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University of Craiova

Brief Description

The University of Craiova ranks among the first ten universities in Romania and it is the main high profile institution of higher education in the South-West of Romania, in the historical region of Oltenia.

The University of Craiova was founded in 1947 and it has been carrying on a tradition of excellence and innovation in the fields of education and research ever since.

The University of Craiova ranks topmost among the Romanian higher education system (56 accredited public higher education institutions and 35 accredited private higher education institutions in 2012), and, in 2009, the institutional evaluation by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) was completed with a "High Confidence Rating", which is the highest rating a Romanian university can obtain.

The University of Craiova belongs to the academic European community, sharing its cultural, moral, scientific and educational values. Strongly believing that The European

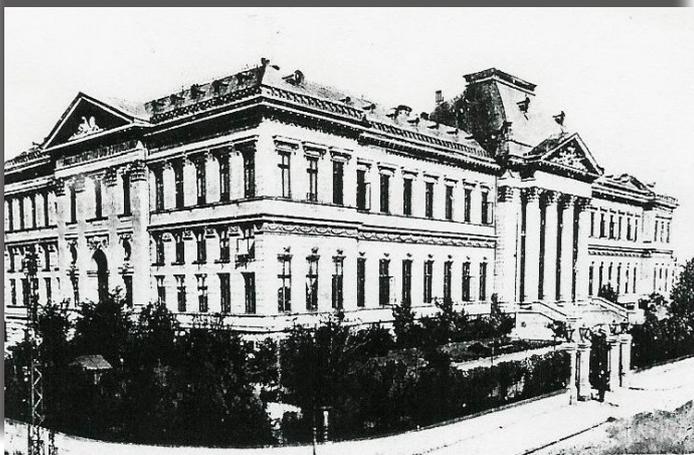


Higher Education Area and The European Research Area represent the main pillars of the knowledge-based society, the University of Craiova actively takes part in the Bologna Process, showing its European vocation through curriculum convergence, common scientific research topics and openness to academic collaboration.

The University of Craiova abides by the principles stated by The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, shares the values of The Magna Charta of European Universities (1988) and of The Lima Declaration on Academic Freedom and Autonomy of Institution of Higher Education" (1988).

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Brief Description



The University of Craiova undertakes public accountability with respect to the quality of the study programmes, scientific research and services to community.

The University of Craiova lends special attention to meeting the market demands, contributing to the enhancement of social cohesion and employability of graduates on an extremely dynamic labour market and in the context of the economic and financial crisis.

The University of Craiova has a comprehensive structure, including 10 faculties, 3 autonomous academic departments, 45 research centres and a Doctoral School. Its qualified human resource, consisting of around 1000 teaching staff members and 900 non-teaching staff members, assures the quality of the services provided to almost 28,000 students each year.

The University of Craiova takes pride in its infrastructure which comprises one main building, four university campuses, eleven student halls of residence, approximately 300 lecture theatres and seminar rooms, 255 laboratories, one central library and fourteen branch libraries, four research and development units, one university club, etc.

Mission



The University of Craiova undertakes the general mission of the Romanian higher education, as stipulated by Law of Education 1/2011, Art 117. By virtue of academic autonomy, the University of Craiova established its specific mission, stipulated in the University of Craiova Charter, Art.14:

- the advancement and transfer of knowledge to the society through advanced learning and scientific research;
- high standing initial and continuing education for specialists to be able to meet the demands of the socio-economic environment, through professional insertion;
- initial and continuing education for the teaching staff;
- contribution to the advancement of fundamental and applied sciences through research, innovation and technological transfer;
- the personal growth of its students towards individual and collective creativity;
- the promotion of the free exchange of ideas and critical thinking;
- the promotion of European values in the scientific, cultural and educational domains, through international academic cooperation.



Study Programmes

The educational offer covers a wide range of fields in study programmes at Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree levels organized in each and every one of its ten faculties:

Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Automation, Computers and Electronics

Faculty of Letters

Faculty of Physical Education and Sports

Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

Faculty of Orthodox Theology

Faculty of Electrical Engineering

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Study Programmes



The University of Craiova also offers study programmes in foreign languages:

Automation, Computers and Electronics (English)

Economics and Business Administration (English)

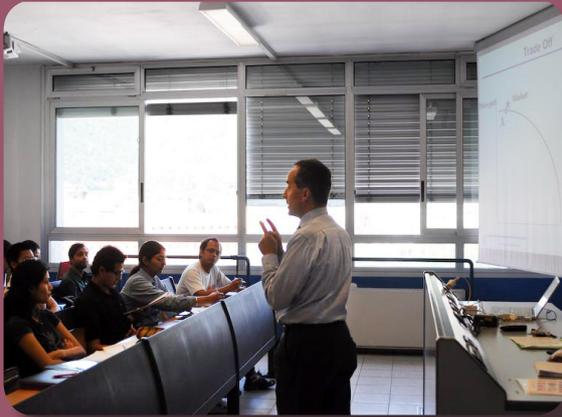
Letters (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish)

Electrical Engineering (French)

(For more information, please visit: http://www.ucv.ro/international/studenti_straini/curs_lb_straine.php)

An academic strategic priority of the University of Craiova is represented by the internationalisation of the study programmes via the development of English- and French- taught ones, based on the collaboration with foreign partners and on the development of interdisciplinary programmes.

In order to encourage international students to study at the University of Craiova, the Department of International Relations has developed a programme of mentoring and support through which each incoming student is assigned to a mentor who coordinates and assists the student during the mobility.



Study Programmes

The integration of incoming students is also supported through the organisation of the annual *Welcome Day* and through the Buddy System programme.

Incoming students benefit from adequate information regarding mobilities and they are offered counselling and support for filling in the application form and the selection of courses. The contact with students and partner institutions is permanently maintained throughout the mobility.

Another strategic priority of the University of Craiova relates to the updating/mapping of the study programmes to the regional, national and European labour market demands. The related projects are developed jointly with the business environment and envisage:

- identification of the business environment needs with reference to staff training;
- consultation of the business environment with reference to the required competences;
- organisation of internships at all the cycles (Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral);
- attraction of grants and other financial support for high performance students;
- development of students' entrepreneurship skills.

Research



In accordance with the mission undertaken in its own Charter, the University of Craiova is an institution of higher education that aims at making significant contributions to the advancement of basic and applied sciences through scientific research, innovation and technological transfer.

The basic and applied research is correlated with the needs and interests of the contemporary society – technological innovation, climatic changes, renewable energies, environment protection, and intercultural relations – in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary patterns.

UCV considers scientific research, innovation and technology transfer to be strategic priorities of its mission and related objectives.

The research topics are compatible with the European priorities:

- innovation and technology advancement,
- focus on ICT;
- environment conservation and green energy;
- transport and aero-spatial sciences;
- food sciences, agriculture and biotechnologies;
- nanotechnologies and special materials.

Other topics of basic research are approached in exact sciences, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer sciences, life and earth sciences, humanities, communication sciences, social and administrative sciences, law, theology and education sciences, economics and business administration.



Collaboration with the Business Environment

The University of Craiova permanently develops strategic and operational partnerships with the business environment so as to attune to the needs of the market which leads to a higher rate of graduate insertion, and so as to make a significant contribution to the development of the Oltenia region.

The business environment is a strategic partner with a view to:

- enhancement of regional economic competitiveness;
- development of partnerships to attract investment;
- increase of employers' interest in staff training and support of research activities.

The strong relationship of the University of Craiova with the business environment allows Romanian and international students to benefit from internships organized in important national and international companies such as: Dacia Groupe Renault, Renault Technologie Roumanie, Pirelli Tyres Romania, Ford Romania, BRD Groupe Société Générale, POPECI S.A., IT SIX, NetRom etc.

Local Community Involvement



The University of Craiova has established the following objectives in relation to the local and regional community:

- promotion of the university's image and boosting of the community prestige;
- active involvement in addressing community-related problems and provision of adequate solutions;
- promotion of voluntary and charity work;
- enhancement of dialogue via different means, including the broadcasts of TeleU channel.

The relationship with society also involves collaboration with local and central management authorities. The academically-related activities comprise:

- development of feasibility studies or strategic plans of regional development;
- organisation of or participation in public debates;
- submission of proposals or solutions to the community-related problems (The Regional Action Plan for Environment Conservation, The Local Action Plan for Environment Conservation, The Plan of Civil Defence, The Regional Action Plan for Education, etc.).

The main services provided by the University of Craiova to society run as follows:

- delivery of training, Bachelor's, Master's and postgraduate programmes;
- contribution to the regional policy making;
- development of analysis, consultancy, evaluation and audit centres.
- establishment of competitiveness poles;
- development of joint projects addressing the community.

The university's active role in the training of beneficiaries is materialised through the promotion of moral values and of the civic spirit; enhancement of voluntary work; development of competitiveness, as a prerequisite of globalisation; enhancement of citizenship (debates, democratic decision-making, etc.)



International Summer Courses

Taking into consideration the fact that many scholars and students are interested in the Romanian language, culture, and civilization, every year, the University of Craiova organizes the International Summer Courses of Romanian language.

These courses are open to all specialists in Romanian or Romance languages, and to all those who are interested in our language, culture and civilization.

In the language teaching section, the courses are divided into three different levels of linguistic proficiency: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Participants pass through an intensive teaching programme of 20 hours of instruction per week.

Workshops for translators and interpreters can be organised upon request.

Internationalisation



The University of Craiova is an institution with an international focus, one of its main strategic objectives being the development of its external liaisons.

The University of Craiova is affiliated with prestigious international organisations: EUA (European University Association), IAU (International University Association), AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie), IN.WBI (Wallonie-Bruxelles International), AEUA (Arab and European Universities Association), BSUN (Black Sea University Network).

The University of Craiova plays an important role in South Eastern Europe, being the coordinator of the SEENET MTP network, gathering together universities and research institutes from 11 countries in the area. The University of Craiova staff has contributed to the elaboration of a study on the consolidation of institutional capacity in South Eastern Europe, ordered by UNESCO.

The main directions of the internationalization policy of the University of Craiova are:

- increasing the number and the quality of bilateral cooperation agreements meant to enhance European visibility through a coherent strategy;
- furthering academic cooperation with similar institutions from North America, Asia, Africa and South America;



Internationalisation

- participating in European and Euro-Atlantic cooperation programmes;
- extending affiliation with international academic organisations;
- establishing new lectorates;
- developing European programmes;
- exchanging international relations good practice with national and international universities.

The University of Craiova designs and implements a coherent strategy of interinstitutional cooperation, aiming at the integration to the European Area of Higher Education and the European Area of Scientific Research, and at improved academic performance through the adoption of international educational, scientific, cultural and moral values.

Accordingly, the university's participation in international programmes - ERASMUS, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius, Grundtvig, Tempus IV, Europass, PHARE is a priority. Furthermore, there is openness to governmental grants, AUF grants, DAAD grants, Fulbright grants, grants awarded by foreign governments and "Eugen Ionescu" grants.

The University of Craiova has been using ECTS credits since 2004 in order to evaluate its own students as well as international students so as to be able to make programmes and students performance more transparent and comparable European-wide.

Facilities of the University of Craiova



University Campus

The University of Craiova offers accommodation in eleven student hostels situated on four university campuses. Our campuses provide a supportive and friendly place to live and to study for all students.

Six out of the eleven hostels are now completely renovated, offering, at affordable prices, double rooms equipped with refrigerator, TV set and individual bathroom.

Our hostels also offer fully equipped kitchens and laundries, a reading room and a social hall for social activities. All student hostels allow free access to internet and cable TV.

Canteens

Students also have access to three canteens situated in the campus of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, in the University Main Building and at the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture, where they can eat at discounted prices.

University Library

The University of Craiova Library is well equipped with modern facilities and resources. It houses about 1,000,000 volumes, out of which 27,999 volumes are in special collections, and more than 3,000 periodicals are available.

The library cooperates with more than 85 foreign partners and 45 national partners in interlibrary loan schemes.



Language Support

Romanian Language Preparatory Year

The University of Craiova ranks among the few higher education institutions in Romania that organise a Romanian language preparatory year.

The courses are specially designed for foreign students wishing to pursue secondary or higher education study programmes in Romania (Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral degrees). The Romanian language course for foreign students enrolled in the preparatory year aims at acquiring Romanian language skills corresponding to the B1 level for linguistic proficiency established by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Language Support



Romanian language support for international students

Free-of-charge intensive Romanian language courses are provided to foreign students who undertake a mobility period within an inter-institutional agreement.

The intensive course of Romanian as a foreign language aims at a rapid and efficient acquisition of the basic structures of the Romanian language which should allow students to communicate between them as well as with the native speakers with whom they interact.

Incoming ERASMUS students at the University of Craiova may enroll and attend Romanian language courses during the entire academic year. At the end of their study programme, students shall sit in for an examination in Romanian, being awarded 5 ECTS credits.

Foreign lectorates

The University of Craiova has three foreign lectorates: French, Macedonian and Bulgarian, coordinated by native speaker lecturers. The technical equipment (a TV set, a video projector, a photocopier, a computer and a printer) and the library provided by each lectorate allow the organization of high quality teaching activities:

- Courses of foreign languages;
- Courses of foreign culture and civilization;
- Annual events on the occasion of international celebrations, etc.



TV Station (TeleU)

The University of Craiova has its own TV channel called “Teleuniversitatea” (TeleU), which covers the whole Oltenia region.

TeleU station was established in 1996 as the first ever channel to broadcast in Craiova. Its mission was to augment the institutional means of communication and to become a useful tool in the dissemination of knowledge towards students.

The main goals and activities of TeleU are encompassed by the more generous concept of creating a local brand under a new logo: “Education and information for a better social integration”. As a result, all TeleU programs focus on scientific, juridical, political, aesthetic, religious, musical and technical education.

Its scope is to design and broadcast news bulletins, cultural and educational programmes, to store and record audio-visual materials and other documents belonging to the University of Craiova heritage and to promote educational, training and scientific research programmes (i.e. European projects, conferences, workshops).

Today, TeleU successfully competes with other local TV stations and it has managed to preserve its educational role as well as to remain an objective factor in the local community.

Radio Campus



Radio Campus Craiova is a student radio station created in 2013 which is currently broadcasting online in a students' hostel from one of the university campuses (www.radiocampuscraiova.ro).

Its purpose is to promote activities organised by or at the university and to broadcast real-time information of interest for students. Its programmes are designed so as to respond to students' needs and expectations.

The activities of Radio Campus are conducted by volunteer students from different faculties of the University of Craiova and contribute significantly to the implementation of the students' right to free speech.

Radio Campus also offers students in journalism and communications the opportunity to practice in a modern and efficient environment.



Student Social Life

The University of Craiova encourages volunteering work among youngsters and supports them through all sorts of activities conducted by students' organisations.

According to their interests and hobbies, students can get involved in different educational or cultural activities and develop their competitive spirit by participating in sporting events.

Journalism and audio-visual enthusiasts can be part of all sorts of projects carried out by their fellow students and coordinated by professors of the University of Craiova. They can also write articles for the University Magazine (StudentTime), they can participate in or broadcast radio or TV shows at the University Radio Station (Radio Campus) or TV Station (TeleU).

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