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WE BELIEVE IN PEOPLE

POLITEHNICA Bucharest was born *more than two centuries ago*, from the desire to assemble extraordinary people, and initiate the industrial revolution of the country.

Since then, our university has been a catalyst for change, innovation and progress, transforming not only Romania but also contributing to the development of Europe.

In those early days, a visionary group of leaders saw the potential to create a space where *openness, talent and equality of opportunity would foster creativity, and genuine social transformation*. This vision became reality, and today, it continues to be the heartbeat of our university, driving everything we do.

Our community is one of visionaries, graduates who have invented life-changing technologies, launched new industries, and reshaped the world through their leadership, and ingenuity. With two university centers, 21 faculties and nearly *40,000 students each year*, we remain a regional leader in education, partnered with universities across *more than 100 countries*.

POLITEHNICA Bucharest is a true magnet for talent, offering a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive environment where ideas and energy flow freely. Our cutting-edge research centres - *CAMPUS and PRECIS* - house over 70 fully equipped laboratories focused on some of the most important challenges of our time: clean energy, sustainability, artificial intelligence, robotics, and much more. We deliver solutions - this is why we are connected *to over 1,000 companies worldwide*.



Mihnea COSTOIU
RECTOR

Beyond the classroom and research labs, we foster a culture of entrepreneurship, social impact, and collaboration. *Our student associations offer rich opportunities* for both personal and professional growth, while our alumni network - one of the largest and most influential in the country - boasts a strong presence in the world's most competitive industries. We are committed to creating experiences and solutions together.

We are confident that alongside our brilliant graduates and partners, we can change the world - one step at a time. And when we believe in a brighter future, it is not necessarily faith in technology. *It's faith in people.*





Welcome to Romania

Romania represents a focal point for travelers willing to discover its beauty and wilderness. Prominent architectural monuments, many of which are listed as [UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#), stand as a powerful testimony to a lengthy, loud, exciting, and complex national history. Other explorers are strongly drawn to Romania's natural wonders. From the gorgeous seaside and well-preserved Danube Delta, up the highest cliffs of the Carpathians, with their towering peaks, magical forests, and sleepy bat caves. Bucharest, the country's capital, showcases several engineering marvels, such as the second-largest building in the world, the [Palace of Parliament](#), and the tallest and largest Eastern Orthodox church building, the [People's Salvation Cathedral](#).

As mentioned earlier, Romania boasts an impressive list of [UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#). Such a site is not an easy feat to come by. Romania proudly presents [eleven World Heritage Sites](#), two of which are natural, and nine of which are cultural sites, from astonishing man-made structures to colossal, priceless natural treasures. The colorful [churches of Bucovina](#); the lost-in-time history center of [Sighisoara](#); the [fortified churches](#) built by Saxon settlers in Transylvania; the [Horezu Monastery](#), a masterpiece of the Brincoveanu style; [Rosia Montana](#), the world's biggest and most noteworthy example of historic gold mining, with evidence dating from [the time of Roman Dacia](#) - all represent wonderful instances of Romania's cultural heritage while contributing to the whole of mankind.

In recent years, Romania has experienced a remarkable surge in popularity as a destination, not solely as a traveling option, as many are finding it to be an ideal place to [not only visit but also to live and enjoy a fulfilling life](#).

Dragan-Floroiu Dam, Lunca Visagului, Romania





*Capra, traditional Romanian dance practiced on New Year's Eve

The Climate

Romania has a **temperate-continental climate** with hot summers, rainy springs, dry autumns, and cold winters, influenced by its varied landscapes of mountains, hills, plains, and coastline.

Spring begins in March and brings warm days averaging around **20 °C (82 °F)**. The tradition of "Martisor" on March 1st celebrates good luck, where men gift red and white trinkets to women.

Summer, particularly in the east and south, can be very warm, often exceeding **30-35 °C (95 °F)**. It's a season filled with outdoor festivals, traditional fairs, and lively village celebrations. Many locals take trips to the Black Sea coast or the mountains, where hiking, camping, and nature exploration are popular.

Autumn lasts from September to November, featuring mild temperatures, **10-20 °C (50-68 °F)**, and stunning foliage in the Carpathian Mountains. This picturesque season is accompanied by more frequent rainfall and is celebrated with harvest festivals and grape picking in Romania's famous wine regions.

Winter is milder in the south, while other regions can experience harsh conditions with temperatures below **0 °C (32 °F)**. Snow-covered villages and mountain resorts host caroling traditions, winter fairs, and Orthodox Christmas celebrations filled with folklore, music, and hearty seasonal foods.



The People and Language

Romanians are known for their warmth and hospitality, whether in small villages or cities. Visitors often enjoy **homemade meals, local guidance to scenic spots, and enthusiastic conversations**. Although Romanian is the official language, many younger people speak **English, French, Italian, and Spanish**, especially in urban areas. Romanian, a Romance language with Latin roots, shares similarities with Italian and French, making it accessible for many European travelers.

Food and Traditional Cuisine

Romanian cuisine is a vibrant blend of hearty dishes influenced by cultures like Ottoman, Slavic, Hungarian, and Austrian. Key dishes include **sarmale (cabbage rolls), ciorba de burta (tripe soup), and mamaliga (cornmeal polenta)**. **Grilled mici** is a favorite for meat lovers, while desserts like **papanasi (fried doughnuts with sour cream and fruit preserves)** satisfy sweet cravings. The culinary experience emphasizes tradition and community, with recipes passed down through generations and modern interpretations gaining popularity. Moreover, **Romanian wines and craft beers** complement the local fare beautifully.

Cost of Living and Affordability

Romania is a budget-friendly destination in Europe, offering high-quality services, accommodations, and meals at affordable prices. Public transport is efficient and inexpensive, with scenic train and bus options for cross-country travel. Boutique hotels and guesthouses provide comfortable lodging without the high costs of Western destinations, enabling travelers to explore more for less.

*Romanian postage stamp from 1986

HEALTHCARE

Romania operates under a universal healthcare system, ensuring access to medical services for all residents. The public healthcare system **covers primary, secondary, and tertiary care**, financed primarily by the state through the National Health Insurance Fund. The Romanian Constitution guarantees access to healthcare under Article 34, which obliges the state to provide protection and support for public health.

Moreover, there is a national emergency response system known as **SMURD**, which **provides rapid intervention for medical, fire, and accident-related emergencies**. SMURD operates ambulances, helicopters, and specialized units across the country and is highly regarded for its coordination and efficiency. **In case of emergency, the general number to call is 112 (available free of charge, 24/7).**

Citizens of the **European Union** can access essential healthcare services during temporary stays in Romania using their **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**. This grants access to the same medical treatment as Romanian-insured citizens, particularly for emergencies and necessary care. Travelers should bring their **EHIC** and ensure it is valid for the entire duration of their stay.

In addition to public healthcare, **private health services and insurance are widely available** and often used for shorter wait times, private clinics, or international-standard facilities. Many private hospitals and clinics operate in major cities like **Bucharest and Pitesti**, offering **multilingual staff and modern equipment**.



BANKS & CURRENCIES

The official currency of Romania is the **Romanian Leu (RON)**. As of now, the Euro is not used for domestic transactions; however, many businesses, particularly those in popular tourist destinations, display prices in both RON and Euro for the convenience of foreign visitors. It's important to note that regardless of the displayed currency, **all payments must be made in Romanian Leu**.

Romania is home to a robust and modern banking system characterized by a network of local and international banks, ATMs, and diverse card payment solutions. Most commercial establishments, including **restaurants, shops, and hotels, accept major credit and debit cards, such as Visa and MasterCard**. In urban areas, contactless payment methods and mobile banking applications are increasingly popular, providing a seamless transaction experience.

To exchange currency, services **are available at banks, authorized exchange offices, and international airports**. However, it is advisable to monitor real-time exchange rates through reputable financial news sources or the official websites of banks before making any currency conversions, **as rates can fluctuate**.

To open a bank account in Romania, non-residents are generally required to present certain documentation, which may include a valid identification document, proof of residence in Romania, and a valid visa or residence permit, depending on the specific policies of the bank you choose. **It is wise to contact the bank in advance to clarify their requirements** and ensure all necessary documents are prepared to facilitate the process.

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA'S CAPITAL

Bucharest is the capital and largest city of Romania - a dynamic, complex, and evolving metropolis that blends old-world charm with modern energy. *With a population surpassing two million residents*, it stands as the political, economic, and cultural epicenter of the country.

According to popular legend, *Bucharest (Bucuresti)* was named after *Bucur*, a kind-hearted and cheerful shepherd who once roamed the fertile plains along the Dambovită River.

Bucur is said to have built a small wooden church and a humble home near the riverbank. His charm, generosity, and joyful spirit attracted people from nearby villages, and over time, a settlement began to grow around him. *The name, Bucuresti, is believed to come from the name Bucur, and the Romanian word "bucurie", which means joy or happiness.*

Though historians trace the actual founding of Bucharest to the *14th century* and link it to *Voivode Vlad Tepes* (Vlad the Impaler), the tale of Bucur remains deeply rooted in the city's cultural memory and is still told as a poetic origin story. A small church known as *Biserica lui Bucur (Bucur's Church)*, located near the Parliament building, keeps the legend alive.

*Palace of Parliament



PITESTI

Located in southern Romania, approximately 120 kilometers from Bucharest, Pitesti is a charming mid-sized city renowned for its green spaces, tranquil ambiance, and convenient access to the natural surroundings. As *the capital of Arges County*, Pitesti plays a key role in Romania's automotive and industrial sectors, contributing to the region's economic development.

Often regarded as an alternative to the fast pace of Bucharest, Pitesti offers residents and visitors a more *relaxed urban experience characterized by picturesque tree-lined boulevards, serene parks, and a deep-rooted sense of community*. One of the city's standout features is the Trivale Forest, an expansive urban woodland located 30 minutes away from the city's center. This is a beloved destination for locals seeking to enjoy walks, jogs, and weekend picnics.

Culturally vibrant, Pitesti is home to a variety of notable institutions, including the *Alexandru Davila Theatre*, which hosts a range of performances from drama to music, and the *Arges County Museum*, which showcases the rich history and heritage of the region. Throughout the year, the city comes alive with a multitude of festivals celebrating local folklore, music, and traditions, drawing visitors from across the country.

Pitesti is also strategically located with efficient transportation links to *Bucharest, the medieval town of Sibiu, and the Carpathian Mountains*, making it an ideal place for people eager to explore both the urban regions and the landscapes that Romania has to offer.

*Curtea de Arges



BUCHAREST Campus

Located in the western part of Romania's capital, *the main campus of POLITEHNICA Bucharest is one of the largest and most prestigious engineering education spaces in Eastern Europe*. The campus is a self-contained academic environment, home to modern teaching facilities, cutting-edge laboratories, student residences, green areas, sports infrastructure, and dining options.

The campus is designed to encourage academic excellence and community spirit. Its extensive facilities include the Central Library, the *University's Research Centers (PRECIS and CAMPUS)*, high-tech workshops, and specialized institutes dedicated to innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration. The modern lecture halls and seminar rooms are complemented by historic buildings that reflect the University's long-standing academic heritage.

Student life thrives. *The campus includes dormitories, cafeterias, sports fields, and chill zones*. It is well-connected to the rest of Bucharest via metro and public transportation, making it easy for students to access both the academic and cultural life of the city.

Being in Bucharest, it offers students *unparalleled access* to Romania's scientific, entrepreneurial, and cultural core, whether attending an international tech conference, visiting museums, or enjoying local events and concerts.

PITESTI Campus

The Pitesti Campus of POLITEHNICA Bucharest offers a quiet and focused academic environment, *ideal for students who value a more personal learning experience in a friendly and peaceful setting*. Located in the city of Pitesti, just 120 kilometers from the capital, this satellite campus maintains the academic standards and spirit of the main institution, while providing a different pace of student life.

The campus is equipped with essential teaching and research facilities, including modern classrooms, laboratories, computer rooms, and study spaces. Small class sizes and accessible faculty members *allow for greater student-teacher interaction and stronger academic support*. The educational approach is rooted in practice-oriented learning, particularly in areas such as engineering, applied sciences, and industrial technologies.

Pitesti itself is a *safe and green city*, with plenty of parks, cultural venues, and a walkable city center. The campus is *easily accessible by public transport* and is located near various student accommodations and day-to-day services.

Students in Pitesti *benefit from the resources of a large university while enjoying the advantages of a smaller, community-focused academic environment*. The campus also organizes events, technical workshops, and student activities that encourage social engagement and interdisciplinary collaboration.





RESEARCH CENTERS

At POLITEHNICA Bucharest, *collaboration lies at the heart of its academic and research mission*. Our university strongly believes in the transformative power of cooperation, particularly when it comes to addressing the complex challenges of today's world. Whether through international research alliances or local industry partnerships, we foster environments where knowledge is shared, expertise is combined, and *innovation thrives*.

The university's research infrastructure is a testament to our collaborative philosophy. Its main research centers, *CAMPUS and PRECIS, host over 70 specialized laboratories and occupy more than 16,000 square meters of advanced facilities*. These spaces are not just buildings; they are vibrant hubs of innovation, where researchers, academics, students, and industry experts from across Romania, Europe, and beyond come together to develop breakthrough solutions. POLITEHNICA Bucharest actively supports international cooperation, embracing the idea that genuine innovation emerges at the intersection of multiple disciplines, cultural perspectives, and objectives.

Beyond its international outlook, our university remains deeply connected to the needs and aspirations of the local community. *Founded over two centuries ago to accelerate the country's industrial development*, POLITEHNICA Bucharest continues to fulfill this foundational purpose. While its academic ambitions have become increasingly global, its commitment to national progress remains unchanged. The university leverages technology, research, and innovation to address society's most urgent challenges, from education and public health to mobility and digital transformation.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, POLITEHNICA Bucharest researchers mobilized quickly to design medical devices and chemical compounds that enhanced national safety efforts. *Today*, the university leads pioneering initiatives in medical engineering, information systems, transportation management, and educational platforms, among many other fields. These projects exemplify how scientific knowledge can be transformed into practical solutions with measurable societal impact.

Thanks to its consistent excellence, our university is recognized as a *leading academic partner by Romania's most prominent companies*, whether national champions or international corporations operating locally. These partnerships are built on trust, shared goals, and a mutual drive to innovate. Together with its collaborators, the university empowers outstanding individuals to create meaningful change and contribute to a better, more connected world.

At POLITEHNICA Bucharest, solutions are not developed in isolation. They are shaped collectively through *dialogue, diversity, and interdisciplinary teamwork*. This is how knowledge grows, ideas evolve, and progress becomes possible.



*ChemistryFest

POLITEHNICA Bucharest - Faculties

Bucharest branch



Faculty of Electrical Engineering



Faculty of Energy Engineering



Faculty of Automation and Computer Science



Faculty of Electronics, Telecommunications and Information Technology



Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics



Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Robotics



Faculty of Biotechnical Systems Engineering



Faculty of Transports



Faculty of Aerospace Engineering



Faculty of Material Science and Engineering



Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology

Bucharest branch



Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages



Faculty of Applied Sciences



Faculty of Medical Engineering



Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Business Engineering and Management

Pitesti Branch



Faculty of Science, Physical Education and Informatics



Faculty of Mechanics and Technology



Faculty of Electronics, Communications and Computers



Faculty of Economics and Law



Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Psychology



Faculty of Theology, Letters, History and Arts

A Dynamic University & Community

POLITEHNICA Bucharest stands out not only as Romania's premier technical university but also as *a vibrant epicenter of academic, scientific, and cultural engagement*. Throughout the academic year, *the university is alive with a range of larger-than-life festivals* that reflect the rich diversity and depth of its programs, making it *a leader among Romanian higher education institutions*. These events encompass a broad spectrum of themes, celebrating domains such as engineering, research, sustainability, energy solutions, public health, chemistry, aerospace exploration, mobility innovation, and multicultural dialogue.

The renowned *“FEST” series, featuring events like PoliFest, AutoFest, BioFest, SpaceFest, E-Fest, ChemistryFest, EnergyFest, InternationalFest*, among many others, serves as a gathering ground for students, professors, industry leaders, and the general public. These festivals create invaluable opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange. *Participants can engage in hands-on demonstrations*, attend informative conferences, partake in workshops, witness dynamic company presentations, compete in various contests, and explore exhibitions showcasing the latest advancements in their fields. Many of these events are organized *in partnership with leading national and international corporations*, providing students with real-world exposure and potential career pathways.

Through these multifaceted initiatives, POLITEHNICA Bucharest not only underlines its commitment to technical excellence but also *underscores its dedication to innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and meaningful community engagement*.

From the exploration of electric mobility advancements to the celebration of global cultures at InternationalFest, these events foster an environment of shared knowledge. Academic life is further enriched by *creativity, curiosity, and collaboration*, encouraging students to think beyond traditional boundaries.

In essence, POLITEHNICA Bucharest transcends the role of a conventional place of study; it is a *dynamic academic ecosystem* where diverse events and opportunities continuously evolve. The university warmly welcomes students into an enriching, globally connected experience that prepares them for a future full of possibilities and challenges.



ERASMUS+ Office

The **ERASMUS+ Office** at **POLITEHNICA Bucharest** serves as the central structure responsible for the implementation and coordination of all activities related to the ERASMUS+ programme. As part of the university's commitment to internationalization, **the office facilitates academic mobility and intercultural exchange**, acting as a link between students, faculty, and international partners.

The office offers comprehensive assistance to both **incoming and outgoing students**, ensuring that every step of the mobility process is well-supported, from initial inquiries and nomination procedures to course enrollment, document preparation, and final recognition of studies. Students can turn to the **ERASMUS+ Office** for guidance on academic planning, accommodation options, integration into student life, and understanding university procedures and expectations. It is present in both Bucharest and Pitesti, offering location-specific support.

In Bucharest, the **ERASMUS+ Office** is located in the **Rectorate Building, Room R401, at Splaiul Independentei no. 313**. For questions or assistance, students can reach the team via email at erasmus@upb.ro or student.erasmus@upb.ro, or by phone at **+40 214 029 284**.

In Pitesti, the **ERASMUS+ Office** operates from the **Central Building, located at Targu din Vale 1, on the first floor, Room 1.33**. Students attending courses in Pitesti can contact the local team at erasmus.pitesti@upb.ro or by phone at **+40 348 453 333**.

Incoming students should be aware of the general academic calendar at POLITEHNICA Bucharest. **The first semester (autumn)** typically begins in **early October** and ends in **late February**, including a **14-week teaching period**, a **winter holiday break**, and **an examination session**. The **second semester (spring)** generally starts in **late February** or **early March** and runs until **late June or early July**, including **a dedicated exam session**. Application deadlines for Erasmus+ mobility are generally set for **mid-June for the first semester and mid-November for the second semester**, but students are advised **to confirm the dates with the Erasmus+ Office**. Each semester also includes one or more short breaks and follows a structure that allows students to balance academic workload and cultural exploration during their stay.



EUROPEAN PROJECT SEMESTER



The **European Project Semester (EPS)** is an innovative academic programme offered by several universities across Europe, including **POLITEHNICA Bucharest**. It is **designed for students who have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies, primarily in engineering fields**. However, it also welcomes students from other academic backgrounds, provided they are prepared to contribute to an interdisciplinary engineering project.

EPS combines project-oriented learning with complementary courses, aiming to equip students with both the **technical and soft skills needed to address real-world challenges**. The programme emphasizes project-based learning, where students work collaboratively in international and interdisciplinary teams, typically made up of 3 to 6 members, representing at least three different nationalities. **This multicultural and multidisciplinary environment simulates the dynamics of today's global workspaces**.

Projects are often carried out **in partnership with companies, industries, or research centers**, giving students a practical, hands-on experience that connects academic learning to professional practice. The focus of supervision is on both the process of collaboration and development, as well as on the final product delivered.

Assessment is continuous throughout the semester and includes milestone evaluations such as an interim report and a final report, ensuring that students receive ongoing feedback and guidance.



*ESN Ancona 2025

ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK

The *Erasmus Student Network (ESN)* is one of the largest student associations in Europe, present in more than **40 countries** and represented in **over 1,000 higher education institutions**. Founded on the principle of “**students helping students**” ESN supports international students throughout their mobility experience and promotes **intercultural understanding, inclusion, and active citizenship**.

As a volunteer-based organization, ESN is known for creating vibrant, engaging, and supportive environments for **incoming students**. Its activities go beyond practical support; they include **cultural integration, social events, language exchange, trips, and community involvement**. ESN ensures that studying abroad is not only about academics, but also about discovering cultures, building friendships, and becoming part of a global community.

Some of the network’s most iconic events have become well-known among Erasmus students. **Halloween in Transylvania**, where participants experience **Romania’s mysterious castles and vampire legends** in a setting that mixes history with festivity. Another famous event is the **Trip to Ibiza**, a celebration of connection and diversity, where students from **all over Europe** gather on the iconic island for music, beach activities, and unforgettable memories.

At **POLITEHNICA Bucharest**, these values are represented locally by **ESN Poli, the university’s official ESN section**. ESN Poli is run by passionate students who organize activities for incoming international students, ensuring they feel welcome and integrated from the very first day.



*ESN Ancona 2025

One of ESN’s most appreciated initiatives is the **BeBuddy System**, a project designed to help exchange students **integrate smoothly and feel at home from their first days in a new environment**. Through this program, each international student has the opportunity to be matched with a local student, **the Buddy**, who offers guidance, answers questions, and helps with the practical aspects of adapting to life in a new city and university setting.

By participating in activities with ESN Poli, international students benefit not only from logistical support but also from **real human connections and a sense of belonging that often defines their time abroad**.

EELISA

POLITEHNICA Bucharest is a proud member of **EELISA** (*European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance*), a leading European university alliance that brings together top institutions dedicated to redefining the role of engineers in addressing global challenges. Through **EELISA**, our university actively collaborates with partner universities across Europe to create a shared academic space where students, researchers, and industry professionals can work together on innovative, interdisciplinary projects. This partnership offers POLITEHNICA Bucharest students access to unique learning opportunities, mobility programs, joint degrees, and challenge-based educational activities aimed at encouraging creativity, sustainability, and societal impact.

DOUBLE DEGREE

POLITEHNICA Bucharest collaborates with prestigious universities in Europe to offer Double Degree programs. A Double Degree program allows students to carry out part of their Bachelor's or Master's studies at a partner university, depending on the specific agreement. This mobility usually lasts two years, and at the end, the graduates receive degrees from both institutions.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

POLITEHNICA Bucharest maintains strong international collaborations with prestigious universities across Europe. Among our valued partners are Politecnico di Torino, Politecnico di Milano, Technische Universität Wien, Universidad de Málaga, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Sorbonne Université, Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse, Université de Strasbourg, and the Czech Technical University in Prague.



CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING CENTER

The *Career Guidance and Counseling Center (CGCC)* at POLITEHNICA Bucharest has been working *for over a decade to support generations of students and graduates in their professional journeys*. With a strong focus on personal development and the enhancement of soft skills, the center plays a necessary role in facilitating students' social and professional integration. *Its mission is to provide guidance and assistance in choosing the most suitable career path*, one that aligns with a student's academic performance, aspirations, and evolving labor market demands.

All services offered by the CGCC are *free of charge and fully confidential*. Students can access specialized counseling in three main areas: *career, education, and psychological support*.

Career counseling is designed for students who are preparing to enter the job market and need practical tools such as CV feedback, help with drafting motivation letters, or mock interview sessions. *Educational counseling* focuses on helping students and prospective applicants make informed decisions about their academic trajectory. *Psychological counseling* is available to those facing personal challenges that may affect academic or social life.

The center is located on *Splaiul Independentei, no. 313, Library Building, Block A, 3rd Floor, Room 3.30*. The opening hours are from *Monday to Friday, 09:00 - 17:00*. For further information, the following email address is available: centru.consiliere@upb.ro



*ESN EGM Bucharest 2023

STUDENT LIFE

Life at POLITEHNICA Bucharest is dynamic, engaging, and filled with opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. As one of the most vibrant academic environments in Romania, the university offers students access not only to top-tier education, but also to a *wide range of extracurricular activities, cultural experiences, festivals, student clubs, and community involvement programs*.

Throughout the year, POLITEHNICA Bucharest hosts numerous *student-centered events and large-scale festivals* such as PoliFest, AutoFest, EnergyFest, SpaceFest, InternationalFest, and more. These events foster interdisciplinary dialogue, showcase research and creation, and promote cultural exchange within the university. *International students are encouraged to get involved*, either as participants or contributors, making it easier to integrate and feel connected.

The student community is supported by structures like the *ERASMUS+ Office*, the *Career Guidance and Counseling Center*, and organizations such as the *Erasmus Student Network (ESN Poli)*, which ensure that every student has access to guidance, counseling, professional mentoring, and social activities. Through initiatives like the *BeBuddy System*, international students are paired with local student volunteers who help them settle in, understand university life, and explore the city.

POLITEHNICA Bucharest also provides *accommodation options for incoming students*, both in Bucharest's Regie Campus and Pitesti Campus. Whether studying in Bucharest or Pitesti, students at POLITEHNICA Bucharest find themselves part of a welcoming and forward-thinking academic environment.

FUN FACTS ABOUT ROMANIA

★ *The First Perfect 10 in Olympic Gymnastics*

Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci made history at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games by becoming the first athlete ever to score a perfect 10.00 in Olympic gymnastics. She was only 14 years old at the time. Her routine on the uneven bars stunned the world and even broke the scoreboard, which had never been programmed to display a score that high.

🌊 *The Danube Delta - A Natural Wonder*

The Danube Delta, where the Danube River meets the Black Sea, is one of the most biodiverse regions in Europe and the third-largest delta on the continent. With over 300 species of birds and 45 species of freshwater fish, it is a paradise for nature lovers and researchers. The area is protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its tranquil canals, wild landscapes, and traditional fishing villages.

🗣️ *Romanian - A Latin Island in a Slavic Sea*

Romanian is the only Romance language spoken in Eastern Europe, directly descended from Latin. While it has absorbed words from neighboring Slavic languages, Hungarian, and Turkish, its core structure and vocabulary remain distinctly Latin, making it closely related to Italian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

🌸 *Martisor - Welcoming Spring with Red and White*

Every year on March 1st, Romanians celebrate Martisor, a tradition that marks the beginning of spring. Small red-and-white braided strings, often adorned with charms, are gifted to friends and loved ones as symbols of good luck and renewal. The custom is shared with other countries in the region and has been recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage.

🖋️ *The Invention of the Modern Fountain Pen*

The modern fountain pen was invented by Petrache Poenaru, a Romanian engineer and inventor, in 1827. He received a patent for his invention in France, and his design laid the foundation for the pens we still use today. Poenaru was also a mathematician, teacher, and a key figure in early Romanian education and modernization.

🏰 *The Tallest Wooden Church in the World*

The Sapanta-Peri Monastery, located in Maramures, northern Romania, holds the title for the tallest wooden church in the world, with a spire reaching nearly 78 meters high. Built entirely from oak, it is a testament to traditional Romanian craftsmanship and spiritual devotion. It stands in the middle of a serene forest, adding to its mystique.

🏰 *Fortified Churches in Transylvania*

Romania is home to over 1,500 medieval fortified churches, primarily built by Transylvanian Saxons between the 13th and 16th centuries. These unique architectural sites, many of which are UNESCO-listed, served both religious and defensive purposes. Blending Gothic and Romanesque styles, they offer a glimpse into the region's multicultural and turbulent history.

🍷 *The Merry Cemetery - Colorful and Honest*

In the village of Sapanta, Maramures, lies the Merry Cemetery, a truly unique graveyard where each wooden cross is painted in vivid colors and features a poetic, sometimes humorous epitaph. Created by local artist Stan Ioan Patras in the 1930s, the cemetery reflects a philosophy that embraces death with honesty, irony, and even a smile.



*Danube Delta sailors



*The Fortified Church of Prejmer



*Merry Cemetery

ROMANIAN VOCABULARY

Orientation & Communication

<i>Română</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Français</i>	<i>Español</i>
<i>Bună</i>	Hello	Bonjour	Hola
<i>Pa</i>	Bye	Salut / Au revoir	Adiós
<i>Mulțumesc</i>	Thank you	Merci	Gracias
<i>Te rog</i>	Please	S'il te plaît	Por favor
<i>Da</i>	Yes	Oui	Sí
<i>Nu</i>	No	Non	No
<i>Scuză-mă</i>	Excuse me	Excusez-moi	Perdón / Disculpa
<i>Unde?</i>	Where?	Où ?	¿Dónde?
<i>Când?</i>	When?	Quand ?	¿Cuándo?
<i>Cât costă?</i>	How much is it?	Combien ça coûte ?	¿Cuánto cuesta?
<i>Cine?</i>	Who?	Qui ?	¿Quién?
<i>Ce?</i>	What?	Quoi ?	¿Qué?
<i>De ce?</i>	Why?	Pourquoi ?	¿Por qué?
<i>Cum te numești?</i>	What's your name?	Comment tu t'appelles ?	¿Cómo te llamas?
<i>Ajutor!</i>	Help!	À l'aide !	¡Ayuda!

Daily Life

<i>Română</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Français</i>	<i>Español</i>
<i>Mâncare</i>	Food	Nourriture	Comida
<i>Apă</i>	Water	Eau	Agua
<i>Magazin</i>	Store/Shop	Magasin	Tienda
<i>Bani</i>	Money	Argent	Dinero
<i>Haine</i>	Clothes	Vêtements	Ropa
<i>Telefon</i>	Phone	Téléphone	Teléfono
<i>Frigider</i>	Fridge	Réfrigérateur	Refrigerador
<i>Ușă</i>	Door	Porte	Puerta
<i>Fereastră</i>	Window	Fenêtre	Ventana
<i>Scaun</i>	Chair	Chaise	Silla
<i>Pat</i>	Bed	Lit	Cama
<i>Baie</i>	Bathroom	Salle de bains	Baño
<i>Duș</i>	Shower	Douche	Ducha
<i>Muncă</i>	Work	Travail	Trabajo
<i>Sfârșit de săptămână</i>	Weekend	Week-end	Fin de semana

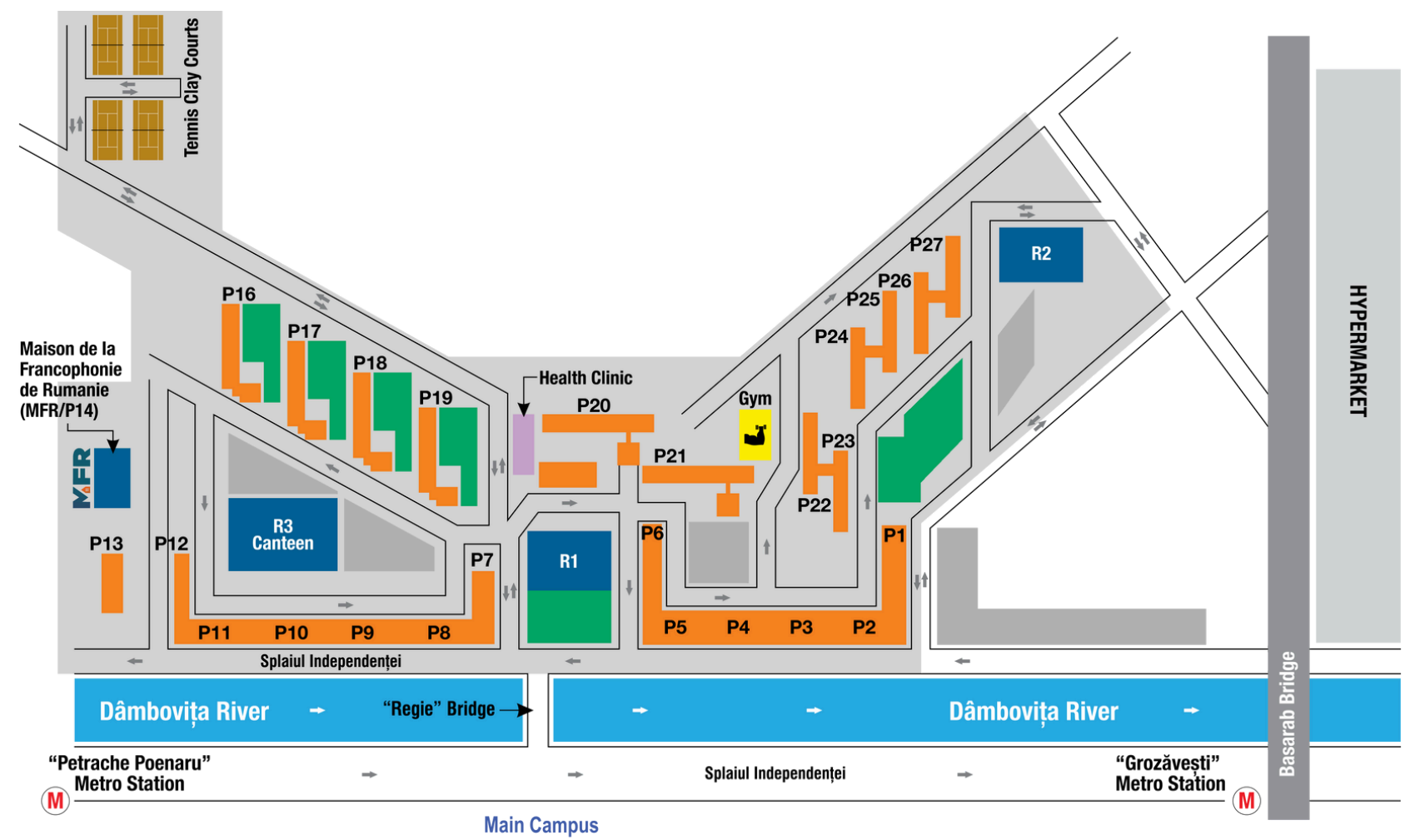
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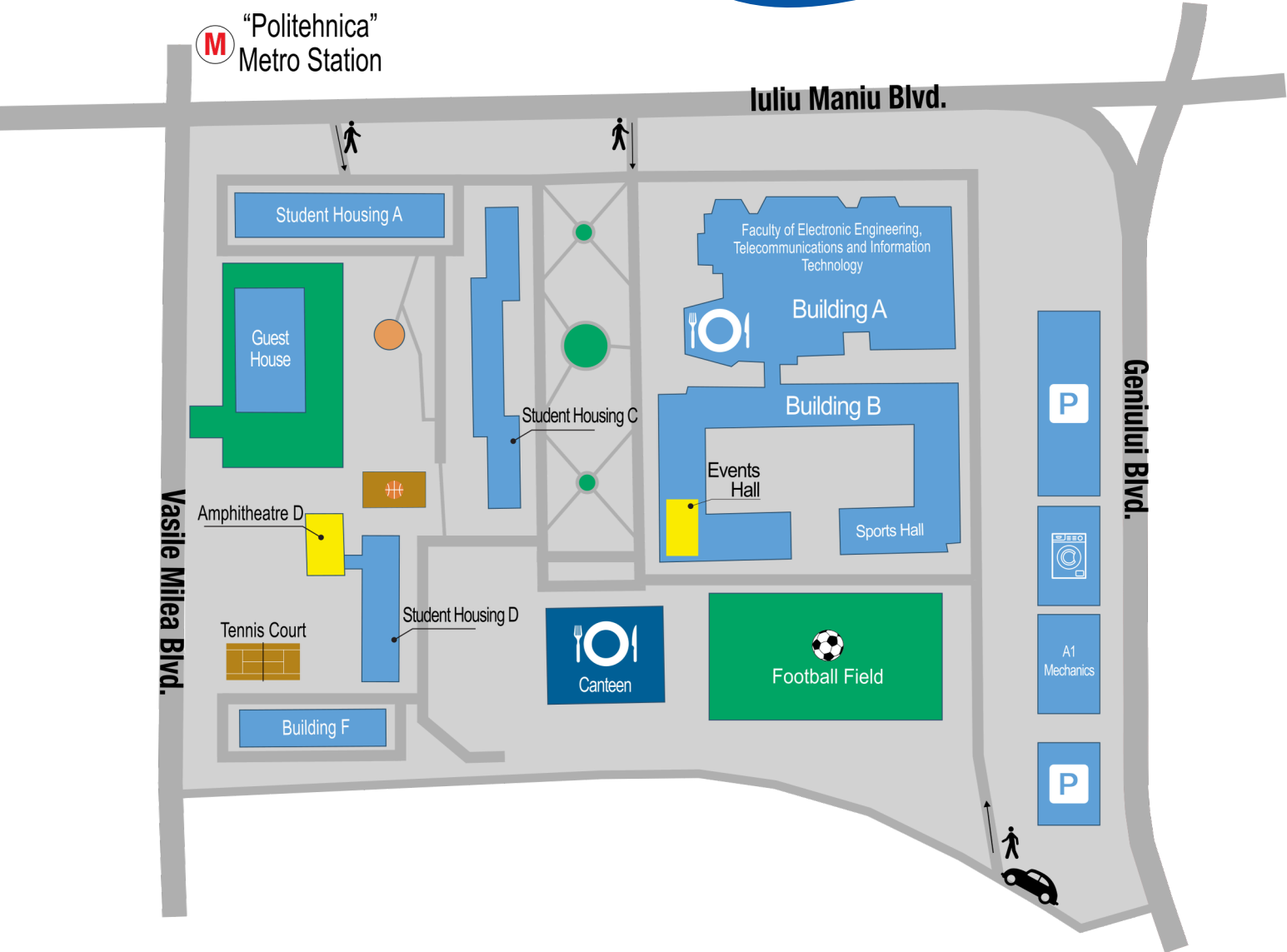
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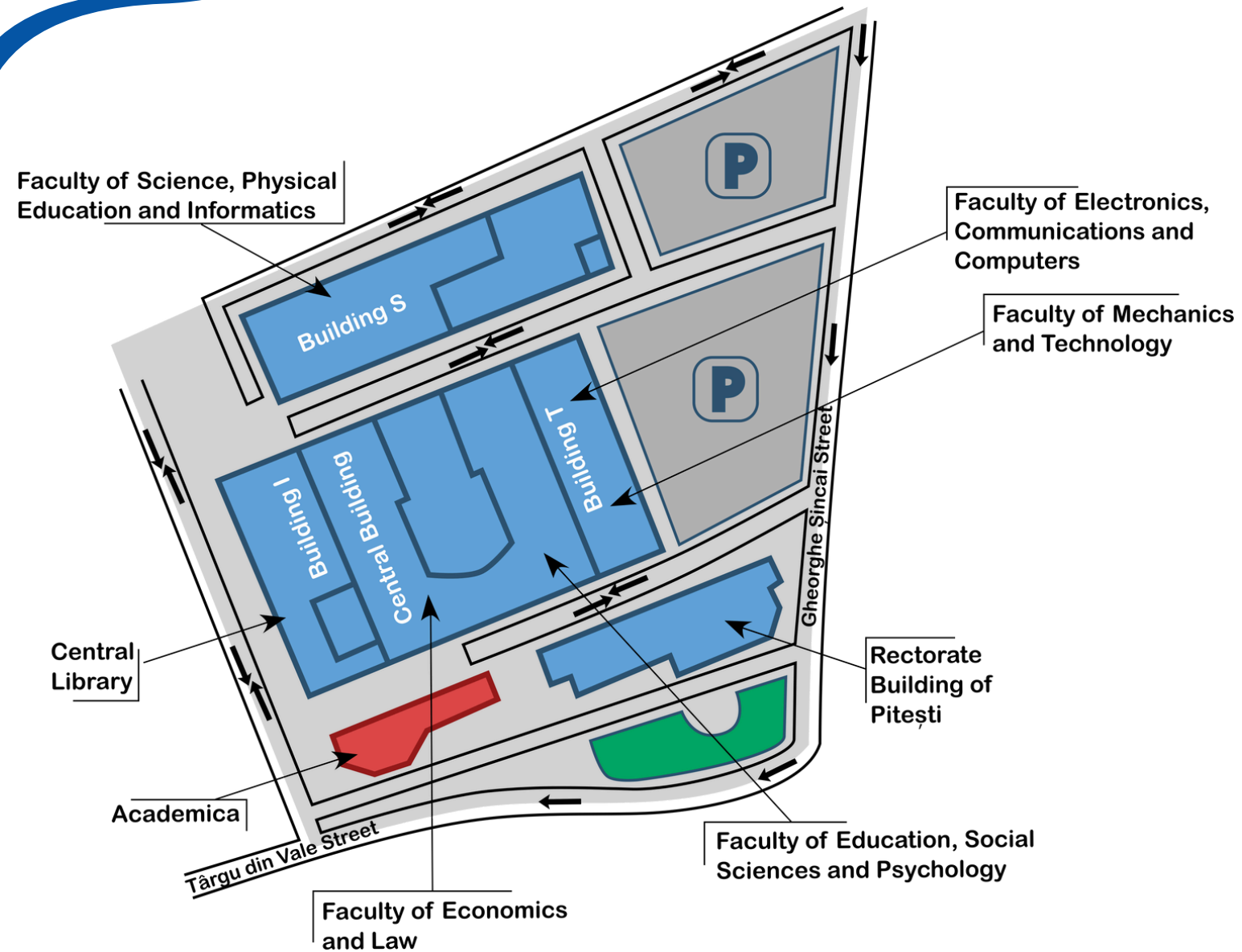
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<i>Autobuz</i>	Bus	Bus	Autobús
<i>Metrou</i>	Subway	Métro	Metro
<i>Tren</i>	Train	Train	Tren
<i>Avion</i>	Airplane	Avion	Avión
<i>Mașină</i>	Car	Voiture	Coche / Auto
<i>Bilet</i>	Ticket	Billet	Boleto / Billete
<i>Stație</i>	Station / Stop	Station	Estación / Parada
<i>Piață</i>	Square	Place	Plaza
<i>Trafic</i>	Traffic	Circulation	Tráfico
<i>Drum</i>	Road	Route	Carretera / Camino
<i>Pod</i>	Bridge	Pont	Puente
<i>Semafor</i>	Traffic light	Feu de signalisation	Semáforo
<i>Trotuar</i>	Sidewalk	Trottoir	Acera
<i>Taxi</i>	Taxi	Taxi	Taxi
<i>Viteză</i>	Speed	Vitesse	Velocidad

Education

<i>Română</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Français</i>	<i>Español</i>
<i>Universitate</i>	University	Université	Universidad
<i>Facultate</i>	Faculty	Faculté	Facultad
<i>Student</i>	Student	Étudiant(e)	Estudiante
<i>Profesor</i>	Professor	Professeur	Profesor(a)
<i>Curs</i>	Course/Lecture	Cours	Clase / Curso
<i>Examen</i>	Exam	Examen	Examen
<i>Diplomă</i>	Diploma	Diplôme	Título / Diploma
<i>Notă</i>	Grade/Mark	Note	Nota
<i>Bursă</i>	Scholarship	Bourse	Beca
<i>Înscriere</i>	Enrollment	Inscription	Inscripción
<i>Orar</i>	Timetable	Emploi du temps	Horario
<i>Biblioteca</i>	Library	Bibliothèque	Biblioteca
<i>Temă</i>	Homework	Devoir	Tarea
<i>Îndrumător</i>	Supervisor	Coordinateur	Tutor / Asesor
<i>Laborator</i>	Laboratory	Laboratoire	Laboratorio









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