

NKU Academic Exchange in Cluj-Napoca, Romania



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A brief introduction...



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NKU Academic Exchanges

The Office of Education Abroad offers academic exchanges as a study abroad option for independent and mature NKU students interested in a semester or year-long immersion experience in another country. The information in this packet is meant to provide an overview of the experience available through an academic exchange in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. However, please keep in mind that this information, especially that regarding visa requirements, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of each NKU student participating in an exchange to take the initiative in the pre-departure process with regards to visa application, application to the exchange university, air travel arrangements, housing arrangements, and pre-approval of courses. Before and after departure for an academic exchange, the Office of Education Abroad will remain a resource and guide for participating exchange students.

Romania

With a surface area of 92,043 square miles (more than twice the size of Kentucky), Romania is the largest country in southeastern Europe and the twelfth-largest in Europe. It shares a border with Hungary and Serbia to the west, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova to the northeast, Bulgaria to the south, and Black Sea to the east. The Romanian population is around 22 million. Romania was one of the least visited countries in Europe, until 15 years ago. Closed for more than 40 years behind the "Iron Curtain" and almost isolated from the rest of the world by a tough communist regime until 1989, Romania is a land of many genuine treasures that are waiting to be discovered. Romania offers a rich tapestry of tourist attractions and vacation experiences unique in Central-Eastern Europe: medieval towns in Transylvania, the world-famous Painted Monasteries in Bucovina, traditional villages in Maramures, the magnificent architecture of Bucharest, the romantic Danube Delta, fairy-tale castles, the Black Sea resorts, the majestic Carpathian Mountains, spas and much more. Romania has a temperate climate, similar to the northeastern United States, with four distinct seasons. The official language is Romanian, a Romance language which is unique in that it is the closest currently-spoken relative to Ancient Latin. Most educated Romanians born after about 1970 are moderately fluent in English as well as proficient in one or more second Romance languages, such as French and Italian.

Cluj-Napoca

In the heart of Transylvania, visitors to Cluj-Napoca will find a hospitable people and a fascinating history. Treasures of architecture and years of shaping people's minds have made this county special in its uniqueness. You'll see here the famous Transylvanian calm and reflexive mind displaying seriousness and pride. With one of the most vibrant economies in the country and a population of around 330,000, Cluj-Napoca is today a vibrant cultural and educational city. The six state and several private universities located here also make Cluj-Napoca the city with the largest student population by percentage in Romania. The history of the city can be traced back as far as the 1st century A.D. and its current shape and culture is the result of mixing the cultures that dominated the city over time: Roman, Austrian, Hungarian, and Romanian. The city is the major economic center in Transylvania and it has a vibrant arts scene with two opera houses, several theaters, and a philharmonic orchestra.

Babeş-Bolyai University

Babeş-Bolyai University is a modern institution with a long history, which ranks among the best higher education institutions in Romania and Eastern Europe. It has more than 45,500 students and 21 departments with more than 1,700 professors. It offers a vast number of degree programs

at B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. levels with courses being taught in Romanian, Hungarian, German, and English. Currently, the following undergraduate programs are fully offered in English: Computer Science; Information Engineering; Chemistry; Management; Finances and Banking; International Relations and European Studies; American Studies; and Political Sciences. Babeş-Bolyai University plans to increase the number of programs and classes offered in English in the next few years. The Centre for International Cooperation assists students in making their class schedule and housing arrangements once they arrive. The fall semester starts the first week in October and ends in the middle of February. The spring semester starts the last week of February and ends the last week in June.

Housing

It is possible to find private housing in Cluj-Napoca at a cost between \$250 and \$500 per month. However, as part of the exchange agreement, NKU students are offered university housing. Accommodation consists mainly of single rooms and some double rooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. However, studio apartments, in which a student has their own kitchen and bathroom, are also a possibility. All types of accommodation are furnished with a bed, table, chair, and bookcase. Please plan to provide your own linens and cooking utensils. The cost of the monthly rent depends on the type and size of accommodation. Rent generally costs between \$50 and \$100 a month.

Transportation

Cluj-Napoca has a good public transportation network that includes buses and trams. Monthly tickets are available. As in many European cities, Cluj-Napoca is great for walking and most of the city destinations can be easily reached this way. For traveling outside of the city and country, the European train system is highly efficient and dependable and budget airlines often offer great deals.

Visa and Health Insurance

NKU students who participate in the semester/year academic exchange **will** be required to have the proper documentation to stay in Romania. Foreign students should register with the Office for Foreigners Cluj within 30 days following their arrival in Romania, in order to obtain the student visa.

All students in Romania are required to have adequate medical insurance and you must present proof of medical coverage in Romania when you enroll at BBU. The student insurance rate is approximately \$20 per month. This health insurance covers doctor visits, prescription medication, hospitalization and medical rehabilitation. You may be able to opt for a health insurance exemption if you can prove that your U.S. insurance provides coverage equivalent to the Romanian mandatory insurance.

Useful Links

Babeş-Bolyai University: <http://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/>

CIA World Factbook.: <http://www.cia.gov>

U.S. Department of State Information: <http://travel.state.gov/>

General Living Expenses

Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Semester Estimated Budget

Please use the following budget only as a general guide for expenses for one semester. Also note that expenses are estimated and subject to fluctuate according to currency rates* and general economic inflation.

Tuition	\$4236	(undergraduate, in-state tuition for 12-16 hours)
Round-trip airfare	\$1,300	
Passport	\$135	
Student Visa	\$60	
Room and Board	\$400	(in residency hall, single occupancy)
Food	\$600	
Books and supplies	\$100	
Local transportation	\$150	
Health Insurance	\$120	
Personal spending	<u>\$1,500</u>	(shopping, entertainment, travel, etc)
Total	\$7,929	

*July 2014 currency rate: **10 Romanian leu = 3.09 U.S. dollars**