



UBB Goes International – The UBB Academic Profile in 2019-2020

Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB) in Cluj-Napoca invites international students and professionals to be part of its prestigious academic community!

With an academic tradition started in 1581, UBB is the oldest and now the largest university in Romania, having an academic community of about 50000 people. Starting 2016 till now, UBB also holds the highest position in Romania in the University Metaranking – a comprehensive academic ranking, which combines the major international university rankings, like ARWU, QS, THE, etc. -, initiated in 2016 by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research (and continued then annually by the Ad Astra Association of Romanian Researchers).

As recognition of its academic excellence, Babeş-Bolyai University has been evaluated as an international university with excellence in teaching and research (QS STAR) and has been granted the *HR Excellence in Research* award in 2018. The award reflects our commitment to continuously improve our human resources policies in line with the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.

Starting this year UBB has joined the prestigious international academic organization GUILD of Research Intensive Universities, thus joining the other 19 most distinguished research-intensive universities committed to the pursuit of excellence, the enhancement of the voice of academic institutions, their researchers and their students, trust-building as the foundation of public life, and the creation of new knowledge for the benefit of the community, society, culture, and economic growth.

UBB is located in Cluj-Napoca, the most important city in Transylvania, Romania. Cluj-Napoca has the oldest history among the current major/metropolitan cities of Romania, having had the statute of “*colonia*” (with “*ius italicum*”) during the Roman Empire – the highest urban level in the Empire. Then, it evolved as a royal and imperial city during the Middle Age/Modern Period and today it is one of the largest and most dynamic cities of Romania, culturally and economically speaking, often holding the first position in the country in what the quality and the standard of life are concerned.

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Having almost 45 000 students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, PhD, and non-traditional academic programs, in 21 faculties and one department of teacher training, Babeş-Bolyai University is strongly attached to its essential values regarding Tradition and Excellence in research, education, and relationship with society, following its academic motto: *Traditio Nostra Unacum Europae Virtutibus Splendet!*

I. GRADUATE LEVEL

• Academic Programs

- 25 Doctoral Schools providing all courses in English out of a total number of 30 Doctoral Schools covering 31 fields of doctoral studies
 - International Ph.D. thesis (e.g., joint supervision, double-degree) – 434
 - The European Doctorate mechanism is available.



- 239 Master programs
 - In Romanian – 143 (at least two courses in English)
 - In Hungarian – 40 (at least two courses in English)
 - In German – 5 (at least two courses in English)
 - Fully taught in other languages (e.g., English, French) – 48
- 21 master-level distance learning programs taught in Romanian
- **Students**
 - Ph.D. students/candidates – 2183 (1197 only students; candidates mean students who finished their study and research and have already started the administrative procedure for defending their Ph.D. thesis)
 - International students – 160
 - 330 PhD students/candidates study, conduct research and will defend the thesis in an international language (e.g., English, French, German, Italian)
 - 170 PhD students/candidates study, conduct research and will defend their thesis in Hungarian
 - Master students – 8532 (290 international students), out of which:
 - Studying in Romanian – 6242
 - Studying in Hungarian – 994
 - Studying in German – 171
 - Studying in other languages (e.g., English, French) – 1136
 - PhD and Master Incoming Exchange students (e.g. Erasmus, CEEPUS, Inter-university agreements) – 104

II. UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

- **Academic Programs**
 - In Romanian – 148
 - In Hungarian – 70
 - In German – 10
 - Fully taught in other languages (e.g., English, French, etc.) – 27
 - 36 bachelor-level distance learning programs (out of which 30 are taught in Romanian and 6 in Hungarian)
- **Students** – 31854 (out of which 990 full international students)
 - Studying in Romanian – 23 483
 - Studying in Hungarian – 4 577
 - Studying in German – 664
 - Fully studying in other languages
 - International (e.g., English, French, Spanish) – 2560
 - More local (e.g., Chinese, Finnish, Greek, Korean, Norwegian, Russian, Ukrainian) – 526
 - Partially studying in other languages (e.g., English, French, Spanish) – 294
 - Undergraduate Incoming Exchange students (e.g. Erasmus, CEEPUS, Inter-university agreements) – 275



III. POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

- Advanced research **postdoctoral programs**
 - in the research fields corresponding to the doctoral schools operating within UBB
 - interdisciplinary research
- **Life-long learning programs** in conjunction with the dynamics of the labor market:
 - Postgraduate continuing education and continuing professional development programs
 - Postgraduate upskilling programs
 - Postgraduate permanent education programs
 - Professional conversion programs for teachers in the school education

IV. HIGH-LEVEL SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

count among the most valuable outcomes of a prestigious university, so UBB is constantly preoccupied by the quality of its internationally indexed journals (in English), thus providing:

- 18 Journals indexed in WoS
- 13 Journals indexed in Scopus
- 26 Journals indexed in ERIHPLUS
- +50 journals in other international databases (e.g., PsychInfo)
- Its own academic press – Cluj Academic Press (<https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/publicatii/edituri>)

V. LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

are defining elements of UBB, representing not only a singularity within the Romanian academic environment, but also a best practice in the overall European context. Indeed, multiculturalism is a UBB trade mark in Romania: with three official languages – Romanian, Hungarian, and German – and one of the most complex theological offers/profiles in the world (e.g., Greek-Orthodox; Greek-Catholic; Roman-Catholic; Reformed), which nicely complement our striving for excellence in science.

Apart from the academic programs offered in 17 different languages, UBB is the host of 24 cultural centers, foreign institutes, and libraries. Some of them have been established by foreign entities (i.e., governments, embassies) and hosted by UBB, while others have been opened as a result of the fruitful partnership between UBB and foreign institutions of higher education, with the support of embassies in Romania. Some of them still are UBB's sole commitment to promoting cultural diversity share it to the local and regional community. Babeş-Bolyai University is the only university in Romania to host such a diversity of cultures under its institutional umbrella, as a proof of its multiculturalism and engagement in the academic and local/regional communities. A detailed presentation and contact information of all the 24 Cultural Centers can be found at https://www.ubbcluj.ro/files/Pliant_multiculturalitate.pdf .



UBB is also part of 7 international university networks and 23 CEEPUS networks and has 876 partner universities (in 273 general agreements) and 1950 Erasmus+ agreements, together with hundreds of international cooperations in various academic projects.

VI. OTHER INSTITUTIONAL ASSETS. Constantly adapting its offer to the social dynamics, Babeş-Bolyai University provides (see here <https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/>):

- 13 academic extensions in other regional centers of Romania (<https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/unitati/extensii>)
- A Psychology University Clinic (<http://clinicadepsihologie.psiedu.ubbcluj.ro/about-us-en/>)
- 61 Research units accredited at the university level (<https://cercetare.ubbcluj.ro/research-at-ubb/research-units/>); many other are accredited at the level of those 21 Faculties of UBB
- A Botanical Garden (https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/sport/gradina_botanica)
- An Astronomical Observatory (https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/sport/observatorul_astronomic)
- 2 Dendrological Parks (Arcalia, Gheorgheni) (<https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/>)
- Botanical, Zoological, Paleontological, and Mineral collections/museums with unique items (<https://muzee.ubbcluj.ro/en>)
- 4 Research Centers for student practice and activities (i.e., Arcalia, Baru Mare, Beliş, Grădiştea de Sus)
- The most modern university sports complex in Romania (https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/sport/parcul_sportiv)
- The swimming complex (<https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/structura/>)

For more information about the UBB world-class contributions please see at <https://www.ubbcluj.ro/files/UBB-world-class-academic-contributions.pdf>

For a comprehensive history of the UBB please see at <https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/despre/prezentare/istoric>

Also, please explore the website of the UBB Star Institute (<http://starubb.institute.ubbcluj.ro/en/>), of the UBB Doctoral Institute (<https://doctorat.ubbcluj.ro/eng/>), and those of the specific faculties (<https://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/facultati/>), to find out more information about the below synthesis.