



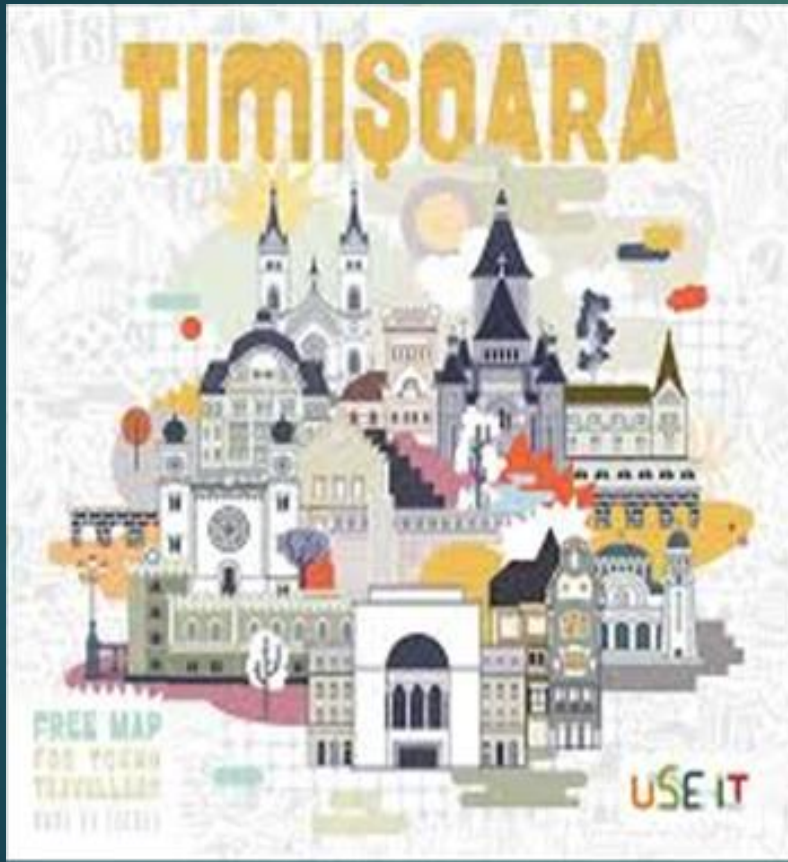
UNIVERSITATEA
DE MEDICINĂ ȘI FARMACIE
VICTOR BABEȘ | TIMIȘOARA

**Victor Babes University of
Medicine and Pharmacy,
Timisoara
2024**

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TIMISOARA - FIRSTS



- ▶ Timișoara was the first city in the Habsburg monarchy with street lighting (1760)
- ▶ The first European city to be lit by electric street lamps in 1884
- ▶ It opened the first public lending library in the Habsburg monarchy and built a municipal hospital 24 years before Vienna
- ▶ it published the first German newspaper in Southeast Europe
- ▶ The starting point of the 1989 anti-communist revolution

TIMISOARA – ethnic and cultural hub (1)

- ▶ Capital of the historical region of Banat, located in the West of the country
- ▶ 250,849 inhabitants with more than 400,000 inhabitants in the metropolitan area
- ▶ Multicultural city, home to **21 ethnicities** and **18 religions**
- ▶ Nicknamed the "**Little Vienna**" or the "**City of Flowers**", Timișoara is noted for its large number of historical monuments and its 36 parks and green spaces

TIMISOARA – ethnic and cultural hub (2)

Ethnic composition of Timișoara

- ▶ Romanian (81.4%)
- ▶ Hungarian (4.9%)
- ▶ Serbian (1.5%)
- ▶ German (Banat Swabians) (1.3%)
- ▶ Romani (0.7%)
- ▶ Bulgarian (0.3%)
- ▶ Ukrainian (0.2%)
- ▶ Slovak (0.1%)
- ▶ Italian (0.1%)
- ▶ Jew (0.1%)
- ▶ Other/Unknown (9.4%)

Religious composition of Timișoara

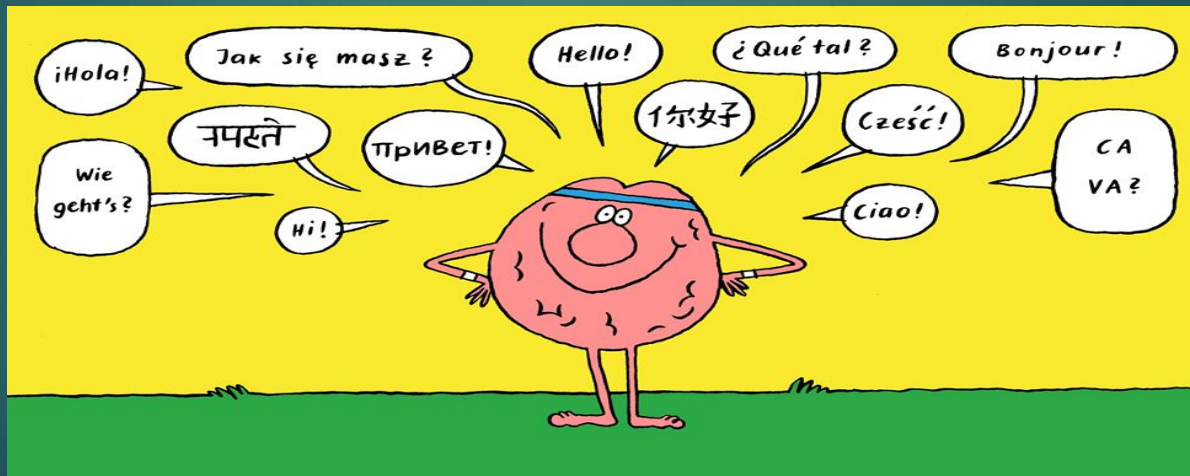
- ▶ Romanian Orthodox (75%)
- ▶ Roman Catholic (7.1%)
- ▶ Pentecostal (2%)
- ▶ Reformed (1.3%)
- ▶ Baptist (1.2%)
- ▶ Greek Catholic (1.1%)
- ▶ Serbian Orthodox (0.8%)
- ▶ Muslim (0.3%)
- ▶ Jehovah's Witnesses (0.1%)
- ▶ Plymouth Brethren (0.1%)
- ▶ Other/Unknown (11%)

TIMISOARA – ethnic and cultural hub (3)

- ▶ It has the greatest number of historical buildings in Romania, being part of the Art Nouveau European Route
- ▶ The city was European Capital of Culture 2023
- ▶ As a technology hub, the city has one of the most powerful IT sectors in Romania and in 2013, Timișoara had the fastest internet download speed in the world

TIMISOARA – ethnic and cultural hub (4)

The multicultural character of Timisoara is also reflected by the fact that it offers the possibility of completing one's **studies** (from kindergarden to high-school) **in another language**, besides Romanian: **Hungarian, German, Serbian, English, French, Italian, Spanish**






THE UNIVERSITY

The beginnings

The Faculty of Medicine, Timisoara, founded by Royal Decree, actually started its activity on

15th July 1945, with the first two years of study. There were **412** students enrolled in the first year, and **76** students enrolled in the second year.

In **1948**, following the reform of the higher education, the Faculty of Medicine becomes the Institute of Medicine, with three faculties: Medicine, Paediatrics and Hygiene.

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- ▶ Currently, “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara, has over **6,739** undergraduate students and consists of four faculties: **Medicine, Dental Medicine Pharmacy, and Nursing**, which offer the possibility of studying in **Romanian, English** and **French**.
 - ▶ Of the total number of students, approximately **1500 (23%)** are **international students** from **51** countries
 - ▶ **276** postgraduate students doing their residency in 23 specialties in medicine and 6 specialties in dental medicine

FACULTIES AND SPECIALISATIONS

- ▶ The main faculties (**Medicine, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing**) are located in Timisoara. Most of the theoretical lectures take place in the main buildings (Medicine I, Medicine II, the Faculty of Dental Medicine, the Faculty of Pharmacy).
- ▶ Clinical rotations take place in one of the various hospitals of Timisoara and, as we have a linear curriculum, alternate with theoretical lectures.
- ▶ Besides the main faculties located in Timisoara, the university also has two faculties of nursing, located in two nearby towns – Deva and Lugoj

QUALITY VS. QUANTITY



According to its size, our university cannot be considered a big institution, being rather a **medium-sized** one.

This is due to the fact that we have only **four faculties**, each with several sub-specialties, but all the three faculties address a rather narrow field, that of

MEDICAL or HEALTHCARE SCIENCES.



INTERNATIONALISATION

**The Trends and the Strategy of
Victor Babes University of Medicine
and Pharmacy, Timisoara**

▶ **The Strategy of VBUMPT (2018-2024)**

STRONG POINTS (the results of implementing the international strategy for 2018/2024):

- ▶ increased numbers of international students from 51 countries based on our reputation, teaching quality and location
- ▶ out of **6739** students in all, **1500** are undergraduate international students and **276** international post-graduate students (residency)



- Our main focus lies on **expanding international cooperation** with researchers and academic staff from renowned universities and research centres, participating not only in the KA1 action, but also in the KA2 action (strategic partnerships)

- Creating **SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS** for the recruitment of international students, both from EU and non-EU countries



- The admission of citizens of the EU, the EEA and the Swiss Confederation, on the one hand, and citizens of third countries, on the other hand, falls under the jurisdiction of two distinct departments within the Ministry of Education.
- Consequently, there are two types of admission tailored for each category of citizens.

Citizens of the European Union, the EEA and the Swiss Confederation

- **EU citizens** have to sit for a FtF entrance exam which consists in 50 biology multiple choice questions out of a pool of 500 questions
- The entrance exam is organized in the same conditions as those for Romanian nationals
- Candidates are classified according to the average obtained in their multiple-choice tests
- The entrance exam is conditioned by the candidates' proficiency in the medium of instruction for which they have applied
- After the entrance exam, candidates need to obtain a certificate issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education, validating their baccalaureate/equivalent diplomas

Admission requirements for third countries

- non-EU citizens are admitted based on a mathematical formula that takes into account:
- the candidate's marks in chemistry and biology obtained during at the baccalaureate exam
- the candidate's final average at the baccalaureate exam
- The minimal requirements for access to higher education are established by the Romanian Ministry of Education

- ▶ Once admitted, candidates from third countries need a Letter of Acceptance to Studies issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education
- ▶ The Letter of Acceptance to Studies is mandatory for obtaining a student visa



- ▶ Candidates from third countries who do not have an international language certificate may take their language test in our language department before enrollment

THE INTERNATIONAL Vice-Rectorate

Apart from the institutional strategy, the International Vice-Rectorate has its own strategy and mission which focus mainly on:

- **attracting international students**
- **creating an inclusive international environment**
- **offering equal and equitable opportunities to all international students**
- **offering full logistical support and counselling to international students**

DIRECTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT

The International Vice-Rectorate contains seven Directions of Development, assigned to different aspects of internationalization or geographical areas

- ▶ Direction of Development for Europe
- ▶ Direction of Development for Asia and the Maghreb
- ▶ Direction of Development for Israel and Asia Minor
- ▶ Direction of Development for the diaspora and Romanians everywhere
- ▶ Direction of Development for the Erasmus+ programme

INTERNATIONALISATION AT HOME

- ▶ **International experiences for all students** – continually increasing the number of outbound students by stimulating physical mobility (facilitating automatic and full recognition, offering students financial support)
- ▶ **International experiences for teaching and administrative staff** concretized in participation in international scientific events for the teaching staff and researchers and participation in Erasmus staff weeks for teaching and administrative staff. The introduction of blended and virtual mobility has led to a significant increase in this type of mobility.

- **Equal and equitable chances for everyone** – Starting from our international admission process to the Erasmus mobility programme, our strategy is based on three basic principle:
- **equity and equality**
- **non-discrimination**
- **transparency**



All our students have **the same rights and obligations** regardless their nationality, gender religion or political views.

RESULTS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Currently VBUMPT has 4 faculties and 13 specialties:

Faculty of Medicine

- ▶ Medicine/RO 6 years
- ▶ Medicine/English 6 years
- ▶ Medicine/French 6 years
- ▶ Nursing/RO 4 years
- ▶ Physical medicine and kinetotherapy/RO 3 years
- ▶ Nutrition and dietetics/RO 3 years

Faculty of Dental Medicine :

- ▶ Dental Medicine/RO 6 years
- ▶ Dental Medicine/English 6 years
- ▶ Dental technicians/RO 3 years
- ▶ Dental prophylaxis/RO 3 years

Faculty of Pharmacy :

- ▶ Pharmacy/RO 5 years
- ▶ Pharmacy/French 5 years
- ▶ Pharmacy/English 5 years (starts in 2024)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Out of a total number of **6739** students, **1500**
are **international students**
51 countries



MEDICINE – ROMANIAN/ENGLISH/FRENCH:

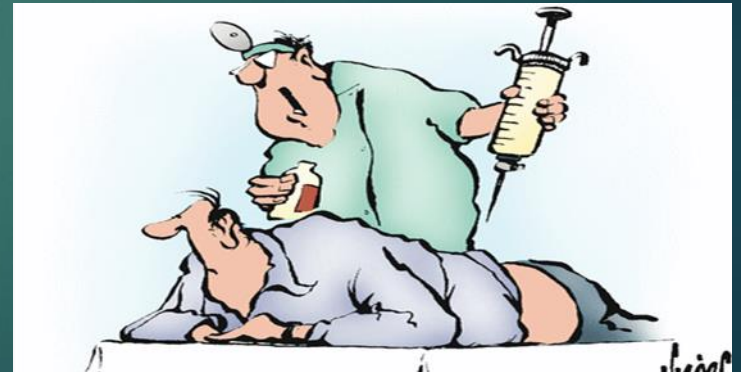
The English language programme started in 1997/1998 with **50** students;

Currently, the faculty of medicine has **1052** undergraduate international students enrolled as follows:

659 in the English section,

206 in the French section

187 in the Romanian section



PHARMACY – ROMANIAN/FRENCH/ENGLISH



The French language programme started in 1997/1998 with **13** students;

Currently it has **178** international students:

144 in the French section

34 in the Romanian section

The **English section** starts in October 2024



DENTAL MEDICINE – ROMANIAN/ENGLISH

The English language programme started in 2012/2013 with **30** students;

In 2022/2023 it has **269** international students:

211 in the English section

58 in the Romanian section



In the academic year **2023/2024** our university has a total of:

- **1500** undergraduate international students from **51** countries
- **276** international students enrolled in post-graduate studies of specialisation (residency) from **32** countries
 - **4** international master students from **1** country
 - **13** international Phd students from **10** countries

THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

- Although the number of students participating in the ERASMUS+ mobility programme is comparatively small due to the narrow field of our university, the changes in our international strategy have determined an increase in most of these numbers, as well.
- Our university has selection criteria for the outgoing Erasmus students based on their academic performance (average >80%), language proficiency (minimum B2)



OUTBOUND STUDENTS

2020/2021: 47

2021/2022: 42

2022/2023: 47

INBOUND STUDENTS

26

37

38

In 2022-2023 our university participated in a BIP for the first time, therefore the total number of incoming students reached **71**



DIFFICULTIES IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ERASMUS MOBILITY PARTICIPANTS

1. The major difficulty comes from the **incompatibility of the medical curricula**.
2. Romanian universities function on the basis of a **linear curriculum**, while most European universities have a **modular curriculum**.
3. The **medium-term strategy** of the university is also based on **curricular reform**, which has already been initiated.



- To further improve and speed up communication with our students we created a **WhatsApp** group where all participants can ask questions, ask for advice and exchange ideas

NOT JUST A MEDICAL SCHOOL

Research

The development of scientific medical and pharmaceutical research is one of the way by which “Victor Babes” University of Medicine and Pharmacy aims at accomplishing its mission, as it is defined by the University Charter: to become a landmark in education, science and culture.



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- ▶ Starting with 2018, we have participated every year in the project ***Institutional Development Fund (FDI)*** funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education
 - ▶ In April 2023, together with our partner universities which form the Timisoara University Alliance, we organized the ***SmartDiaspora*** Conference, under the high patronage of the President of Romania, which gathered former graduates of our universities currently living abroad

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

- EU-accredited diplomas
- Visiting and associate professors from worldwide
- Students from all over the world
- Graduates practising medicine all over the world

International accreditation

- WFME (World Federation of Medical Education)
- IAAR (Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating)
- EQAR (European Quality Assurance Register)
- ENQA (European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education)

GRADUATION DAY 2023



Graduation ceremony 2024



Graduation ceremony, Faculty of Dental Medicine, English section



Graduation ceremony 2024



Graduation ceremony 2024



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