of the study program they’ve applied for (for candidates applying for the English and French study programs)

➤ Candidates who studied and graduated from high school in the language of study, regardless of their nationality or country of origin

➤ Candidates awarded international high-school diplomas (IBDP / International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in the language of study; EB / European Baccalaureate Diploma; IGCE - International General Certificate of Education, GCE / General Certificate of Education – Advanced Level) in the same language as the language of study

➤ Candidates awarded a **B2 (or higher)** international language certificate for the language of study, according to the table below:

Language of Study	Accepted language certificates (minimum B2)
English	Cambridge ESOL certificates: - FCE / First Certificate in English - CAE / Cambridge Advanced in English - CPE / Cambridge Proficiency in English Certificates issued by Michigan University: - ECCE / Examination for the Certificate of Competency in English - ECPE / Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English IELTS certificate: - scored at least 6 / „competent user”

	TOEFL certificates: - TOEFL iBT (with at least these scores: 21 for listening, 22 for reading, 23 for speaking, 21 for writing) - TOEIC (with at least these scores: 400 for listening, 385 for reading, 160 for speaking, 150 for writing)
French	DELF DALF TCF

- **CANDIDATES WHO HAVE A LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE ACCORDING TO THE TABLE ABOVE ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT IT IN CERTIFIED COPY TOGETHER WITH THEIR PRE-REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS.**
- **ALL LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES HAVE TO BE ENDORSED BY THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT OF OUR UNIVERSITY.**
- **WE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE ONLY IF THE LANGUAGE THE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR CORRESPONDS TO THE STUDY PROGRAM CHOSEN BY THE CANDIDATE.**

THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE ALSO APPLY TO CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY.

Original documents

The VBUMPT reserves the right to require that you submit originals of all your certificates and diplomas after your arrival in Romania. The original documents shall remain with the respective faculty until graduation. Should any of the documents you submit be found incorrect, your admission to VBUMPT will be cancelled.

Student Visa/Residence Permit

All students who are going to stay in Romania for more than **1 month** must apply for a student residence permit.

Students from the EU-countries can apply for a student residence permit after their arrival in Romania.

In addition to the residence permit, you may also need a visa to enter Romania, depending on your country of citizenship.

Students from countries covered by the Romanian visa regulations and who come to Romania without the necessary permits will not be allowed to remain in Romania. Students from countries covered by the Romanian visa regulations must have a valid student visa (D visa), issued by the Romanian diplomatic mission in their country of origin, upon their arrival in Romania. Enrollment of these students is conditioned by the possession of a student visa.

The VBUMPT is in no position to assist students who arrive in Romania without their necessary permits.

The processing time of applications for residence permits may take several weeks, therefore it is essential that you present your application at the Timis County Immigration Service immediately after registration.

For additional information regarding student visa and residence permits, please see the homepages of the Romanian Foreign Ministry (MAE), <http://www.mae.ro> / Visas and Consular Services.

Funding requirements

To apply for a residence permit, you must be able to show proof of funds. Besides the tuition fee (for students studying on a self-supported fee-based form), all students must document that they have sufficient funds to cover their stay in Romania (the equivalent of the minimum salary/economy for the entire period for which you request the residence permit). It is not acceptable for subsistence to be ensured by a financial guarantee from a third party, regardless whether the guarantor is in Romania or abroad.

The general rule is that you must transfer the required amount to an account in a Romanian bank in your own name.

Accommodation

VBUMPT can offer housing in one of the student hostels. Due to the limited number of available places in the hostels, students will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.

First-year students have to register with the Student Housing Office between. When applying for a place in the student hostel, the student must present a copy of the Letter of Admission for Studies at the VBUMPT.

A place in the student hostels may cost approximately RON 170 – 280 per month, depending on how many beds are in the room and extra facilities. These prices include heating and warm water. Each room has its own electrical meter and students have to pay for the electricity they use.

Arrival

Timisoara International Airport is located 12 kilometres from Timisoara City Centre. From the airport you can take the E4 Express Bus that connects the airport with the city centre. The approximate duration of the journey from the airport to the city centre is 20 minutes. Busses run every hour between 5:30 – 23:00.

The complete Network System of Public Transportation can be visualized by accessing the homepage of System of Public Transportation (RATT) <http://www.ratt.ro>

ON ARRIVAL

The first thing you do after you have arrived is to come to the International Office with all the admission documents and start your actual registration.

Documents for REGISTRATION

Basically documents are the same for EU and non-EU countries, with some slight differences. In order to register/enroll, candidates have to submit ALL their documents **IN THE ORIGINAL**

Registration with the Police on arrival

All foreign students must register Police within 7 days after arrival.

Long-term student residence permit

- 1) The long-term student residence permit can be granted, on request, to foreign students who wish to enter Romania.

- 2) A student is a person who has been accepted by an accredited public or private higher education institution, including doctoral studies.
- 3) Documents to bring for the application:

EU/EEA/SWISS students:

- Certified copy of the Letter of Admission from the VBUMPT;
- Proof of payment of study fees for at least one academic year;
- Certified copy of the passport or ID-card with picture and the original document;
- Certified copy of the European Health Insurance Card valid for the whole study period;
- 2 recent passport photographs;
- Declaration of sufficient subsistence (minimum net salary/month/economy) for the entire period covered by the residence permit;
- Police record or any other document with the similar legal value;
- Receipt of paid application fee

Non-EU/EEA/Swiss students

- Certified copy of the Letter of Acceptance to studies issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports;
- Certified copy of the Letter of Admission from the VBUMPT;
- Proof of payment of study fees for at least one academic year;
- Health insurance for the entire period covered by the residence permit;
- Passport;
- 2 recent passport photos;
- Documentation of subsistence (minimum net salary/month/economy) for the entire period covered by the residence permit;
- Police record or any other document with the similar legal value;
- Housing contract;
- Receipt of paid application fee

Healthcare requirements

Romanian law requires that foreign nationals who will be residing in Romania for more than three months must have a chest X-ray and a standard blood test upon registration.

The check-ups can be completed in your country of origin but they must not be older than 6 months.

Those students who have not done the check-ups in their country of origin, can do them here at any medical facility (dispensary, polyclinic) in Timisoara.

All medical certificates must subsequently be signed and stamped by the physician of our university.

DURING YOUR STAY

Erasmus students

Before starting their mobility, incoming Erasmus students have to be nominated by their home universities. In order to be accepted by our university, incoming Erasmus students should read carefully and observe the Rules for Incoming Students

http://www.umft.eu/data_files/documente-atasate-sectiuni/3144/rules_incoming_students.pdf

Incoming Erasmus students have to report to the International Office and present all their study documents in the original.

The International Office will help incoming Erasmus students with their study plan by contacting the respective departments and drawing up all necessary support documents.

After their exam sessions, incoming students should submit their Record Books to the International Office to be endorsed by the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator and the Dean of the faculty.

At the end of their stay, incoming Erasmus students will receive an Erasmus certificate confirming the period of the exchange and the number of credit points received.

Health Insurance

EU/EEA/Swiss Students

Students from the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation must have social security coverage from their home country. They must obtain the European Health Insurance Card in their home country, which entitles them to medical treatment in accordance with the Romanian National Insurance Scheme.

For further information about the card, please contact the nearest insurance office in your home country.

Non-EU/EEA/Swiss students

If the duration of your stay in Romania is **more than 12 months**, you automatically become insured under the National Health Insurance Scheme when you register as a resident in Romania and as a student at VBUMPT.

If the duration of your stay is **between 3 and 12 months**, you should fill in a form “National Insurance Scheme – Application for insurance during stay in Romania” entitling you to social security coverage with regard to health services in accordance with the National Insurance Scheme. You can get a form at the County Health Insurance Office.

The form should be sent to the insurance office together with the following documentation:

- Certified copy of your passport and the residence permit stamp;
- Certified copy of the admission letter from the VBUMPT.

Students who stay in Romania **less than 3 months** must have social security coverage from their home country.

The National Health Insurance Scheme does not cover students before they register at the VBUMPT, after they have completed their studies in Timisoara, or during any travel abroad in the course of the semester. These periods must be covered by a private insurance policy. Furthermore, the National Health Insurance Scheme does not cover dental care or illness contracted before arrival in Romania.

Address of the County Health Insurance Office:

Str. Corbului 4, Room 40, 1st floor

Tel: 0256 201772

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00

Tuesday, Thursday 13:00 – 15:00

You can find all relevant information regarding the European Council’s application of social security schemes by accessing the following link

<http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/consleg/1971/R/01971R1408-20060428-en.pdf>

Property/Travel Insurance

You are strongly advised to insure all valuables (cameras, music equipment, computers, etc) against theft. If you do not have this type of insurance, you may purchase one at a reasonable rate in Romania. You should never leave large amounts of cash in your student dormitory.

Work permit

According to Romanian law (OUG 56/2007; Law 134/2008), students can get a part-time work permit (4 hours/day), but the work permit does not automatically grant a residence permit.

As long as they have a student residence permit, international students cannot apply for a permanent residence permit in Romania.

Tax deduction

The parents of some of the students get a tax deduction if they can prove that their children pursue undergraduate studies.

All the students who need a certificate proving their status of undergraduate student should apply for such a certificate at the International Office.

In order to receive such a certificate, students should be able to prove that they have paid their tuition fee for the respective academic year.

Renewal of residence permit

The application for renewal must be submitted to the Police Foreign Section at least one month before the current permit expires.

1. International students may apply for a renewal of their residence permit as follows:
 - a) in the case of undergraduate or postgraduate students, for successive periods of up to one year, if:
 - (i) they are enrolled in a public or private higher education institution, accredited according to Romanian law, full-time attendance, including doctoral studies;
 - (ii) they can prove that they have paid their tuition fee;
 - (iii) they can show documentation of subsistence (the amount required is the net minimum salary per economy), covering the entire validity of the residence permit;
 - b) in the case of exchange students, for a period no longer than one year, if:
 - (i) they are enrolled in a public or private higher education institution, accredited according to Romanian law, full-time attendance;

- (ii) participate in an exchange programme initiated by a legally established organisation and having the right to carry out such exchanges;
 - (iii) if the organising institution that initiates the exchange takes responsibility for ensuring their accommodation, means of subsistence and possible costs incurred by the returning to the home country.
2. Foreign citizens of Romanian origin may get their temporary student residence permit renewed, without observing the stipulations under paragraph (1) a) (iii).
 3. The temporary student residence permit may be renewed for maximum **90 days** after graduation, until they settle their academic situation and they get their study documents endorsed.

Changing your field of study

1. An international student who has been granted, or renewed, a student residence permit in Romania may change his/her field of study or vocational training, according to Romanian law, provided the total length of the stay foreseen for the initial studies is not exceeded.
2. If the total length of the stay foreseen for the initial studies is exceeded as a consequence of the change of the study or vocational training field, the student has to apply for a new long-term student permit.

Family reunification

Requests for family reunification can be submitted only by those students who were already married when they obtained their Letter of Acceptance to studies from the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.

Student card

All our students receive a student ID-card once they have completed their registration. The student ID-card is issued at the respective secretariats.

Students from the **EU/EEA/the Swiss Confederation** have the right to discounts on public transportation, based on their student ID-card.

Non-EU students do not benefit from any discount on public transportation.

Internet access

Student hostels have Internet connection and the conditions permitting access to the Internet are regulated by the Students' League.

Tuition fees

The information regarding tuition fees and other complementary fees can be found by accessing the website www.umft.eu

Accommodation during your stay

One of our biggest challenges is to find adequate housing for our international students with respect to renting costs and standards. There is only a very limited number of student housing available in VBUMPT. We do try our best to find the best possibilities. Please be prepared, however, that the rooms are very simple and, in some cases, standards are very low.

The rent must be paid before the 1st every month.

Any questions must be directed to the Student Housing Office.

When you give up your room, you must notify the SHO at least one month in advance. If you move without notification or late notification, you will have to pay for the room during the term of notice.

Notify the International Office about your new address

Always remember to give your new address to the International Office if you move.

The Police Foreign Section must also be notified with regard to any change of address.

HEALTH ISSUES

How do I find a doctor?

Our university has its own General Practitioner who can be contacted whenever you need a health check or a consultation. The GP will further refer you to a specialist or a hospital if necessary.

Please, keep in mind that according to Romanian law, medical treatment is **free** only until the age of 26. Above that age, you will have to pay for medical treatment.

Emergency ward

If your condition is serious or you need a doctor outside of office hours, you have to contact the emergency services. The number of the emergency services is **112**.

STUDENT WELFARE SERVICES AT VBUMPT

Religious issues

The VBUMPT has students from all over the world, belonging to different cultures and religious beliefs. We are a secular university and students are free to practice their individual faith.

Timisoara has been known as a truly ecumenical city where different religions have co-existed peacefully along the centuries. Besides the various Christian churches and prayer houses, Timisoara also has a mosque and a synagogue.

Gyms

Physical education is an obligatory part of our curriculum and our gym is quite well-equipped.

Besides, there are several health clubs all over town, where students can work out.

Student organizations



The Society of Timisoara Medical Students (SSMT) is a non-racist, non profit, non-religious, non-partisan student organization whose aim is to guide all the students studying at our university, to organize various scientific and cultural events. Its primary goal is to promote students' academic and social interests. It does this by working together with the local student branches at the faculties and the various faculty committees, with the faculty leadership boards and councils, administration and staff, as well as with various welfare organizations. The Society also cooperates with similar organisations from universities all over the world.

If you wish to contact the Students Society, you can do that by e-mail: ssmt@umft.ro

The STMS has its own representatives in the University Senate.

PRACTICAL ISSUES

Cellular phones

As almost everybody in Romania have their own cell phone, payphones are not easily available anymore. If you are going to stay in Romania for a longer period and you don't have a cell phone you may find it useful to get one. There are many different options and offers, and you can get further information in telecommunication stores or stores which sell electronic equipment.

If you bring your own cell phone, you can buy a subscription at a Romanian telephone company or use pre-paid cards. You can buy a subscription when you have a Romanian ID – number. To buy a pre-paid card, you need to show an ID-card.

Public transportation

It is easy to get around Timisoara using the public transportation system, which is comprised of buses, trams, trolley-busses.

Language

The native language in Romania is Romanian. For a person learning the language it may be difficult in the beginning.

The curriculum of our university includes compulsory Romanian classes for international students.

Climate

Romania has four seasons with marked changes in climate: spring, summer, autumn and winter. The weather may also change from day to day from sunny to rainy and from warm to cold.

The climate which defines Timisoara city is the temperate continental moderate climate which characterizes the Southern-Eastern part of The Panonic Depression. The temperate continental climate has some sub-Mediterranean characteristics as well of the Adriatic climate.

Climatic general features consist of various and irregular weather conditions. The dominating temperate air masses during spring and summer

are of oceanic origin and come with great precipitations. Frequently, even during winter period, the Atlantic humid air masses bring rainy and snowy weather, rarely cold weather.

You can find information about the weather at the following links:

<http://www.vremea.com/>

<http://vremea.ido.ro/>

Clothing

You should bring both warm and light clothes for your stay, like windproof jackets, sweaters, scarves, gloves and hats if you are going to stay here in winter time. Woolen clothes are recommended when the weather is cold. You can also buy suitable clothes after arrival if needed.

Recreation

Timisoara offers a broad range of recreational possibilities. The city has a vibrant night life with concerts, clubs, dancing, theater, cinemas and opera. You will find various museums and art galleries and also public parks available for sports activities, walking or relaxing.

The Indian students of our university, together with the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Timisoara have founded **Banat Lions Cricket Club**, encouraging students to take up this non-violent and elegant sport. Those who are interested in joining the Banat Cricket Club or getting more information can contact the representatives of the club by e-mail at banatcricketclub@gmail.com

For further information:

<http://www.timisoreni.ro/>

Check list (what to bring)

- Valid passport / travel document
- Passport photos
- Letter of acceptance form the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports

- Original diplomas/transcripts from previous education (degree students)
- European Health Insurance Card (EEA/EU/SC students)
- Medical certificate from your home GP
- Non EEU/EU/SC students: proof of insurance
- Visa/Master/Card/travelers cheques
- Cash for the first days
- Adapters for electrical equipment (standard outlets in Romania use 220 volts)
- Necessary medications you use
- Suitable clothes and shoes
- Necessary items for the bedroom and towels