

# ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES

**At the:**

**West University of Timișoara, The Faculty of Letters, History and Theology**

The Faculty employs study programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral school levels. Created as an institution which favours pluridisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity, the faculty ensures training in the following fields of study: Languages and Literatures, Applied Modern Languages, Cultural Studies, History and Theology. Our faculty has a long tradition (more than 40 years) of teaching foreign languages to Romanians but also teaching Romanian to foreigners.

Our potential students are more than welcome to discover not only Romanian, but also our culture and civilization, during our courses organized starting with **2nd September 2013!**

## Courses

**Level:** Beginner

**Number of participants / group:** 10 – 15 students

**Duration:** 2. 09. 2013 – 24. 09. 2013

**Number of classes:** **60 h** (30 h of language courses, 30 h of courses of culture and civilization)

**Course objectives:**

- ✓ To activate and develop: reading skills, writing abilities, conversational skills according to contexts;
- ✓ To understand and use everyday expressions and basic phrases;
- ✓ To be able to introduce oneself and others and ask/answer simple questions that might appear in everyday situations such as taking the tram/train, buying different items, asking for services in a restaurant/institution/public place;
- ✓ To raise interest towards cultural diversity;
- ✓ To compare and analyse different cultures (the participants' culture and the Romanian cultural background);
- ✓ To connect people with specific Romanian values.

## Description

Our course contains classes of **language** and of **culture and civilization**, the items being introduced through interactive methods of learning.

For the students to acquire **language abilities**, the exercises are question-answer based: *teacher-student dialogue*, *student-student dialogue*; other exercises are based on grammar items introduced in useful structures. Vocabulary items (collocations, phrasal verbs) are introduced through topics as: shopping, presenting

oneself, cooking, traveling around; grammar-reference points focus on comparisons between English and Romanian and other Romanic languages; the courses have speaking and conversation sections so that students can apply the basic theoretical items.

**Culture and civilization** classes are based on Romanian realities. Thus, combined with Romanian language classes, they offer students the possibility to communicate on a basic level and understand cultural contexts. Participant observation becomes a method on learning, due to the fact that students will immerse within Romanian daily life. They can use an intermediary language to express their observations.

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**Deadline for completing the application form: 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2013**

### **Living in and visiting Timișoara**

[www.timisoara.ro](http://www.timisoara.ro)

[www.timisoara.com](http://www.timisoara.com)

[www.timisoreni.ro](http://www.timisoreni.ro)

**Accommodation:** dormitory no. 13 – where a place costs 80 lei (around euros) per month.

### **Restaurants:**

Iulius Mall, calea Sever Bocu (Foodcourt: international foods; restaurants, cafes) - <http://www.iuliusmall.com/en/timisoara>

“Casa bunicii” (Romanian dishes) – [www.casa-bunicii.ro](http://www.casa-bunicii.ro), facebook profile: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/restaurant-casa-bunicii/167061717306> - str. Virgil Onitiu nr. 3, zona Bălcescu (Bălcescu area), Timisoara; telephone: (004) 0356 100 870

“Casa cu flori”(centre of the city) - str. Alba Iulia nr. 1 Timisoara; telephone : (004) 0721 180 011

Pret-a-manger, Complexul studentesc (students' campus) - str. Aurelianus, nr. 19 telephone: (004) 0256/228000, (004) 0728626437