

# UNIVERSITY OF AGRONOMIC SCIENCES AND VETERINARY MEDICINE OF BUCHAREST



## FOREIGN STUDENT GUIDE

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## OUR UNIVERSITY

*The University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest (USAMV) provides high quality, multidisciplinary education which addresses to young and all those interested in life-long training, or in changing their professional profile.*

Belonging to the network of public higher education institutions recognized with the “High level of academic trust” award, USAMV has accredited or authorized study programs in Romanian, English and French.

Established in 1852, USAMV is the oldest and largest institution of higher agronomic education in Romania, where the tradition and modernity successfully meet.

Our university provides BSc, MSc and PhD education and scientific research activities in order to train top specialists whose competences meet the demands of the labor market in the

“An university for life and agriculture through top quality education and research”



fundamental fields of "Engineering Sciences" and "Biological and biomedical sciences".

USAMV offers students the necessary adequate infrastructure for education and research, and great opportunities for spending their free time within the two campuses (Agronomie-Herăstrău & Veterinară Cotroceni).

Currently, the university consists of 7 faculties (Agriculture; Horticulture; Animal Sciences; Veterinary Medicine; Land Reclamation and



Environmental Engineering; Biotechnologies; Management, Economic Engineering in Agriculture and Rural Development), 15 departments and 2 branches (in Călărași and Slatina), comprising over 12,000 enrolled students.



USAMV has three research stations:

- Pietroasa Viticulture and Winemaking Research & Development Station;
- Istrița Nursery & Research Station;
- Belciugatele Didactical Station – Moara Domnească Research & Development Farm.

The research activity takes place in 12 research centers, in multidisciplinary research laboratories as well as in a research greenhouse, all designed to European standards, providing high competitiveness both at national and international level.



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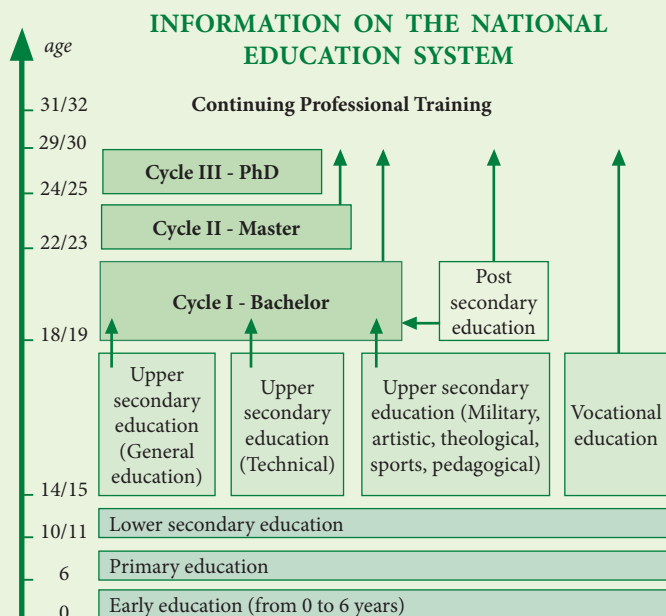
## CHOOSING A DEGREE PROGRAM

Candidates can choose from 30 bachelor programs, 32 master programs and 6 PhD fields taught in Romanian, English and French.

The courses can be attended either in campus (full time courses) or by distance learning and part time mode.

Higher education in Romania is aligned with the European Higher Education Area, based on the Bologna System, with the following structure:





## FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

### BACHELOR, 4 years, Romanian

- Agriculture
- Biology (3 years)
- Silviculture

### MASTER, 2 years, Romanian

- Sustainable agriculture
- Agricultural consulting
- Land resources management and expertise
- Protection of agroecosystems and phytosanitary expertise

### PhD, 3 years, Romanian/English

- Agronomy

### BACHELOR - Part Time

- Agriculture & Biology



**Bachelor level**, 3-4 years (engineering fields), 180-240 ECTS\* which ends with the level 6 from the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning (EQF/CEC).

**Master level**, 1-2 years, 60-120 ECTS which ends with the level 7 EQF/CEC.

**PhD level**, 3 years, awarded with a PhD diploma which ends with the level 8 EQF/CEC.

For professions regulated by European norms, regulations or good practices, bachelor (BA/BSc/BEng) and master studies (MA/MSc/MEng) can be provided as part of a 5 to 6 year full-time programme of study, thus diplomas are recognised as master's degree certificates (the following fields of study are considered.

\*The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System



## FACULTY OF HORTICULTURE

### **BACHELOR**, 4 years, Romanian

- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture

### **MASTER**, 2 years, Romanian

- Biodiversity conservation management
- Integrated technologies for obtaining and use of horticultural products
- Advanced technologies, management and marketing in viticulture and winemaking
- Ecological horticultural sciences

### **PhD**, 3 years, Romanian/English

- Horticulture

### **BACHELOR** - Distance learning

- Horticulture



## FACULTY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTIONS ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

### **BACHELOR**, 4 years, Romanian

- Animal science
- Technology of agricultural products processing
- Fishery and aquaculture
- Consumer and Environmental Protection
- Hunting

### **MASTER**, 2 years\*

Romanian

- Entrepreneurship in livestock production
- Food products biosecurity
- Special technologies in food industry (\*1,5 years)

English

- Food safety products biosecurity

### **PhD**, 3 years, Romanian/English

- Animal Husbandry





## FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

### BACHELOR

- Veterinary medicine - English, French, Romanian, 6 years (Bachelor + Master studies)
- Control and expertise of food products - 4 years

### MASTER, 2 years, Romanian

- Agricultural and processed food products expert survey
- Inspection and expert survey of the organic, Halal and Kosher food products

### PhD, 4 years, Romanian/English

- Veterinary Medicine



## FACULTY OF LAND RECLAMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

### BACHELOR, 4 years, Romanian

- Land reclamation and rural development
- Engineering and environmental protection in agriculture
- Civil engineering and management
- Land measurement and cadaster

### MASTER, 2 years, Romanian

- Environmental protection and engineering in rural areas
- Geomatics for environmental engineering
- Investment management in ecosystems

### PhD, 3 years, Romanian/English

- Agronomy

### BACHELOR - Part Time

- Engineering and environmental protection in agriculture
- Land Measurement and cadaster

### MASTER - Part Time

- Environmental protection and engineering in rural areas





## FACULTY OF BIOTECHNOLOGIES

### **BACHELOR**, Romanian

- Agricultural biotechnologies
- Veterinary medicine biotechnologies
- Biotechnologies for food industry

### **MASTER**, 2 years

Romanian

- Environmental biotechnology
- Biotechnologies in pharmaceutical industry
- Biotechnology and food safety

English

- Biotechnology and entrepreneurship

### **PhD Programs**, 3 years, Romanian/English

- Biotechnologies



## FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, ECONOMIC ENGINEERING IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### **BACHELOR**, 4 years, Romanian

- Economic Engineering in Agriculture
- Engineering and management in public food supply and agrotourism

### **MASTER**, 2 years

Romanian

- Agribusiness
- Management and rural development
- Quality and innovation management in the agrifood domain
- Management in agritourism and public food supply
- Management and internal audit
- Management of lifelong learning in agronomic education

English

- Farm management and agribusiness development
- Management of rural hospitality industry



**PhD, 3 years, Romanian/English**

- Engineering and Management in Agriculture and Rural Development

**BACHELOR** - Distance Learning

- Economic Engineering in Agriculture
- Engineering and management in public food supply and agrotourism

**MASTER** - Part Time

- Agribusiness
- Management and rural development
- Management in agritourism and public food supply

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## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- Well-trained teachers with skills and abilities in agronomy and related fields.
- International study programs & practice oriented approach.
- Career guidance during studies (AgriCons-AgriTin Counseling and Career Guidance Center).
- Newest specialized equipments disposed in 12 scientific research centers and 3 research and development stations.
- International events and conferences with participants from all over the world (both





business environment representatives and public institutions representatives).

- Two modern European campuses with all the facilities (accommodation&meals).
- Multicultural and pleasant environment for a great student life.
- Multiple sport facilities within our own sport complex such as: Agronomia Sport Hall, tennis court yards. Football and rugby pitches, athletics.



## STUDENT LIFE

USAMV provides its students with a pleasant environment within the Agronomie-Herăstrău campuses.

Sports competitions and cultural events are a constant presence in students' life in campus, being organized by Agronomia University Sports Club, EX TERRA AURUM Cultural Center, "Aves" Bird watching and protection Club, Hortus magicus Club and student associations organized both outdoor (Arboretum, Rosarium, Botanical Gardens).

„Agronomiada” is one of the most important competition for our students, with a long tradition, organized each year in one of the





five academic universities with agronomic profile in Romania.

Also, our students and professors participate in the most important events, both at national and international, like Hortus-FlorShow România, Expo Flower&Garden, Indagra, Biofach, ProInvent, Inventika, Innova Eureka etc.).

Students from each faculty are organized in and represented by the Students Associations, which works for the students` professional, social, civic ad cultural involvement.



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## ADMISSION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

### 5.1. CITIZENS OF EU MEMBER STATES, EEA STATES AND THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

Citizens of the **European Union member states** (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden), of the **European Economic Area member states** (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and of the **Swiss Confederation** may participate in the entrance exam which grants access to education, including state-funded places, in the same conditions as Romanian students.

Romanian citizens, as well as the citizens of the European Union, of the Swiss Confederation and of the EEA countries, who have a Romanian high-school diploma will follow the procedure published on the USAMVB website.

Romanian citizens, as well as the citizens of the European Union, of the Swiss Confederation and of the EEA countries, who have a diploma obtained in **an EU country other than Romania** need to have their diploma validated by the National Centre for Degree Assessment and Academic Recognition (CNRED) of the Romanian Ministry of Education.

Romanian citizens, as well as the citizens of the European Union, of the Swiss Confederation and of the EEA countries, who have a diploma obtained in **a non-EU country** also need to obtain a graduation certificate issued by the National Centre for Degree Assessment

and Academic Recognition (CNRED) of the Romanian Ministry of Education. For details: [www.cnred.edu.ro](http://www.cnred.edu.ro).

#### **Application documents:**

- Application form;
- Graduation Diploma or equivalent and transcript of Records. The graduation diploma will be accompanied by the equivalence certificate delivered by CNRED;
- Certificate of birth;
- Certificate of marriage (if applicable);
- Identity card/passport copy;
- Medical certificate;
- 2 photos (3/4);
- Copy of the receipt for the fee that shall be deposited in the "CNRED bank account" (more details: <https://new.cnred.edu.ro/cnred/>). Fees can be paid by payment order in the Ministry bank account.

#### **Important!**

Documents issued exclusively in English or French do not need to be translated!

It is compulsory to provide copies for documents in Romanian language / English / French / Spanish / Italian. For other languages it is necessary to provide authorized translated copies in Romanian.



Diplomas from **Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Cyprus** need to bear the **Hague Apostil Convention** from the authorities of the country that issued the document.

Diplomas issued in countries which are not party of the Hague Convention must be authenticated by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and also the Embassy of Romania in that country. The study documents must be recognized by the National Centre for the Degree Assessment and Academic Recognition (CNRED). For further information on the procedure and documents, please consult the CNRED website: <http://cnred.edu.ro/en/#recognition-of-studies-for-admission-to-university-in-Romania>.

Applications should be submitted to the International Relations Office (Universitatea de Științe Agronomice și Medicină Veterinară din București, Bd. Mărăști nr. 59, Sector 1, 011464, București) according to the admission calendar updated each year.

Following of the foreign degrees recognition by the Romanian Ministry of National Education, the candidate follows the same calendar and admission conditions as Romanian citizens (including registration at the Faculty, documents, and possible exams or file contests).

The certificate for recognition will be sent to the university or to the owner of the study documents (*or to another person empowered by the owner of the study documents, if applicable*).

**No application is examined if any of the required documents is missing, or if spaces in the application form have been left blank.** All the documents (certified copies and simple copies) submitted for recognition will be kept at the archive of the CNRED. For admission at the university, candidates will prepare another set of documents, according to the admission procedure.

**Please be aware that the documents mentioned above may be the subject of some changes according to the Ministry of Education Methodology!**

## 5.2. ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR THE NON-EU STUDENTS

Candidates should send their admission documents, by regular post, to the International Relations Office (Universitatea de Științe Agronomice și Medicină Veterinară din București, Bd. Mărăști nr. 59, Sector 1, 011464, București).

### I. APPLICATION FILE

The application file consists of:

- a) APPLICATION REQUEST TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE TO STUDIES ISSUANCE - in two copies;
- b) STUDY DIPLOMA (Baccalaureate diploma or equivalent for undergraduate studies; Bachelor diploma or equivalent for master studies) – legalized photocopy and translation (into English or Romanian);
- c) TRANSCRIPTS OF RECORDS – legalized photocopy and translation (English or Romanian). For the recognition of partial studies done abroad it must submit as well the curriculum of these courses;
- d) CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH - legalized photocopy and translation (English or Romanian)
- e) PASSPORT – photocopy;
- f) CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH - in an international language;
- g) CERTIFICATE OF LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE - exempted are the candidates coming from states whose official language is the study language of the specialization they have applied for;
- h) 2 PHOTOS 3/4 cm to be attached on the application form mentioned above.

The originals of these documents must be stamped by the Embassy of Romania in the issuing country or to bear the Hague Apostille Convention from the authorities of the country that issued the documents (only if the respective country is a signatory of the Hague Convention).

Please be aware that the documents mentioned above may be the subject of some changes according to the Ministry



of Education Methodology! All the required documents need to be prepared in two sets (one for the Ministry of Education and the other one for the university).

For those who wish to enroll in a Romanian-taught program, it is mandatory to provide a ROMANIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE. If the candidate does not have this kind of document, he/she must obtain it following an exam. The persons proving that they have attended at least 4 years of study in Romanian language, do not need to pass this language exam. Otherwise, only after passing this language exam, the candidate shall be accepted into the first year of study.

Also, if the candidate does not know Romanian, but wishes to enroll in a Romanian-taught program, he/she must attend the Preparatory Year for learning Romanian language.

### II. ADMISSION PROCESS

The admission process of Non-EU candidates takes the following steps:

1. The application file is registered at the university;
2. If complete, the application file is processed by the university and sent for evaluation to the Ministry of National Education;
3. For the candidates accepted, the Ministry of National Education will issue the Letter of Acceptance, which will be sent in original to the university (in terms of at least 30 working days);

5. The university will inform the candidate about the acceptance and will send to him/her the document;
6. If admitted to study in Romania, after receiving the Letter of Acceptance, the candidate must contact the closest Romanian Embassy and search for information concerning the study visa application. The visa application is a personal approach and the university is not in the position to interfere in the process. In case the visa application includes some documents issued by the university, the candidate must require specifically those documents.
7. For enrollment at the faculty, the student must submit the original study documents and the proof of tuition fees payment for the first academic year.

### III. WHAT TO DO AFTER RECEIVING THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE?

After receiving the Letter of Acceptance, the candidate has to confirm that he/she accepts to enroll at our University, by sending an email with the receipt attesting the payment of the tuition fee for the first academic year. Then, the candidate starts the procedure for obtaining the visa for studies in Romania. Please note that the tuition fee for the first academic year must be paid before submitting the visa application!

#### 5.3. CITIZENS OF ROMANIAN ORIGIN FROM ALBANIA, BULGARIA, FYROM (FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA), HUNGARY, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, SERBIA, UKRAINE AND THE DIASPORA

This section applies for candidates of Romanian descent from the Republic of Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Ukraine, Hungary and the Diaspora. This includes, in accordance with Government Decision no. 689/1994, as amended and supplemented and the Law. 299/2007, republished, with subsequent amendments:

- a) people who freely assume the Romanian cultural identity - persons of Romanian origin, persons from the Romanian linguistic and cultural area, living outside Romania's borders regardless of how they are

denominated (armâni, armânji, aromâni, basarabeni, bucovineni, cuțovlahi, daco-români, fărșeroți, herțeni, istro-români, latinidunăreni, macedoromâni, macedo-români, maramureșeni, megleniți, megleno-români, moldoveni, moldovlahi, rrâmâni, rumâni, valahi, vlahi, vlasi, volohi, macedo-armânji and all other related forms of the above)

- b) Romanian emigrants, whether they kept or not the Romanian citizenship, and their descendants;
- c) Romanian citizens residing abroad.

One condition for receiving this type of scholarship is that the studies be carried out **only** into Romanian. Candidates who do not speak Romanian well enough can follow the Romanian preparatory year (*the preparatory year is offered under the same financial terms as the program of study for which the candidate was accepted*).

There are two categories of scholarships:

**Total scholarship:** No tuition fees, with a monthly grant

**Partial scholarship:** No tuition fees, with no monthly grant

**Important!** The Romanian Government approves annually by Government Decision the number of students and the number of total or partial scholarships covered from the budget of the ministry. It is also possible to apply under this programme as a self-funded student, in which case the tuition fee will be the same as for Romanian citizens.





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## PREPARATORY YEAR

According to the Romanian legislation, foreign citizens will be registered at the University following to the graduating of the Romanian language preparatory year or on the basis of a certificate proving Romanian linguistic competencies; during the preparatory stage candidates will acquire Romanian language vocabulary as well as the specific vocabulary needed for the future studies, if the study program is carried out into Romanian.

The duration of the preparatory course for bachelor degree studies is of **one academic year** while for the master's degree studies, PhD studies and post-graduate studies are at least **6 months**.

The candidate will be registered in our university at any program taught into Romanian language **only after graduating the preparatory year**.

The candidates proving by means of documents (diplomas, certificates, study documents and transcript of records) **at least four successive years studied in Romanian language in a Romanian institution** or owning **Certificate of Linguistic Competence (minimum B2 level)** issued by the Romanian Language Institute **are to be exempt from the requirement to submit the certificate of graduation from the preparatory year**.



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## ABOUT BUCUREȘTI

**Location:** Southern Romania

**First documented:** 1459 AD

**Population:** 2.000 milion

Known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Époque buildings and a reputation for the high life (which in the 1900s earned its nickname of "Little Paris"), București, Romania's largest city and capital, is today a bustling metropolis. Bucharest offers more than 40 museums, including a largest outdoor Village museum.

### CITY HIGHLIGHTS

**Theaters:** Bucharest National Theatre, Bulandra, Notarra, Metropolis, Odeon etc.

**Cassical music:** Romanian National Opera, Romanian Athenaeum etc.

**Historical sights:** Parliament Palace, Royal Palace, Arch of Triumph, Historical center etc.

**Cinemas, concerts, festivals**

Romania is one of the the safest countries in Europe and it has over 210 sunny days per year. Also, Romania is the home of 7 UNESCO world heritage sites, known for: impressive landscape, castles, monasteries and churches, most beautiful roads in the mountains, wine and gastronomy, traditions, festivals, fast internet.



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#### ▪ **Parliament Palace (*Palatul Parlamentului*)**

Built at the special request of Nicolae Ceaușescu, leader of Romania's Communist Party, the colossal Parliament Palace - formerly known as "People's House" (*Casa Poporului*) - is the world's second largest administrative building after the U. S. Pentagon. It took 20,000 workers and 700 architects to build this massive structure that boasts 12 stories, 1,100 rooms, a 350-ft.-long lobby and four underground levels, including an enormous nuclear bunker.



Photo: <https://ro.wikipedia.org>

#### ▪ **Royal Palace (*Palatul Regal*)**

Erected between 1927 and 1937 in neoclassical style, the palace was home to King Carol II and to his son, King Mihai I, until 1947, when the monarchy was abolished in Romania. It was inside the halls of this palace that King Mihai, aged 18, led a coup that displaced the pro-Nazi government during the World War II and put Romania on the Allies' side. Today, the former Royal palace houses the **Romanian National Art Museum**.



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#### ▪ **Romanian Athenaeum (*Ateneul Roman*)**

The work of French architect Albert Galleron, who also designed the National Bank of Romania, the Athenaeum was completed in 1888, financed almost entirely with money donated by the general public. With its high dome and Doric columns, the Athenaeum resembles an ancient temple. Romanian Athenaeum is one of the most important concert halls.

#### ▪ **Arch of Triumph (*Arcul de Triumf*)**

Initially built of wood in 1922 to honor the bravery of Romanian soldiers who fought in World War I, Bucharest's very own Arc de Triomphe was finished in 1936. Designed by the architect, Petre Antonescu, the Arc stands 85 feet high. An interior staircase allows visitors to climb to the top for a panoramic view of the city. The sculptures decorating the structure were created by leading Romanian artists, including Ion Jalea, Constantin Medrea and Constantin Baraschi.



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