

UNIVERSITATEA GEORGE BACOVIA DIN BACAU



**INFORMATION GUIDE
FOR
INCOMING STUDENTS**

**GEORGE BACOVIA UNIVERSITY
IN BACAU**

ROMANIA

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

ROMANIA

Geographic location	In the south-east of Central Europe, between 43°37'07'' and 48°15'60'' parallels, North latitude.
Capital	Bucharest
Official language	Romanian
Area	238391Km2, 3% which covered by water.
Border lengths	3190.3 Kilometres
Neighbours	Ukraine to the North; Moldova Republic and Black Sea to the East; Bulgaria to the South; Serbia to the South- West; Hungary to the North-West.
Population	19,043,767 (2011) Ethnic structure: 89.5% Romanians, 6.6% Hungarians, 2.5% Roma, 1.4% small minority groups of Germans, Serbs, Ukrainians, Turks, Croats, Greeks, Armenians, Poles, Jews.
Form of government	Parliamentary republic, with a bicameral parliament
Administrative division	8 development regions; 41 counties and Bucharest, the capital city (as a county); 263 towns, of which 82 cities; 2,685 communes, with 13,285 villages.
Flag	Vertical display: red, yellow and blue (near the flagpole).

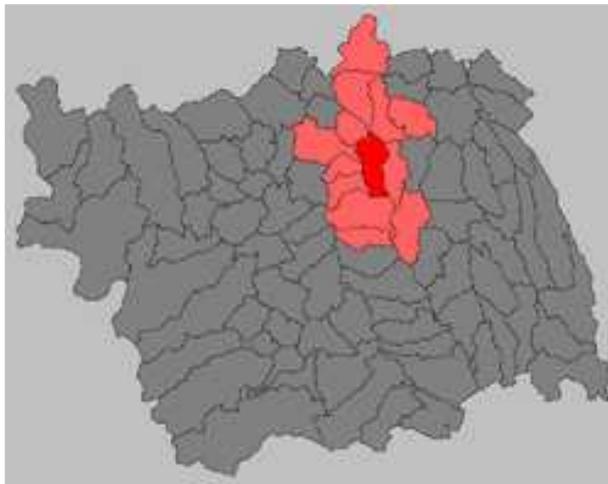


National day	December 1 st , the anniversary of the Great Union at Alba Iulia in 1918, when Transylvania joined Romania; the moment symbolizes the union of all Romanians in a single state.
Religion	86.8% Orthodox, 4.7% Roman Catholic, 3.7% Protestant, 1.5% Pentecostal.
Climate	Continental temperate Cold winters, with fog and snow; Summers are hot and sunny (especially in the areas at sea level), with short rains and storms); Average annual rainfalls: 677 mm. in general, 1000 to 1400 mm. in the mountains, below 400 mm. on the coast.
Time zone	East European time (GMT + 2) Summer time (GMT + 3) starting the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October. Romania has the same time zone as Finland, Moldova, Greece, Israel, Egypt and the Republic of South Africa.
National currency	<i>Leu</i> (plural <i>Lei</i>), the subdivision <i>ban</i> (1 <i>leu</i> = 100 <i>bani</i>)

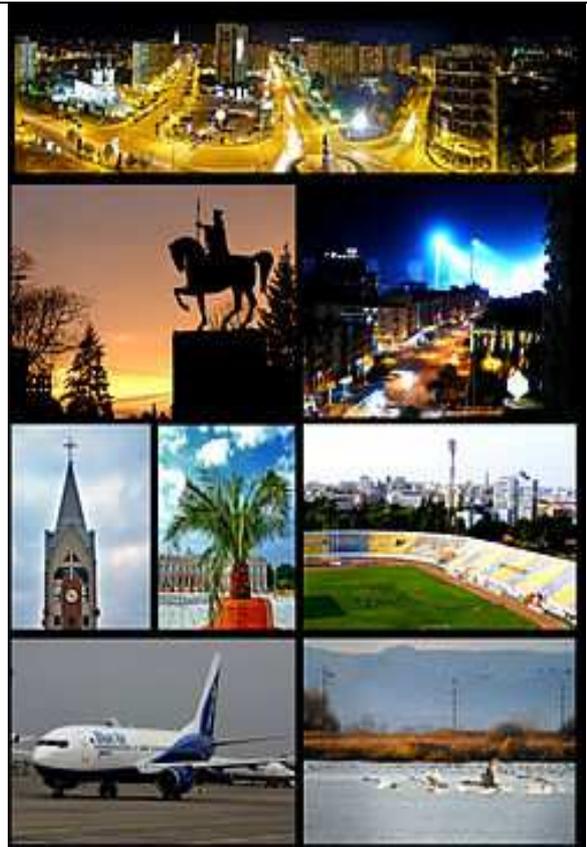
2. THE CITY OF BACAU

Bacău

(Romanian pronunciation: [ba'kəw]) is the main city in Bacău County, Romania. As of 2011 census, it has a population of 133,460, making it the 15th largest city in Romania. The city is situated in the historical region of Moldavia, at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, and on the Bistrița River (which meets the Siret River about 8 kilometres (5.0 mi) to the south of Bacău). The Ghimeș Pass links Bacău to Transylvania.



Bacau county's map



Flag



Coat of arms



Coordinates: 46°35'N 26°55'E

City	41.3 km ² (15.9 sq mi)
Elevation	165 m (541 ft)
Population - 2011 census	
• City	144,307
• Density	3,103/km ² (8,040/sq mi)

The ethnic make up is as follows:

- Romanians: 97.93%
- Roma: 0.92%
- Hungarians: 0.09%
- Jews: 0.03%
- Other: 0.34%

Bacău metropolitan area, a project for the creation of an administrative unit to integrate Bacău with the nearby communes, would have a population of 196,135.

History

Similarly to most urban centers in Moldavia, Bacău emerged on a ford that allowed water passage. Colonists played a significant role in the development of the town. Archaeological finds, some surface or semi-buried dwellings from the second half of the 15th century, suggest that Hungarians started to settle in the region after 1345–1347 when the territory was under the control of the Kingdom of Hungary. They mainly occupied the flat banks of the river Bistrița. A discovery of a type of 14th-century grey ceramic that has also been found in Northern Europe also suggests the presence of German colonists from the north. Originally the town focused around the Roman Catholic community that settled near a regular local market frequented by the population of the region on the lower reaches of the river.

The town was first mentioned in 1408 when Prince Alexander the Good of Moldavia (1400–1432) listed the customs points in the principality in his privilege for Polish merchants. (However, new research indicates that the first historical mention of the town is even earlier, occurring in a 1399 legal documents of Prince Iuga of Moldavia, Alexander the Good's stepbrother. The customs house in the town is mentioned in Old Church Slavonic as *krainee mîto* ("the customs house by the edge") in the document which may indicate that it was the last customs stop before Moldavia's border with Wallachia. The town's name that features in Old Church Slavonic documents as *Bako*, *Bakova* or *Bakovia* comes most probably from a personal name. Men bearing the name *Bakó* are documented in Transylvania in the Middle Ages. The town may have been named after a Hungarian innkeeper who, supposedly, had an inn, the first building in the

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town, on the road from Bacău to Roman. Another theory suggests that the town's name has a Slavic origin, pointing to the Proto-Slavic word *byk*, meaning "ox" or "bull", the region being very suitable for raising cattle; the term, rendered into Romanian alphabet as *bâc*, was probably the origin of *Bacău*.

The town was invaded and destroyed more than one time in the 15th–16th centuries. For example, in 1467 King Matthias I of Hungary during his expedition against Stephen the Great set fire to all towns, among them Bacău in his path. The customs records of Braşov shows that few merchants from Bacău crossed the Carpathian Mountains into Transylvania after 1500, and their merchandise had no particularly high value which suggests that the town was declining in this period.

Due to the frequent invasions by foreign armies and plundering by the Tatars in the 17th century, many of its Catholic inhabitants abandoned Bacău and took refuge in Transylvania. But in 1851 the Catholic congregation in the town still spoke, sang, and prayed in Hungarian.

The first paper mill in Moldavia was established in the town in 1851.

During World War I and the occupation of Bucharest by the Central Powers, Bacău was the headquarters of the Romanian Army.

The town was declared a municipality in 1968.

Culture

Bacău has two universities, a public one called the *Vasile Alecsandri* University, and a private one, called the *George Bacovia* University and several colleges.

Two major Romanian poets, George Bacovia and Vasile Alecsandri were born here. The "Mihail Jora" Athenaeum and a Philharmonic Orchestra are located here, as well as the "G. Bacovia" Dramatic Theater and a Puppet Theater. Around Christmas every year, a Festival of Moldavian Winter Traditions takes place, reuniting folk artists from all the surrounding regions.

The exhibition "Saloanele Moldovei" and the International Painting Camp at Tescani, near Bacău, reunite important plastic artists from Romania and from abroad. The local History Museum, part of the Museum Complex "Iulian Antonescu" has an important collection of antique objects from ancient Dacia.

The city also has an astronomical observatory, The Victor Eftimiu Astronomical Observatory.

Gallery



Mircea Cancicov Park



Winter festival



Church "Precista" detail



"9th of May" street



*The "Prefectura" Building and
The County's Administrative Palace*



Natives

- Aaron Aaronsohn, agronomist, botanist
- Vasile Alecsandri, poet
- Angela Alupei, rower
- George Apostu (1934–1986), sculptor
- George Bacovia, poet
- Ovidiu Balan, conductor
- Ilie Boca, painter
- Vlad Chiricheș, football player
- Radu Cosașu, writer
- Nicu Enea, painter
- Mariana Zavati Gardner, poet
- Narcisa Lecușanu, handball player
- Solomon Marcus, mathematician
- Doina Melinte, athlete, Olympic gold medalist
- Mihaela Melinte, athlete
- Costel Pantilimon, footballer
- Lucrețiu Pătrășcanu, Marxist intellectual and politician
- Gabriela Potorac, gymnast
- Andrei Pricope, cellist
- Monica Roșu, gymnast
- Alexandru Șafran, Rabbi
- Nicolae Vermont, painter



3. GEORGE BACOVIA UNIVERSITY IN BACAU

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Year of creation: 1992

EUC Number (Charta): 248709 (awarded in 2008)

ERASMUS CODE: RO BACAU02

Number of students: 881

George Bacovia University is a private higher education institution, founded in 1992 and accredited by law 237/2002.

The **vision** of George Bacovia University is to be situated among those higher education institutions known for excellence in student learning, innovative research and community engagement thus contributing to the economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and quality of life in Bacau region and beyond.

The **mission** of our university is to offer teaching programmes, to develop research activities and services at high standards of quality.

Although young, George Bacovia University has already gained its fame due to its performing educational program fully adapted to the necessities of the Romanian socio-economic system, and according to the high quality standards of a higher education learning process.

The success of any organization, in a free, competitive economy, depends, to a large extent, upon the quality of the human resources. That is why George Bacovia University strives to form and train, through its specializations, future specialists able to face the requirements and exigencies of a market economy in rapid change and evolution, professionals having a wide capacity of adapting and solving the more and more complex socio-economic matters.

The whole activity is centred upon the multiple formation needs of the students that are permanently advised and trained all along the study programs. A rigorous curriculum has been created to ensure that George Bacovia University graduates are equipped with practical skills that will allow them to thrive in a professional setting.

A theoretical and a practical approach of accounting, finance, business administration, public administration and law assures to our students a high level of knowledge, critical thinking and analytical skills, which represents important success factors on the labour market.



George Bacovia University currently serves as a centre of opportunity for 881 undergraduate and graduate students and it comprises one faculty, having several bachelor and master study programmes.

STUDY PROGRAMMES: 1 Faculty, 7 bachelor study programmes, 6 master study programmes.

THE FACULTY OF ECONOMIC, JURIDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

Bachelor Degrees Study Programmes:

- **Accounting and Business Data Administration**, full-time and part-time programme, 3 years, 180 credits;
- **Finance- Banking**, full-time programme, 3 years, 180 credits;
- **Management**, full-time and part-time programme, 3 years, 180 credits;
- **Marketing**, full-time and part-time programme, 3 years, 180 credits;
- **The Economy of Commerce, Tourism and Services**, full-time programme, 3 years, 180 credits;
- **Public Administration**, full time and long-distance programme, 3 years, 180 credits;
- **Law**, full time programme, 4 years, 240 credits.

Master Degrees Study Programmes:

- **Financial-Accounting Management**, full-time programme, 2 years, 120 credits
- **Management – Marketing**, full-time programme, 2 years, 120 credits
- **The Management of Public Administration Institutions**, full-time programme, 2 years, 120 credits
- **Business Management**, full-time programme, 2 years, 120 credits
- **Business Marketing**, full-time programme, 2 years, 120 credits
- **Financial Diagnostic and Company's Audit** full-time programme, 2 years, 120 credits

At present the 881 students enrolled in the university's programs are guided by a teaching staff formed of 31 members.



4. SOCIAL, LEISURE AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY

- **University Library**
- **Free Wireless Internet access in all rooms and social areas**
- **Study room**
- **Students' Club**

IN BACAU CITY AND SURROUNDINGS

- **George Bacovia Theatre**
- **Mihail Jora Concert Hall**
- **Sports halls and arenas**
- **Olympic Swimming Pool**
- **Indoors/outdoors Swimming pools**
- **History Museum**
- **Art galleries**
- **Nicu Enea (famous painter) memorial house**
- **George Bacovia (famous poet) memorial house**
- **Mircea Cancikov Park**
- **Shopping centres – Arena Mall with a very modern equipped Cinema Hall, Hello Shopping Centre, Cora Centre**
- **Green areas for sports and leisure in the outskirts of Bacau town**
- **“Adventura Park” climbing and mountain sports**
- **Restaurants, cafes, leisure spending areas**

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5. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN THE LIFE-LONG-LEARNING (LLP) FRAMEWORK

5.1. GEORGE BACOVIA UNIVERSITY'S ERASMUS POLICY

ERASMUS is part of the European Union Life Long Learning Programme for co-operation in the field of education. Its purpose is to improve the quality of higher education and strengthen its European dimension. It does this by encouraging transnational cooperation between universities, fostering greater European mobility of students and teachers, and contributing to improved transparency and academic recognition of qualifications and studies throughout the European Union.

Erasmus is the EU's flagship education and training programme in the field of higher education. The Erasmus programme not only supports mobility (for students, professors, or other higher education staff / enterprises wishing to study, teach and work abroad), but also provides co-funding to higher education institutions (HEI) working together through transnational cooperation projects.

Student mobility contributes to individuals' personal development and thus supports the broader development of Europe's economies and societies. Learning abroad equips individuals with a wide range of competences and skills that are increasingly valued by employers – from foreign languages to adaptability and greater intercultural awareness. In these ways, mobility boosts job prospects and encourages labour market mobility later in life.

The cross-border mobility and international cooperation of higher education teachers and other non-teaching staff, such as university international relations officers and guidance counselors, contributes to the internationalization and open outlook of their institutions and encourages the developments of partnerships which lead to improvements in the quality of the education and training they provide.

The overriding aim of the Erasmus programme is to support the development of the European Higher Education Area and foster innovation in higher education. Erasmus student and staff mobility, with its core focus on transnational academic cooperation and skills development, is a key element in the Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs.

The George Bacovia University, through its Communitarian Programmes Office, gives a special attention to ERASMUS mobility programmes as support activities for enhancing quality assurance, establishing further institutional relationships and improving the international visibility and attractiveness of the institution. Erasmus mobility programmes help to build international confidence and experience and to open the university to international visitors and networks enabling knowledge transfer. Thanks to its Erasmus



partners and international collaborations, George Bacovia University aims to strengthen relations between universities, gain professional expertise and experience concerning educational methods, enhance institution European and international visibility by fostering research and innovation.

The University's strategic Erasmus policy's objectives are:

- to promote the growth, transfer and application of knowledge
- to establish centres of excellence in teaching and learning.

Priorities are designed for:

- a) the promotion of the Erasmus mobility scheme to staff and students thus facilitating academic co-operation, collaboration, the promotion and dissemination of best practices in delivering quality teaching and learning within European Higher Education Institutions;
- b) supporting the development of research projects and programmes in conjunction with international partners built on the existing synergy in interests and priorities;
- c) providing students with an education and training that develops and enhances their learning and linguistic skills, experience and employment prospects, thus providing them with the necessary tools in order to be able to meet the challenges of internationalisation and the growth of scientific and technological knowledge;
- d) encouraging staff actively to contribute to the agendas of European funding agency, and to encourage the development of selected curriculum initiatives.

We also intend to pursue the further initiatives offered by LLP and integrate them into current curricula and processes. All Erasmus activities are prominently publicised on the University website (www.ugb.ro) and in the promotional literature. Departments promote mobility opportunities according an annual agenda of seminars and conferences and during the annual Erasmus Open Days event in May.

ERASMUS started in 2007 when the first Bilateral Agreements were signed with partner institutions from European Union countries. Since then the number of partner universities has continuously increased.

Currently the institution is developing mobility programmes with 13 universities in the European Union.



5.2. PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Crt. No.	Partner institutions	Mobility type	Period
1.	HAUTE ECOLE DE LA PROVINCE DE LIEGE LEON TROCLET, BLIEGE38., LIEGE, BELGIUM	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2007 – 2013
2.	UNIVERSITE LILLE1, FLILLE01, FRANCE	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2008 – 2013
3.	INSTITUTO SUPERIOR MIGUEL TORGA, PCOIMBRA05, COIMBRA, PORTUGALE	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2009 – 2013
4.	ALYTUS COLLEGE, LT ALYTUS 01, LITUANIA	Student mobility SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2009 – 2012
5.	LYCEE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, F NIMES 10, FRANCE	Student mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2008 – 2010
6.	COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT, LAW AND LANGUAGES OF SIAULIAI REGION, LT – 76236, SIAULIAI, LT SIAULIAI 04, LITUANIA	Student mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2008 – 2013
7.	ISSA (UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRE), E PAMPLON 01, SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2009 – 2013
8.	ARTESIS PLANTIJN HOGESCHOOL (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE), BANTWERP58, BELGIUM	Students mobility; Staff mobility for teaching assignment.	2009 – 2013



9.	WYZSZA SZKOLA BANKOWA WE WROCLAWIU, PL WROCLAW15, POLAND	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2008 – 2010
10	EDINGBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY, UK EDINGBURGH 09, UNITED KINGDOM	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2010 – 2013
11	UNIVERSITY OF SPLIT, HR SPLIT 01, SPLIT, CROATIA	Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2010 - 2013
12	UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED, HU SZEGED01, SZEGED, HUNGARY	Students mobility SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training	2012 - 2014
13	ST. JOHN UNIVERSITY, UK YORK03, YORK, UNITED KINGDOM	Students mobility (SMS/SMP); Staff mobility for teaching assignment/training.	2013 -2014

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6. PLANNING YOUR STAY IN BACAU

6.1. HOW TO APPLY

If your application to study at George Bacovia University in Bacau has been approved by your home university, you should carefully fill in the Application Form for George Bacovia University in Bacau, the Learning Agreement and the Application Form for Accommodation. These forms can be downloaded from: [http:// www.2ugb.ro/erasmus](http://www.2ugb.ro/erasmus). The Application Form and the Learning Agreement must include an official institutional stamp and signatures of your Erasmus department and institutional coordinators.

The official language at George Bacovia University in Bacau is Romanian. We can provide an intensive Romanian language course for two weeks (4 hours a day, Monday to Friday) at the beginning of your programme and in parallel, 2 hours classes, twice a week during your stay.

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION:
For the 1st semester – 15th of August
For the 2nd semester – 15th of December

Erasmus students are required to send their applications to the Erasmus Office at the following address:

Communitarian Programmes Office - Erasmus Office
Main building, room AS3, 2nd floor
96, Pictor Aman street, 600164 Bacau, Romania
E-mail: Erasmus @ugb.ro, Web: <http://www.ugb.ro>
Tel.: 0040 234 562600/Fax: 0040 234 516448

As soon as we receive your Application Form and Learning Agreement, you will receive a Letter of Acceptance and info sheets with detailed information concerning the course registration, arrival information and an Introductory Guide by email.



6.2. UPON ARRIVAL

How to arrive in Bacau:

(A) Arrival by plane: Bacau Airport: www.bacauairport.ro/prezentare/aip/

Bucharest-OTP Airport

(B) Arrival by train: www.mersultrenurilor.ro/sosire/bacau

(C) Arrival by bus www.autogari.ro/Transport/Bacau

International bus companies serving Bacau: www.atlassib.ro/

Distances from Bacau to other cities

City	Distance (Km)
Bucharest	289
Constanta	373
Cluj	341
Brasov	172
Sibiu	314
Iasi	126



6.3. ERASMUS REGISTRATION

www.ugb.ro; erasmus@ugb.ro

6.4 Mobility Types organized by George Bacovia University

- **Teaching Staff Mobility**
- **Administrative Staff Mobility**
- **Students Study Mobility**
- **Students Placement Mobility**
- **Intensive Programs**