



Erasmus+ incoming student guide



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Dear Student,

In this guide, you will find some practical and useful information about our university and daily life in Galati. It has been prepared for you by the **Erasmus Office** team of *Dunarea de Jos University of Galati (DJUG)*, to make your stay here pleasant, satisfying and most enjoyable.

DJUG, the oldest higher education institution in the South East region of Romania, with a tradition recognised in multiple domains and an identity legitimated by the actual configuration of all the study and research domains, represents:

- as the mission to continue the Romanian higher education training tradition through quality higher education, an efficient learning process, competitive scientific research, but also through quality services provided to the community and the contribution to ensuring general, specific and aptitudinal competences of their graduates, in view of developing exceptional professional personalities and an efficient social insertion;
- a university with its own patrimony and an infrastructure which is adequate for research;
- a university whose international cooperation has not only presupposed simple activities like mobilities, but complex ones also (in terms of curricula harmonization, scientific titles obtained abroad, etc.), a university which has not restricted its collaboration to participation in international activities but has functioned as an important international interest centre itself.

DJUG is a public institution which supports and promotes the development of specific professional values within the local, regional, national and international community. In the present day context, these values are the following:



- active culture based on innovative and systematic knowledge;
- the culture of scientific and technological competences, organisational competences and civil competences;
- culture for innovative learning, personal and moral development, pro-active attitude and participation;
- culture for integration in diversity and of globalisation, with respect for identity and reciprocity;
- culture for developing human resources and valorising all qualifications obtained by graduates of all study cycles in the university.

The vision of the university is based exclusively on generating knowledge through scientific research, on transmitting knowledge through education and professional training, and on valorising knowledge through technological innovation.

The academic community of **DJUG** is composed of the following:

- 12.500 students;
- 1000 teaching staff;
- 14 faculties;
- 67 Bachelor Study Programmes;
- 52 Master study Programmes;
- 3 Doctoral Schools;
- 13 Doctoral Study Programmes;
- 230 doctoral students;
- More than 2500 international students.



DJUG has concluded more than 200 partnership agreements with universities from 34 countries.

In order that the teaching and research activities be carried out in optimal conditions, the university has:

- 38 research centres;
- 3 student campuses;
- accommodation for 2800 students;
- 3 cafeterias;
- 12 reading rooms;
- 1 student chapel;
- 2 gyms;
- 1 medical office.



FACULTIES

- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Naval Architecture
- Faculty of Food Sciences and Engineering
- Faculty of Automation, Computer Sciences, Electronics and Electrical Engineering
- Faculty of Physical Education and Sport
- Faculty of Letters
- Faculty of Sciences and Environment
- Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology
- Faculty of Engineering and Agronomy in Braila
- Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
- Faculty of Social, Political and Legal Sciences
- Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Faculty of Arts
- Cross-Border Faculty (with subsidiaries in the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Italy)



BEFORE THE MOBILITY

The home university will nominate the Erasmus+ students who will carry out a study/placement mobility at “Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati. Then, the Erasmus Office will contact you and provide information about the application procedure.

The application file will include the **SCAN** of the documents listed below and will be sent to the **Erasmus Office** in our university by email (erasmus@ugal.ro).

List of requested documents:

- Application form
- Accommodation form (for dormitories)
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of Records
- Passport/ID card



Deadlines for sending the documents:

Autumn semester: **15 June**

Spring semester: **1st December**

After successfully fulfilling the application procedure according to the deadlines above, the receiving institution will send you its decision within 4 weeks. You will receive a **copy of the Learning Agreement** signed by the legal representative of “Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati along with a **letter of invitation** for a study/placement mobility (if requested by your university).

LEARNING AGREEMENT

The “Learning Agreement” includes the list of subjects that have been established by you and the academic coordinator at your university and with this document your university undertakes to recognize the exams passed and credits obtained during your exchange period at **DJUG**.

Please bring with you two Learning Agreements signed.

You will be able to change your Learning Agreement within 4 weeks of your arrival at **DJUG** with the help of your academic coordinator at **DJUG** and the approval of both host and home coordinators. Please inform the Erasmus Office about your intention to do so.

DURING THE MOBILITY

Upon arrival, students are invited to come to the **Erasmus Office** as soon as possible during working days (Monday to Friday) and receiving hours (9.30-12.00) to bring all the necessary documents specified in the application file.



Steps to follow:

- Translate the transcript of records!
- Contact the academic coordinator about all academic matters!
- Check the timetable and see along with the academic coordinator if it's necessary to make changes to the Learning Agreement (student can make changes to the LA no later than 2-3 weeks since he arrived)!
- Attend all academic activities!

AT THE END OF THE MOBILITY

The Erasmus Office will release a **Certificate of Attendance** for the mobility period.

The **Transcript of Records** (TOR) will be issued both in English and Romanian, no later than 4 weeks after the assessment period. The Erasmus Office will send a scanned copy by email to you and your home university and will also post the original document to your university.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year consists of two 14-week semesters. The Autumn Semester lasts from October to mid February and the Spring Semester lasts from mid February to June. The University Senate can extend or shorten the length of semesters if necessary.

The calendar for each academic year will be provided by the Erasmus Office and can be found on the following website:

<http://www.en.ugal.ro/studies/erasmus/application-file>

INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES

Before the beginning of each semester, the Erasmus Office offers a 2-week intensive course in Romanian language and civilisation.

The course is free of charge and **students are strongly recommended to attend it.**

Address: 111 Domeneasca St., building B, room B13 at the 1st floor (the entrance is through building D) map no. 3.



BUDDY STUDENTS

Buddy students are voluntaries who will help you with the first steps of living and studying in Galati. You are invited to like the Erasmus Office page on Facebook (@erasmusudjg) and Instagram (@erasmus_udjg).

WELCOME DAY



A Welcome Day for incoming exchange students is arranged twice a year, at the beginning of each semester. It's an opportunity to learn about the people and resources that can help you make your stay at DJUG a success, and it introduces you to our campus and both the strategies and places to go to solve problems and get support.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

St. Andrew's Day: 30 November

Romanian National Day: 1st of December

Christmas: 25-26 December

New Year's Days: 1st and 2nd of January

Union Day: 24 January

Easter: 17-20 April

Labour Day: 1st of May

Children's Day: 1st of June

Pentecost: 7-8 June



ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

We strongly recommend students to come at least 2 weeks before the semester starts both to attend the Romanian Language Course and for the enrollment procedure.

After enrollment, you will be issued a student ID card which enables you to benefit from all **DJUG** student privileges (free train card to travel all over Romania and discounts for local transportation).



COURSE CATALOGUE

The course catalogue is available at <http://www.en.ugal.ro/studies/erasmus/course-catalogue>.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

At undergraduate level, the language of instruction in most of our Departments is mainly Romanian. However, these Departments offer assistance (tutorials) in English.

ATTENDANCE



Course attendance is compulsory. Students must attend classes, practical activities and examinations.

EXAMINATIONS



In addition to midterm examinations and other work, students are required to take a final examination. Final examinations are held at the appropriate places and hours as decided and announced by the Faculty.

Students may be approved a make-up examination (resit session) if they provide valid reasons. If, for some reason, you cannot sit in for your exam, please inform your academic coordinator.

The examination dates slightly vary each year. However, the Autumn Semester final examinations are generally held between mid January to mid February and run for about 3 weeks.

The Spring Semester final exam session is held in June and lasts for about 3 weeks too.

GRADING SYSTEM

Absolute or Relative Grading System can be used for assessment of the students. The system to be used in the programmes is announced before the beginning of the academic year after the decision and approval by the University Senate. All assessment procedures are based on ECTS Credits.

GRADING SCALE

Mark	Degree	Grade
1-4	Fail	FX
5	Sufficient	F/E
6	Satisfactory	D
7-8	Good	C
9	Very Good	B
10	Excellent	A

HOST COUNTRY FORMALITIES

Visa

NON-UE students wishing to study in Romania need to have a valid passport at least six months longer than the expiration date of the student visa. Before travelling you will need to obtain student visa from a Romanian Embassy/Consulate in your home country. As visa regulations may change, please contact the nearest Romanian Embassy or Consulate in your country for the most up-to-date and detailed information.



Student visas cannot be obtained within Romania.



Letters of Acceptance from DJUG, which are necessary for the visa application procedure, will be sent to you by email after the application documents are processed by the Erasmus Office and after the Learning Agreement has been approved by the host academic coordinator.

Visa validity - Although a time limit will be stamped on your visa, the student visa will be valid as long as you are enrolled in the school.

For more visa information, please visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs official website:

<http://igi.mai.gov.ro/en/content/studies>

Residence Permit

If you have a valid visa, you do not need a Residence Permit up to 90 days.

If the mobility period is longer than 90 days, non-EU students need a residence permit, and EU students need a certificate of registration. The Erasmus Office will assist you in preparing all the documents that you need to obtain the document.

Documents required to obtain the residence permit:

- copy of the passport, in original and copy;
- academic certificate issued by the Erasmus Office
- the contract of accommodation, in copy;
- letter of acceptance/invitation issued by the Erasmus Office;
- medical certificate;
- certain forms that have to be filled in at Immigration Office.

Documents required to obtain the certificate of registration:

- copy of identity card or passport;
- academic certificate issued by the Erasmus Office;
- copy of health insurance covering all risks in the host member state (European Health cCard);
- the contract of accommodation, in copy;
- a tax (taxă de timbru) of 2 lei (about 40 € cents) paid at the Postal Office;
- certain forms that have to be filled in at the Immigration Office.



All students are strongly recommended to apply either for the residence permit or the certificate of registration **within one month after entering Romania**. Otherwise, you run the risk of being declared a fugitive and, may be fined and deported.

How long is the Residence Permit valid and how is it extended?

Students enrolled in an exchange program at **DJUG** are usually given residence permits that are valid for the exchange period as indicated in the invitation letter. If the Student Visa is valid for six months, then the residence permit will be for six months. These students can extend their residence permit if they extend their enrolment at **DJUG**. Extension requires the same procedures as applying for a new residence permit with one exception, a tax of ~256 Ron (~50 Euro).

Lost passport and/or residence permit

If you lose your passport while in Romania you must report it to your country's Embassy/Consulate in Romania (they are mainly situated in Bucharest). They will issue you an emergency passport. If you lose your residence permit, you must first report this to the closest police station at the place of the incident. (Please do not forget to get a copy of the report that the police holds about this incident). You then need to report this to

the Erasmus Office at **DJUG**. The office will provide you another document for the application of a new residence permit.

Address Change

If you change the address that you initially gave to the Erasmus Office, you must inform the Immigration Office and the Erasmus Office about this change within 2 days (48 hours).

Health Insurance

Incoming students are required to have a full health insurance for the entire period of their stay in Romania.



a) As an EU citizen, if you unexpectedly fall ill during your stay in Romania studying abroad, you are entitled to an emergency medical treatment. You have the same rights to health care as people insured in the country you are in.

You should always take your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with you on all trips abroad. This card is the proof that you are insured in an EU country.

If you don't have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), or you can't use it (for instance, for private health care), you can't be refused treatment, but you might have to pay for your treatment upfront and claim reimbursement once you get home.

In some countries the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is issued together with the national health card. In other countries, you need to apply for it.

You should not have to pay anything for your EHIC. You should get it for free from your health insurer before leaving home.

b) The students from non-UE countries should purchase health insurance in their home countries before departure.

COST OF LIVING

The estimated cost of living is 250-350 Euro/month. This includes meals, accommodation and local transport.



Milk (regular, 1 liter)
Average: 4 Ron (90 € cents)



Water (2 liter bottle)
Average: 3 Ron (70 € cents)



Chicken Breasts (boneless) (500 gr)
Average: 11 Ron (2.50 €)



Eggs (12, large)
Average: 8 Ron (2 €)



Tomatoes (1 kg)
Average: 5 Ron (1.2 €)



Local Cheese (500 gr)
Average: 10 Ron (2.3 €)



Apples (1 kg)
Average: 3.5 Ron (80 € cents)



Potatoes (1 kg)
Average: 2.5 Ron (60 € cents)



Domestic beer in the supermarket (0.5 l)
Average: 3 Ron (70 € cents)



Loaf of Fresh White Bread
Average: 1.5 Ron (30 € cents)



One-way Ticket (local transport)
Average: 2 Ron (50 € cents)



Cinema, 1 seat
Average: 22 Ron (5 €)



Restaurant Meal (1 drink included)
Average: 30 Ron (7 €)

Our university has negotiated some **discounts with local partners** for students and staff, which you might find attractive (see available list at <http://www.en.ugal.ro/studies/erasmus/discount-for-students>), and, for further details, contact the Department of Communication, Promotion and Relationship with the Socio-Economic Environment at comunicare@ugal.ro.

ACCOMMODATION

DJUG offers accommodation to incoming exchange students in the Student Dormitory in double rooms. The dormitory is situated on the “22 Decembrie” Campus and is comfortably suitable for students with all the necessary facilities including bathrooms, kitchens and Wi-Fi internet. Our dormitories are rather suitable for comfortable accommodation and study purposes.

The price for person is approximately 85 Euro/month including facilities.

The student dorm has a 24/7 reception desk.

Allocations are on a first come, first served basis. We cannot guarantee there will be rooms from everyone.

For further information please visit: <http://www.en.ugal.ro/cercetare/djug-campus>

If you choose not to stay in the dormitory, you may ask the Erasmus staff for assistance to learn about other options to stay on or close to the campus. You may also rent flats for approximately 200 Euro/month, without facilities. The easiest way to find a flat is to do some research on the internet or knock the door of a real estate agency in your neighborhood. When you rent a flat via agency, you should prepare to discard one-

month rent as an agency cut. Besides, you should take into consideration paying a deposit whether you are renting the flat directly or through an agency.

The amount of deposit is equal to approximately one-month rent. However, at the end of the tenancy contract, if you hand in the flat in good condition, the deposit you paid will be given back to you.

FOOD

In Romania

Romanian cuisine is a diverse blend of different dishes from several traditions with which it has come into contact, but it also maintains its own character. It has been mainly influenced by a series of European cuisines such as the Austrian cuisine, German cuisine, Greek cuisine, or Hungarian cuisine, yet it also includes culinary elements stemming from the cuisines of the Slavic-speaking countries of Eastern and Central Europe, most notably Serbian and Bulgarian as well as Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian.

There are quite a few different types of dishes, which are sometimes included under a generic term; for example, the category ciorba includes a wide range of soups with a characteristic sour taste. These may be meat and vegetable soups, tripe (ciorba de burta) and calf foot soups, or fish soups, all of which are soured by lemon juice, sauerkraut juice, vinegar, or bors (traditionally made from bran). The category tuica (plum brandy) is a name for a strong alcoholic drink in Romania.

For more information about traditional Romanian cuisine please visit: https://ro.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bucătăria_românească



FOOD on Campus

On all campuses there are cafeterias where students and staff are served lunch at a very reasonable price (10 Ron \approx 2 €).

The mini cafeterias open hours for lunch:

Monday to Thursday: 12:00-16:00

Friday: 12:00-14:00

Addresses

1. Cafeteria Notre Dame - on 111 Domnească st., 800201, in Campusul „Științei”;
2. Minicantina ASE - on 59-61 Garii St.
3. Minicantina Universitate - on 47 Domneasca St.

Student Canteen open hours on weekdays: 13:00-19:30

Address: 155 Domnească St., in the University Campus „Aexandru Ioan Cuza”.

SPORT FACILITIES AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The social and cultural activities carried out in our city and university provides students with many alternative opportunities for leisure.

Alongside academic success, our university gives great importance to social and cultural activities of students. Throughout the academic year, the university hosts many famous guests from different academic and artistic backgrounds, enabling students to participate in a variety of lectures, seminars and workshops, in addition to enjoying performances and special exhibitions in music, dance, theatre and visual arts.



There are various events traditionally organized in the university (junior prom - in autumn). Every year, more and more traditional sport activities and competitions are organized in the university.



Students have the use of a modern Sports Centre with both indoor and outdoor activities. The Centre's main building is spacious and fully equipped for basketball, volleyball, handball and practicing gymnastics. The outside courts are arranged for football, basketball and tennis playing. There are also additional sport spaces such as a smaller gymnastics building near one of the dorms and two separate, small gyms inside two teaching buildings. Students also have the use of the "Portul Rosu" stadium for activities such as long distance running or sprints.

There are also two fully equipped students gyms – one for male and one for female students. Each gym is located inside a dorm and each of them can accept 10 people at one time.

Student Cultural Centre

With a history of over 50 years, the Student Cultural Centre has a wide range of educational, artistic, cultural projects and activities, including sports events.

The Centre's facilities include:

- a theatre room – for the rehearsals of the theatre clubs;
- a music room – for the rehearsals and the recordings of the music bands;



- a mirror room – for the rehearsals of the dance, theatre, fashion, aerobics and aikido clubs;
- the main Stage Hall – with a total capacity of 350 seats, it hosts main events such as the Freshmen’s Ball, conferences, big performances, plays;
- the Studio room – it can seat 90 people and it hosts smaller conferences or events;
- an additional Conference room – with 20 seats;
- a photo studio.



Some of the activities are:

- The “Baladele Dunării” National Student Folk Music Festival;
- The “S’live rock” National Student Rock Music Festival;
- The National Breakdance Festival;
- The “ActFest” National Student Theatre Festival;
- The “Extravagance” National Student Fashion Festival;
- The “Operațiunea Monstrul” National Student Competitive Fishing Contest.

The Cultural Centre also hosts poetry clubs, debate clubs, tourism clubs, etc.

For further information on campus sport facilities please visit:

<http://www.en.ugal.ro/cercetare/sports-and-culture>

LIBRARY

The university library has over 600,000 volumes distributed through five fully library units placed in the whole campus. The library has been computerized so one can find information from a variety of sources including books, newspapers, and journal articles. The library is open throughout the week.

For more information about the university’s library and the public library please visit:

<http://www.lib.ugal.ro/>; <https://www.bvau.ro/>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Money

The currency in Romania is Leu (RON). ATMs can be found in even the smallest Romanian towns. Most ATMs accept international credit cards or bank cards (a strip of logos is usually displayed above the ATM). Almost all ATMs have a language key to enable you to read the instructions in English. Most commercial establishments accept international credit cards, such as Visa, Master Card and American Express.

The value-added tax, here called TVA, is 19%. Value-added tax is nearly always included in quoted prices. Certain shops are authorized to refund the tax so you must ask about this (ex: Carrefour market).

Postal Service

Post offices are open from 8:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 9:00 to 13:00 Saturday. Postal charges vary for different services depending on destination and weight of the letter. All post offices branches have the facilities to exchange money at the current international exchange rates. There is also an express postal service, 24 h from Monday to Saturday, for letters, documents and small packages.

A wide variety of special stamps are available in all post offices centres for philatelists.

Mobile Phones, Telephone & Internet

The major GSM operators in Romania are Orange, Vodafone and Telekom. You can use your mobile phone in Romania if your provider has enabled international roaming. However, for exchange students we recommend that you buy a local prepaid SIM card here. Romania has very wide coverage networks so you shouldn't have any problems with your calls.

Each Romanian mobile provider is assigned a range of area codes (or mobile prefixes). Orange uses 074, 075, Vodafone 072, 073, Telekom 076, 077 etc.

Emergency Number

Dialing **112** is a fast way to communicate with the emergency dispatcher centres (Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance) in case of emergency.

Things To Bring With You

All documents related to your exchange programme	For trips	For accommodation
Passport/ Identity card Visa (if required) Insurance documents 2 Learning Agreements 2 passport size photos	Bathing suit Backpacks Sleeping bags Driving License (if you have) Camera	towels bed lingerie (optional)

TRANSPORTATION

If you land on Henri Coandă **Airport** (OTP) in Bucharest, please choose the correct exit gate for your luggage pick up. Also, be aware at the currency exchange in the airport. We recommend that students should exchange just a small amount of money.

From Bucharest to GALATI, you can travel

- by **train** (check <https://www1.cfrcalatori.ro/en/>; <http://www.infofer.ro/en/>). The average cost of a 2nd class train ticket is 65-75 lei (14-17 €).

- by **bus** (check <https://www.autogari.ro/Transport/Otopeni-Galati>; <https://www.transfero.ro/en/galati-otopeni-2>; <http://www.zuzu-transfer-aeroport.ro/>; <https://transportsitransfer.ro/#>; <http://www.transmarian.ro/tranfer-aeroport.html>). The cost of the bus ticket is depending on the company and the average is 70-80 lei (15-17 €).

Local transportation in Galati

After you have been issued a student ID card by **DJUG**, you may apply for a student travel pass (you will have student discount) to be used on all public transport (tram and city busses) in Galati.

For more information about the timetable, maps you can use **Moovit** application available for IOS and Android.

There are other means of travelling in Galati like taxis (local companies: As, Samatax, Smart, Albertini, etc.) and prices are between 2.4 and 2.7 lei/km (60-80 € cents/km).

SHOPPING

In Galati, the main shopping areas for food, clothes, toys, presents, electric-electronic items etc. is Shopping City Centre Galati. Other various sized shopping malls where you can find almost everything are: Winmarkt Galati and Dunarea Mall.

For more information about the shopping areas please visit:

<https://shoppingcitygalati.ro/>

<https://www.winmarkt.ro/en/>

<http://dunarea.armonicmedia.ro/>

WEATHER

Romania has a temperate climate, similar to the northeastern United States, with four distinct seasons:

- *Spring* is pleasant with cool mornings and nights and warm days;
- *Summer* is quite warm, with extended sunny days. The hottest areas in summer are the lowlands in southern and eastern Romania where 37°C is often reached in July and August. Temperatures are always cooler in the mountains;
- *Autumn* is dry and cool, with fields and trees producing colorful foliage, much like New England;
- *Winters* can be cold, especially in the mountains. While not the rule, abundant snowfalls may occur throughout the country, from December to mid-March. There are significant regional differences of the climate between different regions of Romania.

For more information on weather in Romania:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ro/romania-weather>

<http://romaniatourism.com/climate.html>

CULTURE, ART AND HISTORY

In Galati, we have many museums, including archaeological and contemporary, all students can enter the museums with reasonable prices with your student ID for the discount.

For more information about the museums please visit:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g304059-Activities-Galati_Galati_County_Southeast_Romania.html

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galați>

Throughout Romania, there are many film and music festivals. For more information please visit:

<https://rolandia.eu/festivals-romania-2018/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_festivals_in_Romania

TRAVELLING IN ROMANIA

The name "Romania" comes from the Latin word "Romanus" which means "citizen of the Roman Empire." *Authentic*, *Natural* and *Cultural* are the words that best capture the essence of Romania, a dynamic country rich in history, arts and scenic beauty.

Romania offers countless unique travel experiences that are waiting to be discovered. A journey of three or four hours, by car or train, can take you from the Danube River to a beautiful, intact, medieval town; from Bucharest - Romania's capital city - to the Black Sea; from Southern Transylvania to the historic regions of Bucovina or Maramures.

Take a step back in time as you visit one of the unique painted monasteries in Bucovina, the perfectly preserved hilltop citadel of Sighisoara or an authentic, centuries-old, village in Maramures.

Explore Romania's many architectural treasures and experience its vibrant and flourishing arts scene.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in **Romania!**

For more information about Romania, please visit: <http://romaniatourism.com/>

HISTORY OF GALATI

Ancient origins

Archeological evidence points to occupation of the region in the neolithic period. For example, north-west of the town of Galati, on the eastern shores of the Malina marshes, fragments of ceramic-type Stoicani Aldeni, stilex and tools made of bone have been found. A stone scepter, from the late Bronze Age, belonging to the Coslogeni culture was found on the marshes' southern bank.

Galati town itself developed from an ancient Dacian settlement of the sixth and fifth centuries BCE where there was a ford across the Danube river. In 101 to 102 and 105 to 106, the Dacians fought wars against the Romans and the area became part of the Roman empire. A strong Roman fortress was built at Barbosi to defend the ford across Danube. From the 300s a Daco-Roman settlement developed at a ford south of the site of the Church of the Virgin.

Medieval period

There is evidence of continuous inhabitation of Galati since the 600s. A treasure hoard consisting of 12 silver coins issued between 613 and 685 was found in a Byzantine tomb near the Church of the Virgin. Western and Byzantine coins from the time of Emperor Mihail IV Paflagonianul (1034–1041) were also found.

At one time, the city became part of the Republic of Genoa Territories and was called "Caladda". In 1445, a document signed by Lord of Moldavia Stefan II mentions Galati. In 1484, Chilia was conquered by Ottomans. Galati township remained Moldova's only port, not only for domestic trade but also for trade with Turkey and Poland. In 1590, the Galati Jewish cemetery was opened.

For more information about Galati, you can use **Galati City app** available for IOS and Android.

Visiting Romania and Galati while you study will give you the opportunity to comprehend Romania's cultural and historical richness.

MISCELLANEOUS FACTS

Local time: Standard time zone: UTC/GMT + 2 hours

Electricity: In Romania the power sockets are of type F. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Type F: also known as "Schuko". This socket also works with plug C and plug E.

Tap water: is generally considered safe to drink in Romania, though nearly everyone drinks bottled water: it's cheap and available everywhere.

Weights and measures: Metric system.

Time zone difference between Romania and other countries:

Germany	-1
England	-2
Italy	-1
Portugal	-2

OPENING HOURS OF....

Government Offices	08.00-16.30	Monday-Thursday
	08.00-14.00	Friday
	Closed Saturday and Sunday	

Banks	09.00-17.00	Monday to Friday
	Closed Saturday and Sunday	

Shops	09.00-20.00	Monday to Friday
	09.00-15.00	Saturday and Sunday



A BIT OF ROMANIAN: VOCABULARY AND SOME EXPRESSIONS

Hello	Bună	Man	Bărbat
Good Morning	Bună dimineața	Woman	Femeie
Good Evening	Bună ziua	Boy	Băiat
Good Night	Bună seara	Girl	Fată
Goodbye	La revedere/Pa	Hospital	Spital
Yes	Da	University	Universitate
No	Nu	Book	Carte
Please	Te rog	Library	Librărie
Thanks	Mulțumesc	Right	Dreapta
Excuse me	Scuză-mă	Left	Stânga
Breakfast	Mic-dejun	Entrance	Intrare
Lunch	Prânz	Exit	Ieșire
Dinner	Cină	City	Oraș
Food	Mâncare	I love you!	Te iubesc!
Drink	Bautură	My name is...	Numele meu este...
Beer	Bere	Cheers!	Noroc!
Tea	Ceai	One beer, please!	O bere, te rog!
Coffee	Cafea	Help!	Ajutor!
Fruit Juice	Suc de fructe	You are welcome!	Cu plăcere!
Water	Apă	How much is this?	Cât costă acest lucru?
Ticket	Bilet	The bill please	Nota, vă rog
Bus	Autobuz	Very/lot/many	Mult
Street	Stradă	How are you?	Ce mai faci?
Road	Drum	I don't understand	Nu înțeleg
Airport	Aeroport	Next stop	Următoarea oprire
Plane	Avion	Drop me here	Lasă-mă aici
Train	Tren	Is there any discount?	Este vreo reducere?
Money	Bani	Where I can exchange money?	Unde pot schimba bani?

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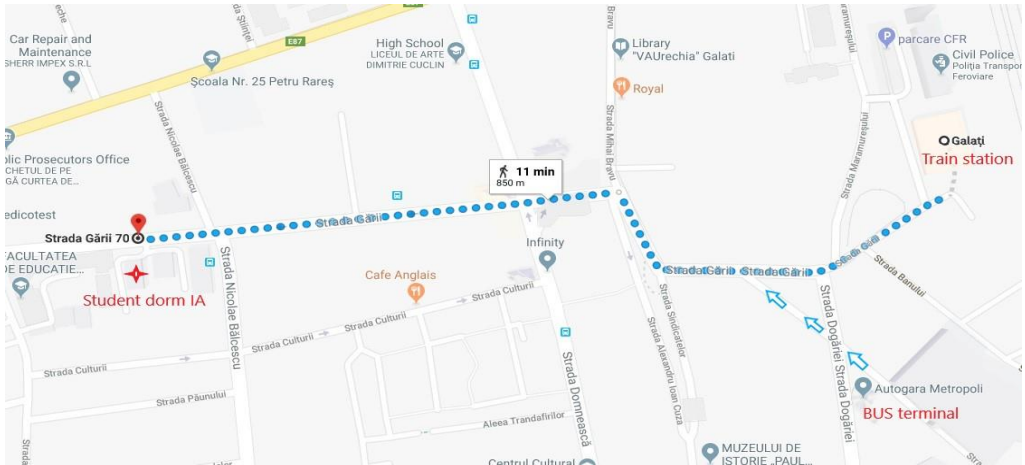
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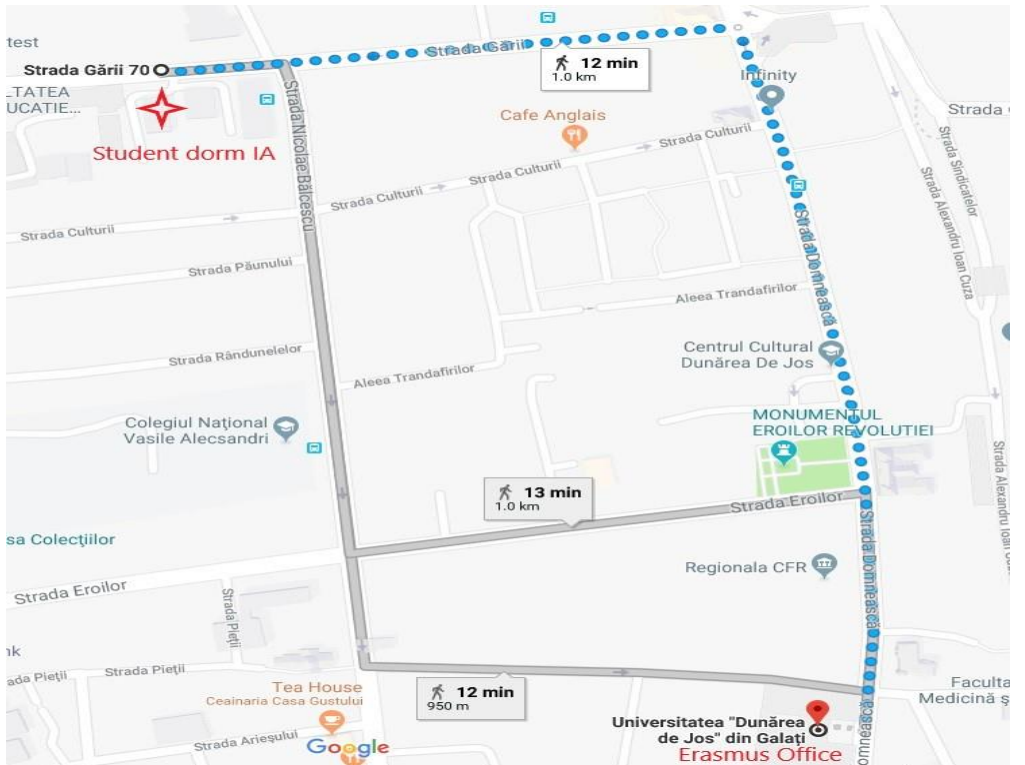
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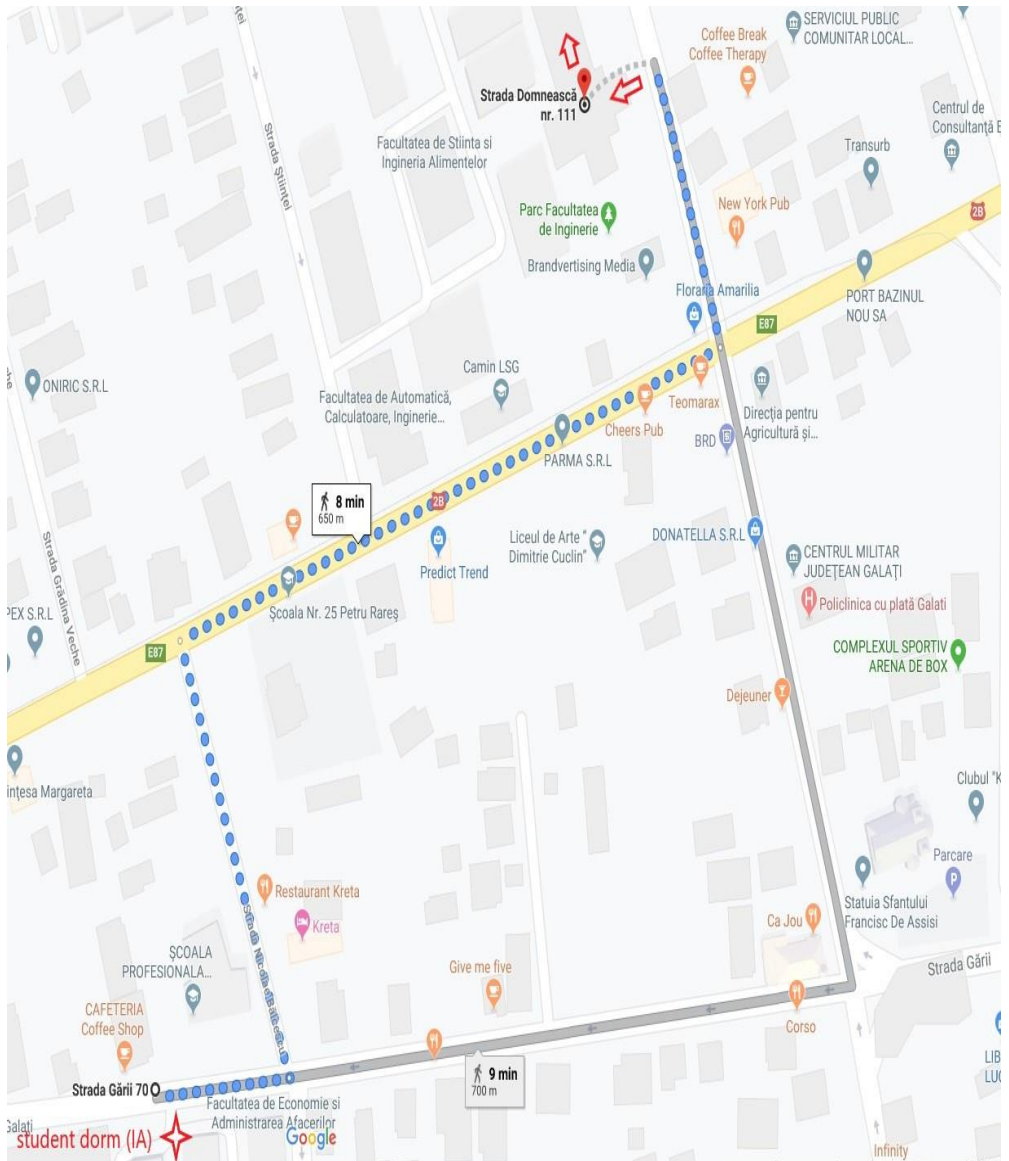
1. The student dorm (IA) is located on 59-61 Garii Street.



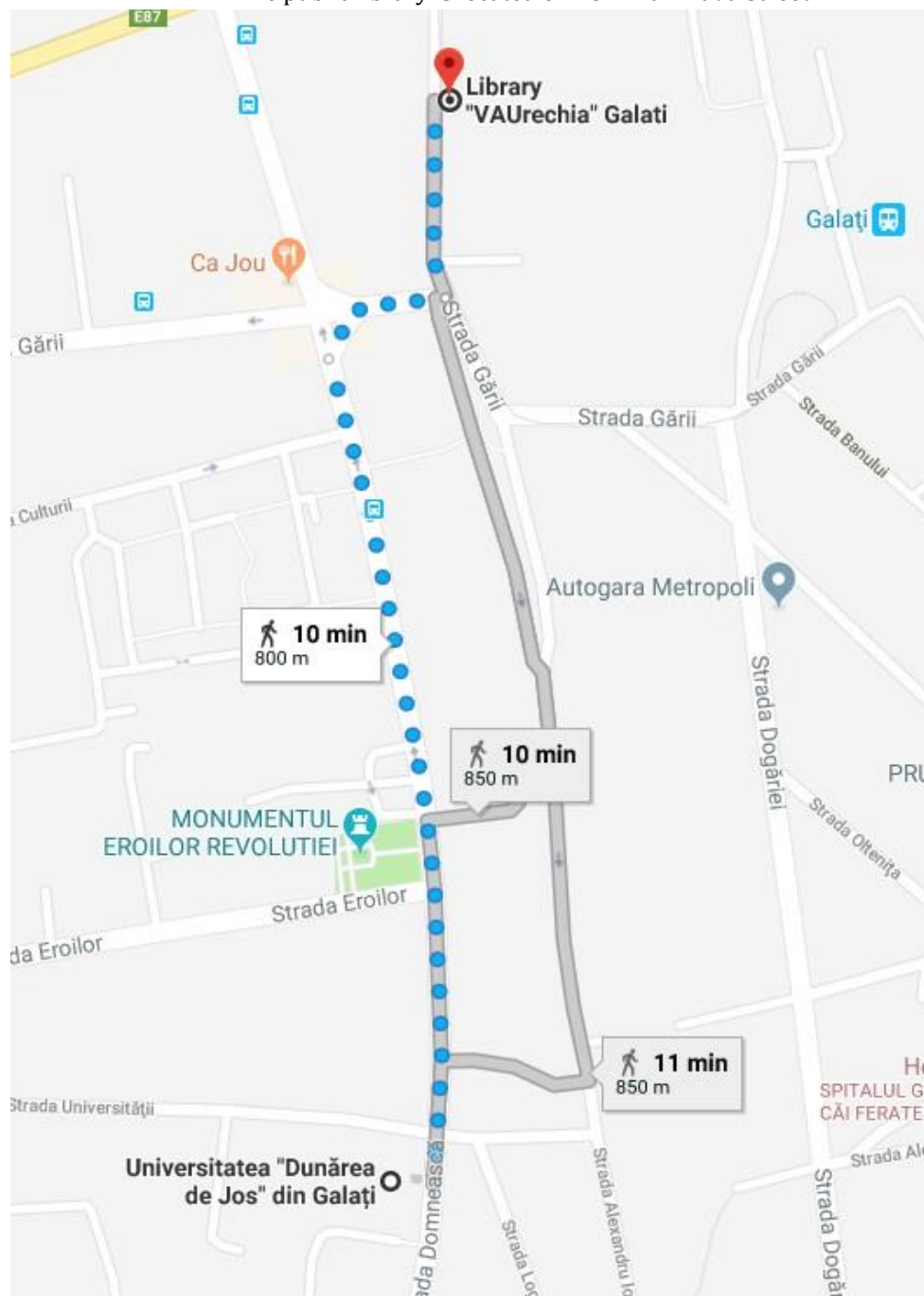
2. The Erasmus Office is located on 47 Domneasca Street.



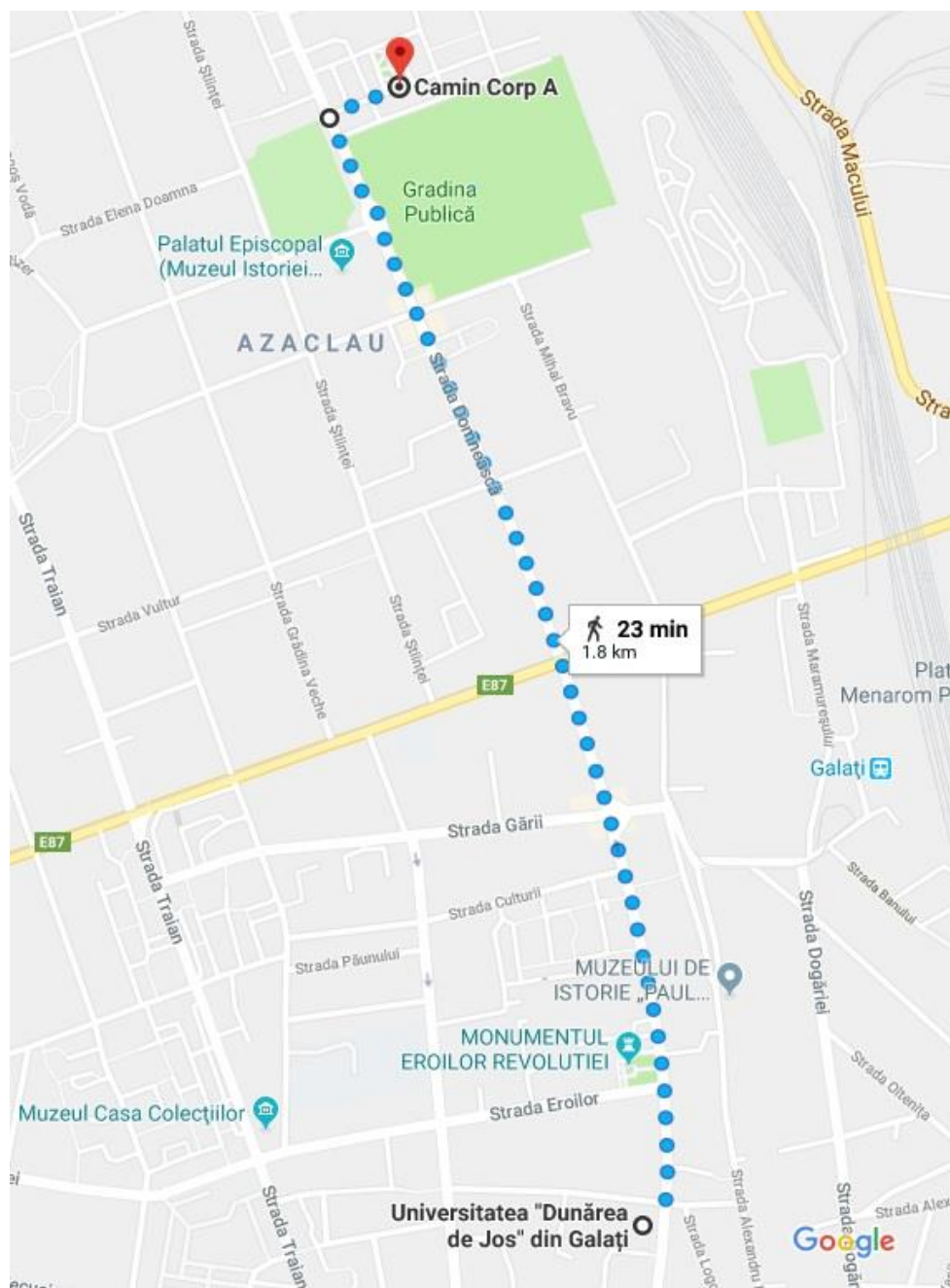
3. The venue for the Romanian language course will be at 111 Domeneasca St., building B



4. The public library is located on 16 Mihai Bravu Street.



5. The student dispensary is on 4 Parcului Street, building F.



The map shows a walking route starting from Piața Centrală (Central Square) and ending at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy 'Dunărea de Jos' in Galați. The route is marked with a blue dotted line and includes three segments with estimated walking times and distances:

- Segment 1:** From Piața Centrală to the intersection of Strada Pietrili and Strada Nicolae Bălcescu. Estimated walking time: 9 min, distance: 700 m.
- Segment 2:** From the intersection of Strada Pietrili and Strada Nicolae Bălcescu to the intersection of Strada Nicolae Bălcescu and Strada Maior Ianco Fotea. Estimated walking time: 11 min, distance: 850 m.
- Segment 3:** From the intersection of Strada Nicolae Bălcescu and Strada Maior Ianco Fotea to the University of Medicine and Pharmacy 'Dunărea de Jos'. Estimated walking time: 11 min, distance: 900 m.

Landmarks and businesses along the route include Raiffeisen Bank, Medika S.R.L., DruAgro, Tea House, Acquarello, Daily Pub, and Olympos Cafe. The map also shows various streets such as Strada Pietrili, Strada Nicolae Bălcescu, Strada Maior Ianco Fotea, Strada Tecuci, Strada Traian, and Strada Nicolae Gamulescu.

Map showing the location of Winmarket in Galati, Romania. The map highlights the route from the University of Dunărea de Jos to the Winmarket grocery store, marked with a blue dotted line. A callout indicates a 3-minute walk (280m) from the intersection of Strada Domnească and Strada Logofat Tanu.