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STUDENT’S GUIDE

Studying at USAMV Iaşi

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1. **WHY STUDY IN IAŞI?**

The city of **Iaşi** is one of the most important **cultural center** of Romania, also known as the **cultural capital of the country**, where the old and the new intertwine and produce a rich and nourishing foundation for all those who decide to spend some time discovering its beauty.

If you decide to come study in Iaşi, the city will offer you the best sources of **new discoveries, fun and memorable experiences**, through its **historical**, as well as **modern places**.

Having three important university campuses in the central area of the town, among which our University’s campus may be mentioned, this makes the city a place where international, as well as Romanian students meet, where languages and cultures are brought together in an exciting mix.

The city offers numerous **historical places** to visit, such as the Palace of Culture, which is the symbol of the city, the Metropolitan Cathedral, Golia monastery, “Moldova” State Philharmonic of Iaşi, the National Theater, as well as all the museums which preserve our history and culture.

Iaşi offers **resources** for all **types of interests** students may have: libraries for their **academic interests**, places to visit, for their **cultural discovery interests**, restaurants, cinemas, theaters and malls, for their **leisure interests**.

Student life in Iaşi is rich in **possibilities and opportunities**, which makes the city the **perfect place to start your international experience and academic journey**.
2. WHY STUDY AT USAMV IAŞI?

“Ion Ionescu de la Brad” University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Iaşi supports its students’ academic journey through engaging and formative programmes of study, an extended campus, meant to care for all its students’ needs and interests, as well as the attention and care of both academic and administrative staff.

The International Relations Office team is actively supporting all international students, in welcoming them to our University, helping them feel integrated in our academic environment, and offering assistance and guidance in any situation they face.

So, why study at USAMV Iaşi?

We are offering high quality training, based on committed and sustained work, solid work ethics, values, perseverance and a common wish for achieving our set goals.

Our programme of study offers a perfect balance between theory and practice, being a formative instrument for the creation of future successful practitioners of the veterinary medicine profession.

The degree we offer, through the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) diploma obtained by our graduates, is recognized throughout the European Union, which gives you the opportunity to work abroad and build your career on solid knowledge and practice.
3. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

➢ Our University offers modernized facilities, such as:
  - an extensive library
  - sports facilities
  - laboratories, amphitheatres and lecture rooms
  - a cafeteria
  - dormitories
  - If you are interested in seeing some photos of these facilities from the campus, here are some links from our website, at:


    • the University:
    • the Main Hall – Aula Magna “Haralamb Vasiliu”:
    • the Library:
    • the Cafeteria and the dormitories:
    • the Sports facilities:
    • the 3D Advanced Visualisation Center:
4. ADMISSION TO USAMV IĂȘI

The first step of the admission process is the evaluation of electronic application files.

- Candidates may send scanned copies of their documents and receive feedback on the state of their application file (if any documents need to be added, or translated, or apostilled, etc.), so that the candidates may send a complete and eligible application file to the University's address. This stage allows us to help our candidates put together a complete application file, without having to ask them to send any additional documents that may be missing.

- All electronic files must be sent at larisa.hincu@uaiasi.ro and all candidates will receive feedback on the state of their application file.

- For the summer admission session, the International Relations Office team starts checking electronic files starting from April – May.

  For the autumn admission session, the electronic files will be checked starting from the end of the summer admission (end of July), until the end of August.

The second step of the admission process is the submission of the physical application files to the University, respecting the submission deadlines.

- If any candidate who wishes to apply to our University during the summer session cannot meet the deadline for the submission of their application file, for objective reasons (such as administrative delays concerning the legalization, translation and apostillation of documents – Hague Apostille), they may contact the International Relations Office team, at larisa.hincu@uaiasi.ro or bri@uaiasi.ro or by phone at +40232 407 367, and discuss the situation. The University will receive their application file and keep it until the autumn admission session, when the candidate will be able to secure a place at our University.
The third step of the admission process is the admission interview, to which all candidates must participate.

- The EU students are invited to have the interview at the University. If there are any candidates who cannot come to the University for some reasons (e.g., work related problems, health issues, etc.), then they must notify the International Relations Office team, at larisa.hincu@uaiasi.ro or bri@uaiasi.ro or by phone at +40232 407 367, with at least 2 days before the initial planned date of the interview, and they may be given the option to have the interview via skype, at a date and hour agreed on by the admission committee.
- The non-EU students will have the interview via skype. Therefore, they must either create a skype account or use a friend’s account.
- The date and hour of the interviews will be established by the admission committee. However, we are flexible and try to accommodate all our candidates’ needs (such as working hours, time zone difference, etc.).
- The interview is not an eliminatory test, but it does constitute as a step in the admission process and it will be taken into account in the overall admission results. Therefore, please bear in mind that if you miss the interview you will be considered rejected and your application file will not be taken into account.

The fourth and final step of the admission process is the confirmation of the place candidates have secured, following the publication of the list of admitted candidates.

- All candidates who are admitted will receive an email of confirmation of their admission from the International Relations Office team, containing some information regarding their enrollment.
- All candidates are kindly asked to confirm that they have received the email and that they will confirm their place at our University.

Regarding the details concerning the necessary documents for the application file, the address where you need to send the application file, as well as other aspects concerning the application process, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page at:

5. TUITION FEE

The tuition fee for the Veterinary Medicine programme of study in English is 3500 Euros per academic year and must be paid until the beginning of the year (in September).

6. ENROLMENT AT USAMV IĂȘI

All candidates who are admitted must confirm their registration - WITHIN 5 CALENDAR DAYS from the publication of the results - by:

1) SIGNING THE LEARNING AGREEMENT

The candidates will receive an electronic copy of their Learning Agreement, that they will have to fill in and sign, as well as send back to the university via email.

2) PAYING THE TUITION FEE for the first academic year (3500 Euros)

All admitted candidates will receive an email with all details they need to know concerning these aspects.

Also, all candidates who confirm their registration must bring their original documents of study (graduation diploma, transcripts of records) to the university. However, in case any candidates are not able to do this until the month of September, then anytime between the 1st - 10th September, they must go to the secretariat of the Veterinary Medicine Faculty and submit their original documents.
7. ACCOMMODATION IN IĂŞI

Regarding the living here in Iaşi, there are many options. Our students usually rent apartments together (2-3 students in one apartment) and share the rent and the rest of the expenses.

Here are some links about apartments in Iasi, which may be some helpful resources:

http://www.accommodation-iasi.com/
http://www.iasi-apartment.com/

Also, you are welcome to post a question on the Facebook group and our students will answer you based on their experience:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/285731291771968/

Now, since you might be interested to search the Internet to compare rent prices, here is a list of areas that are the best to get an apartment in, based on how easy it is to get to the university from there.

Our University is in the area called Copou. Here the prices could be a bit higher than in the rest of the town.

Then, the center of the town (Independenţei street, Piaţa Unirii) is also a good place for apartments, but it's also close to UMF Iasi, the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, so a lot of apartments in that area are taken. But still, it's a valid area.

Then, there's Târgu Cucu (Tg. Cucu), which is close to the center of the town. Any apartments close to Palas Mall or the Palace of Culture, are close to the center of the town, so again, good areas.

Then, the train station area is also close to the center of the town and very accessible.

Podu Roş area and Păcurari area are also a good choice, but depending on where you find the apartment you might take around 20-30 min by bus to get to the university, so if you don't mind the distance, it's still a good choice.

On the website accommodation-iasi.com you can search apartments based on the number of rooms and their localisation in town.
Here are all the areas in the order of the most accessible, to the least accessible, according to how far it is from the center of the town and our university:

1) Copou
2) Centru
3) Palas (Palas Mall)
4) Independenței UMF
5) Târgu Cucu
6) Gara
7) Billa (this is a supermarket)
8) Tătărași
9) Păcurari
10) Sărăriei street
11) Podu Roș
12) Tudor Vladimirescu

These are among the best options and closest areas.

Now, when you see areas like: Bularga, Canta, Dacia, Mircea, Nicolina, Suburbii, Frumoasa, are really far from the center and you'd need to use 2 or three ways of transportation - either buses or tramways, to get to the university. So, they are not the most accessible choices. But then again, it's up to you and it depends on your preferences regarding time.

If you’re not sure about the area in which you find offers for apartments, feel free to contact the International Relations Office team, at larisa.hincu@uaiasi.ro or bri@uaiasi.ro and we will do our very best to offer guidance.
8. LIVING COSTS

Before traveling to a different country and city, it is natural to be interested in the living costs that your stay will involve. In order to help you with this particular task, we have listed below some information about what these costs imply and some approximate prices.

LIVING costs:

- depending on the area in which you rent your apartment, as well as the number of rooms in the apartment (1, 2 or 3), the prices may range between 150 – 450 Euros per month.
- if you’re renting the apartment with other students, you may split the rent and the other expenses (such as electricity, water, gas bills, internet connection, TV, etc.).
- if you’re choosing the option to rent an apartment with other students from our university, meaning your future classmates, you may use our Facebook group as a means of communication. The International Relations Team (contact person: Larisa Hîncu, larisa.hincu@uaiasi.ro) will help you as much as possible, with any details you may need, so don’t hesitate to ask (either by posting a message on the Facebook group, sending a private message to Larisa Hîncu, or email her at larisa.hincu@uaiasi.ro).
- For French students or any foreign students who speak French, who are interested in applying at our University, our current French speaking students have created a Facebook group for the future students at our University, where they answer questions and post information about the student life at USAMV Iaşi: https://www.facebook.com/etudesveterinaireenRoumanie/

EATING costs:

- either in town – approx. 8 Euros per day
- or in the campus cafeteria – approx. 5 Euros per day
TRANSPORTATION costs:

- depending on how far the apartment you are living in is from our University, you may need to use 1, 2 or 3 means of transportation – either buses or tramways, or both.

- If you live in:
  - the central area of the town (Piața Unirii, Independenței street, Târgu Cucu);
  - near Palas Mall;
  - Podu Roș;
  - Tătărași;
  - Tudor Vladimirescu;
  - Cug,

Then you may use only 1 means of transportation: bus or tram, depending on what stations are closer to your apartment.

- If you live in:
  - the train station area (Gara);
  - Billa;
  - Sărăriei street;
  - Nicolina;
  - Păcurari,

Then you may use 2 means of transportation: bus or tram, depending on what stations are closer to your apartment.

- You may buy:
  - one-way tickets (2 RON)
  - two-way tickets (4 RON)
  - a set of 10 tickets (18 RON)
  - a monthly ticket (30 days), 1 line (73 RON)
  - a ticket for 15 days, 1 line (37 RON)

If you present your student card to the ticket selling booth, you will obtain a reduction for all the fees charged.

If you want to know any other details regarding the living costs in Iași, please contact our International Relations Team - contact person: Larisa Hîncu, larisa.hincu@uiaiasi.ro, and we will try to provide further information on any aspects that may interest you.