

# PREPARATORY

*Romanian Language*

# YEAR



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Bună, ce faceți ?



Bine ați venit în România!

Eu sunt bine, mulțumesc!



Și eu! Studiez limba română.



# COUNTRY QUIZ



It's time to learn more about Romania, beyond the famous Dracula legend! Romania is located in South-Eastern central Europe, and with a surface area of 238,391 square km, the country ranks 12th in Europe. With almost 20 million people living within the country's borders, Romania is the tenth largest country in Europe. The country has been part of NATO since 2004 and of EU since 2007. In 2024 it became a member of the Schengen area for air and sea borders.



When it comes to education, Romania is the ideal place to be, as degrees from the country's universities are recognized throughout Europe and beyond. Romanian higher education institutions offer BA/MA and doctoral study programs taught not only in Romanian but also in English, French, German, Hungarian, and German. If we have not convinced you yet, Romania has some of the lowest tuition fees in Europe while maintaining high academic standards. Moreover, because we live in the century of speed, do not forget that you can find here one of the fastest internet connections in the world!



If you choose to study in Romania, you're choosing a vibrant student life. Romania is home to 11 UNESCO World Heritage sites waiting to be discovered. And even though it's quite a big country, don't worry! As a student, you will benefit of discount for rail transportation. You'll also get discounts for museums, cinemas and other cultural events. Just be curious!



Romania's capital city is Bucharest. It is also the country's largest city (population over 2 million), visited by millions of tourists every year. It is the largest university center in the country, with around 35 private and state universities and a student population of around 160 000. It is also the city that offers the most work and entertainment opportunities for students. Whether you prefer cultural attractions, quiet terraces or vibrant nightclubs, Bucharest is the place that sets the pace!

Romania is part of the EU since 2007.



A True

B False

Romania hosts 7 UNESCO World Heritage sites.



A True

B False

The capital city of Romania is Braşov.



A True

B False

Romania offers diplomas recognized all around Europe.



A True

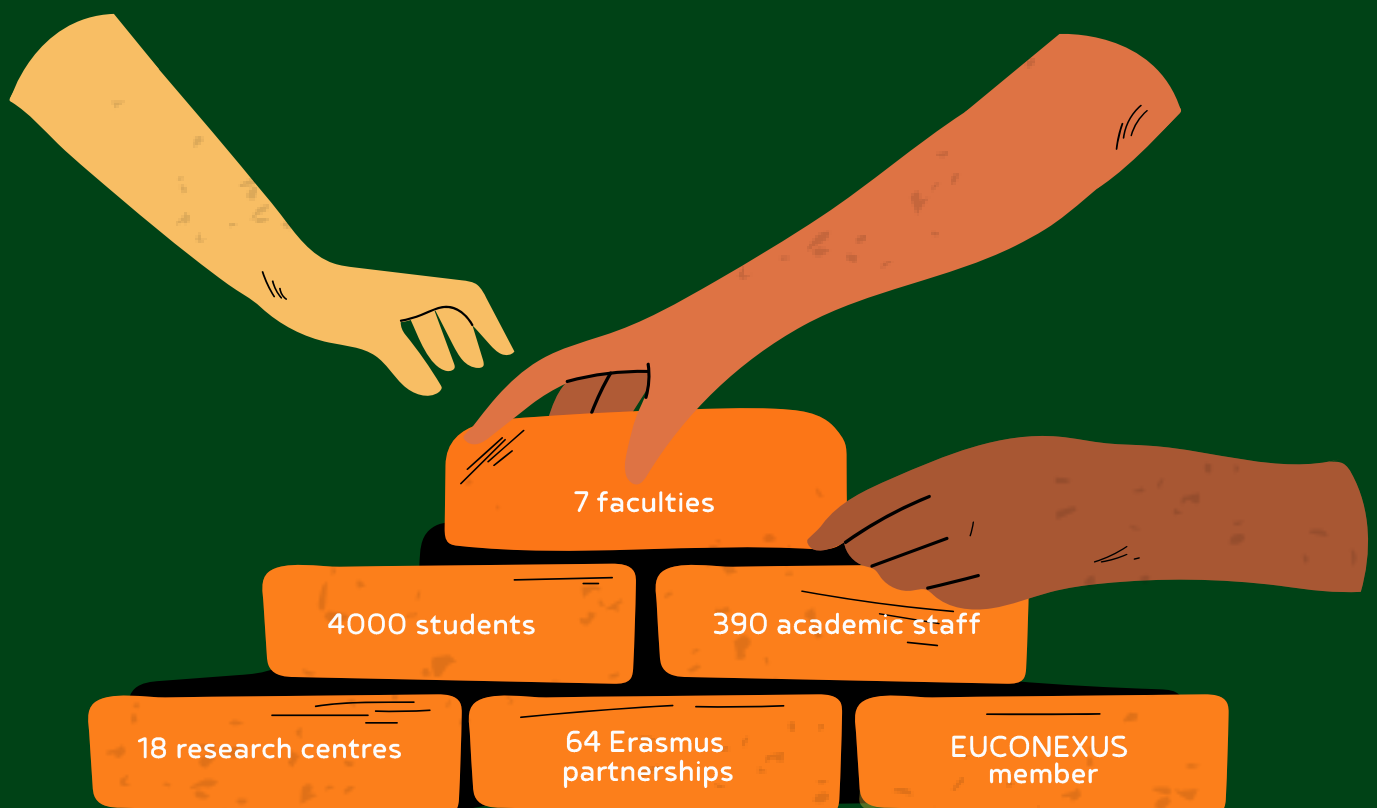
B False

# QUIZ TIME

# UTCb IS WHERE YOU START TO BUILD YOUR CAREER

Having its roots in the “School for Land Surveyors” and in the “The School of Bridges, Roads and Mines” founded in Bucharest in 1818 and 1867, respectively, the actual basic structure of the **Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest (UTCb)** was established in 1948. It is the only Romanian university entirely devoted to education in civil engineering and the related fields, having a long history of successful contributions in Romanian research and education.

With a competitive and well recognised academic staff, UTCb is a major actor in higher education, research, consultancy, and design codes regulations.



# FACULTY OF ENGINEERING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

**The Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages (FILS)** offers a solid theoretical and applied training in civil and industrial construction engineering, providing students with the necessary knowledge for the design and execution of construction projects. Studies in English or French offer enhanced career opportunities in multinational or outsourcing companies. One third of the students enrolled in the programs offered by FILS are international students. International openness is also given by the intervention of foreign professors, but also by the countless opportunities for academic mobility abroad.

## DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGAUGES AND COMMUNICATION

In a technical university, the **Department of Foreign Languages and Communication (DLSC)** assumes the role of ensuring, through the courses and seminars taught by its teaching staff, the humanistic complement necessary for the harmonious training of future construction specialists. Since 2004, the Department has contributed to the diversification of the University's educational offer through its study programs in the field of modern applied languages – translation and interpretation, of which it is the initiator. Students are trained in non-literary translation and interpreting (technical-scientific, economic, legal, etc.) and, at the end of the three-year bachelor's and/or two-year master's degree, they can enter professional life, with the possibility of choosing, in addition to freelance careers, to work with different types of organizations in a wide variety of fields. DLSC is also responsible of the organization of the Romanian Language Preparatory Year.



# YOU DON'T KNOW ROMANIAN? HERE'S HOW TO FIX IT

If you ended up accessing this brochure, you are a brave and curious person. Brave because you have decided to study in Romania for a bachelor/master/doctorate program taught in a language you do not know: Romanian. Curious because, by choosing Romania, you will discover a country with a rich history and culture and a landscape straight out of a National Geographic documentary. Since 2018 we host young people like you, curious and brave, and we help them with enthusiasm and professionalism to decipher the secrets of the Romanian language and to get to know Romanians like an open book.



## Faculty

Faculty of Engineering in Foreign Languages



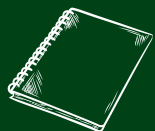
## Field of Study

Language and Literature



## Duration

1 academic year (2 semesters)



## Language of instruction

Romanian



## Who is it for?

EU and NON-EU citizens



## Annual tuition fees

From 2 430 Euros



The course is accredited by the Romanian Ministry of Education and is configured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). At the end of the Romanian language preparatory year, students will achieve at least B1 level. Below you can take a look at the list of courses.

## COURSES

- Phonetics, vocabulary and grammar (A1-A2)
- Speaking (A1-A2)
- Comprehension (A1-A2)
- Writing (A1-A2)
- Romanian identity and European synchronism

- Vocabulary and grammar (B1-B2)
- Speaking (B1-B2)
- Comprehension (B1-B2)
- Writing (B1-B2)
- Romanian culture and civilization
- Specialized language (medicine / engineering/ humanities/ social sciences/ mathematics and natural sciences)

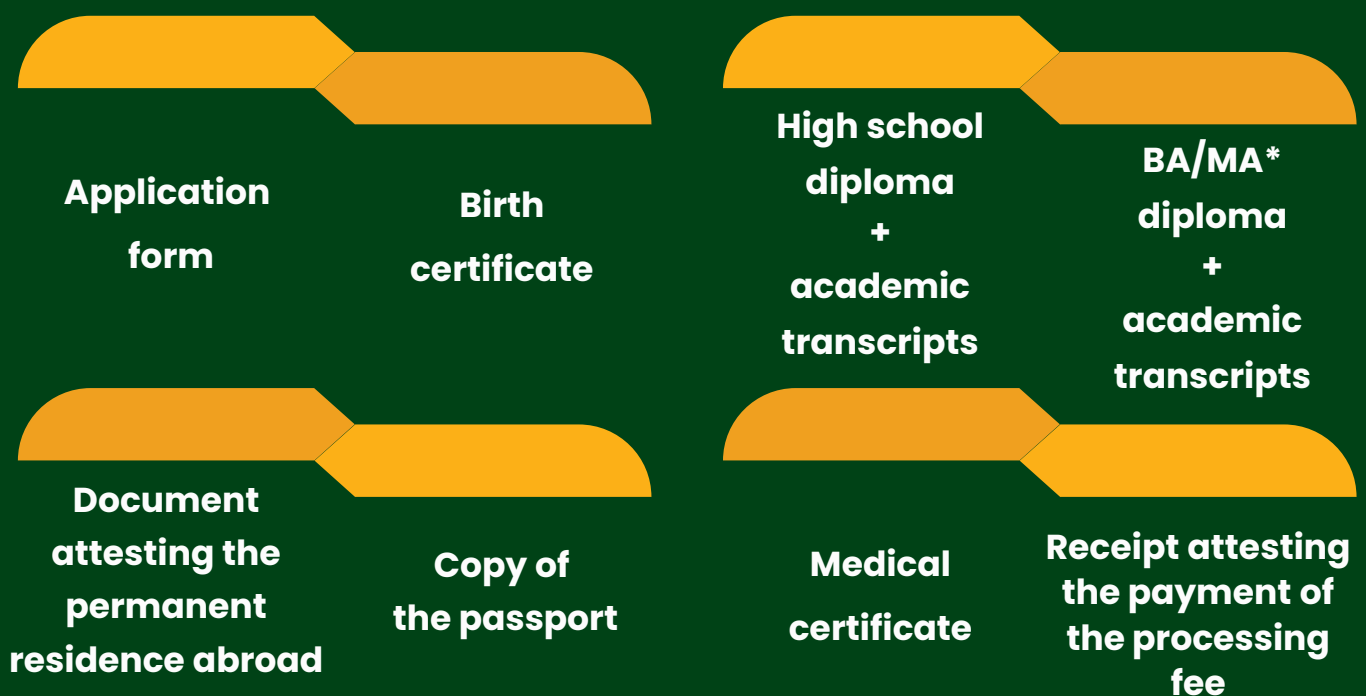
1st semester

2nd semester

# ADMISSION FOR NON EU CITIZENS

The enrollment within the academic education in Romania for NON-EU citizens is conditioned by obtaining a *letter of acceptance* for studies from the Romanian Ministry of Education. For the issuance of this letter, the candidate has to send to UTCB a complete admission file containing the documents requested.

*Note that the information included in this brochure is only an overview of the application process. Details regarding specific criteria for admission, endorsement by competent authorities, tuition fees and admission calendar can be available on the university's website ([www.utcb.ro](http://www.utcb.ro)) or by contacting one of the international relations officers at the e-mail [iro@utcb.ro](mailto:iro@utcb.ro).*



**\*if the candidate wants to enroll for postgraduate studies after the language course**

**\*\* for PhD studies additional documents may be requested**

# ADMISSION FOR EU CITIZENS

EU candidates must obtain the recognition and equivalence of their high school / bachelor's / master's degrees or equivalent certificates to the National Center for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED). The candidate can undertake the necessary steps on his/her own or through the UTCB International Relations Office.

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**Application  
form**

**Birth  
certificate**

**BA/MA\* diploma  
+  
academic  
transcripts**

**Medical  
certificate**

**Copy of  
the passport  
or national ID**

**High school  
diploma  
+  
academic  
transcripts**

**Receipt  
attesting the  
payment of the  
processing fee**

**Document  
attesting the  
permanent  
residence  
abroad  
(if the case)**

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# CULTURAL DIVERSITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME

Since 1995, DLSC organizes every year **the Foreign Language Week**, a unique event in the Bucharest university landscape, which encourages the learning and use of foreign languages, as well as openness to other cultures. The students of the Preparatory Year are actively involved every year in the activities dedicated to them on this occasion. Some of these have already become tradition.

# On a visit to the Palace

Despite appearances, this is not a palace with medieval princes and princesses. **The Parliament Palace** is the third largest administrative building in the world by surface. Built in the early 1980s under Nicolae Ceaușescu's communist regime and still unfinished, it is now Bucharest's main tourist attraction. Despite the controversy, it's a testament to Romania's recent history and not to be missed.



# Getting to know the traditional Romanian village



A train journey in the Romanian countryside is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain a better understanding of the country where they have chosen to continue their studies. It is also an opportunity to practice the Romanian language in everyday contexts with native speakers.



## Spring traditions

**Spring traditions** and celebrations are common around the world, in every culture. Many of these celebrations have their roots in ancient times, and kept the traditions in one way or another throughout centuries. This activity was the perfect opportunity both for finding out more about Romanian traditions and for a mutually beneficial intercultural exchange.



## Speedfriending

Aware of the need of international students to practice the Romanian language also in informal contexts, we organized a **speedfriending** through which they had the opportunity to communicate with Romanian students enrolled in our undergraduate programs.





Say goodbye to dull texts, tedious memorization of irregular verbs, and monotonous tests. We offer a Romanian training experience specifically designed to cater to the interests and age group of learners. Our interactive approach **(outdoor learning and unconventional indoor learning)** ensures that every student actively participates in discussions and practical exercises, creating a relaxed and friendly classroom environment. With all our teachers being native speakers, students are fully immersed in a language-rich environment from day one.





**Study visit at the Village Museum**



**Study visit at the Technical Museum Dimitrie Leonida**



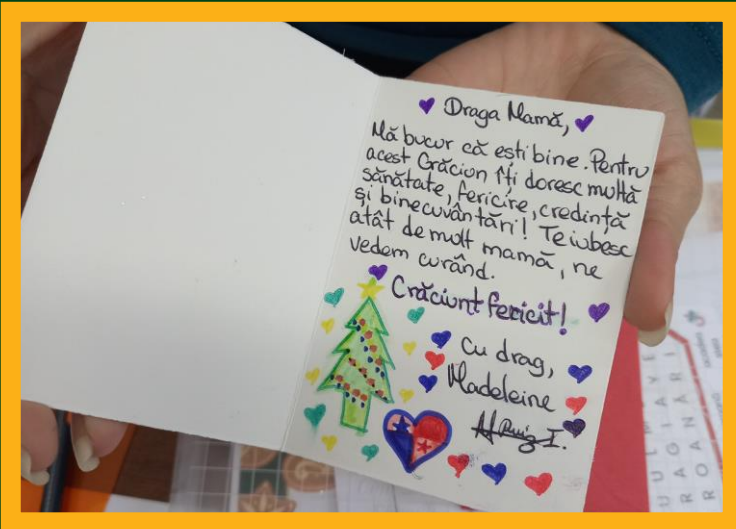
**Study visit at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila**



**Study visit at Theodor Pallady Museum**



**Study visit at the National Park Văcărești**



**Secret Santa**



**National Day of Romania**



**Fun Romanian**



**Breaking stereotypes**



**Cultural Open Mic**

# WHAT IS LIKE TO SPEAK ROMANIAN?

## ESRA

*(class of 2018 - 2019)*

The journey of learning Romanian was very interesting for me. I learn every day and thanks to my teachers who were very patient and kind to me, I learned Romanian very quickly. We visited museums and universities. It's very important to love what you do in order to achieve it, and I tell all the students who come at the preparatory year and want to study Romanian to practice, because practice makes perfect. I advise them to talk more with older people and children, they speak more slowly. It was also lovely that we were students from different cultural backgrounds. We did a study group and used to study together twice a week. A special thanks to all my teachers who I always talk about and mention at every occasion and every event where I work.

## MAURO

*(class of 2019 - 2020)*

Today I can say that the preparatory year of Romanian language that I did at UTCB was the happiest time I had here in Romania so far. It was there where I learned and made mistakes every day, but I had very understanding, smart, passionate and patient teachers who helped me and corrected me every time without any resentment. Now is your time to take advantage of this opportunity! Take advantage of the professors who are by your side and ask questions every day, because that's the only way to learn.

## ASAWIR

*(class of 2020- 2021)*

I spent a year at UTCB, which was very interesting and different. My classmates came from many corners of the world, with fantastic stories about different customs and cultures, with an unparalleled openness to the new and a curiosity that was contagious. I made friends very easily and felt at home. Although it was a year in which we didn't meet often because of the pandemic, we were able to see each other several times. The process of learning a new language is always difficult and requires a lot of courage and perseverance. Sometimes you need inspiration, because learning a language means entering a new world. In the preparatory year I learned Romanian well because I had very good teachers and because I had strong support from all the teachers. I learned a lot about the history and culture of Romania and specialized languages, in my case it was biology and agronomy.

## PHOEBE

*(class of 2021 - 2022)*

My experience as a student at APLR was a foundation for my personal development and the beginning of a "new" life. It was a memorable year in my life, where I learned a new language, but it didn't feel like an obligation, the teachers taught us in such a way that the learning was very organic and comfortable. I needed to be constant, careful, and responsible. In my opinion, these are the 3 keys to learning any language. It was also a year full of new cultural knowledge, but not only about Romania. The classroom was a cultural exchange with classmates from all over the world, where I made very good friends whom I still meet today.

# YOAN

*(Class of 2022-2023)*

I would like to start from the beginning. As I was traveling to Romania, a thousand thoughts were running through my head: where will I go, how will I manage it, where will I live? From day one I started to find the answers to these questions. I was greeted with such positive energy and a smile I had never seen before. At first, when I met my group, I was shocked to see people of these nationalities whose names I had heard many times in my life. Every day I started to get into the Romanian language and I realized that after Bulgarian this would be my language. I thought that you choose the language you want to learn, but after a while I realized that it is the language that chooses you. Although there were difficulties with the language, the teachers were there for us and always answered our questions, no matter how many times they were repeated or how many details were said exactly two minutes before.

I was very impressed by the patience they had with us and it taught me a lesson on a personal level that I need to be more patient and not rush my emotions. I didn't want that year to end, which for me was a year of joy, laughter, learning, friendships and understanding. Next came the big exam, which was to show how well we knew the language and which proved a rather forgotten statement that study and hard work can be combined with fun and entertainment. Each one of us showed amazing results and we all knew that we had achieved something that had never been achieved before in terms of results, but also in terms of unity. In conclusion, I would like to say that this has been the most unique year for me and even now, when I am at university and going to classes, I think back to last year and say to myself: why didn't time go backwards?

# LINKS TO HELP YOU DECIDE

**Study in Romania:** <https://studyinromania.gov.ro/>

**Ministry of Education:** <https://www.edu.ro/>

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs:** <https://www.mae.ro/en/>

**General Inspectorate for Immigration:** <https://igi.mai.gov.ro>

**National Bank of Romania:** [www.bnr.ro](http://www.bnr.ro)

**Bucharest Transport Company:** <https://www.stb.ro/>

**National Railway Company:** <https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/>

**Subway Company:** <https://www.metrorex.ro/about-metrorex>

**Stay connected:** Mobile Companies – Vodafone, Telekom, Orange

**European Health Insurance Card:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=en>

**Accommodation:**

- on campus
- private dormitories: Arcca (<https://arcca.ro/>), Campus Est (<https://www.campusest.ro/>), West Gate Studios (<https://www.westgatestudios.ro/>)

# YOU'LL FIND US HERE



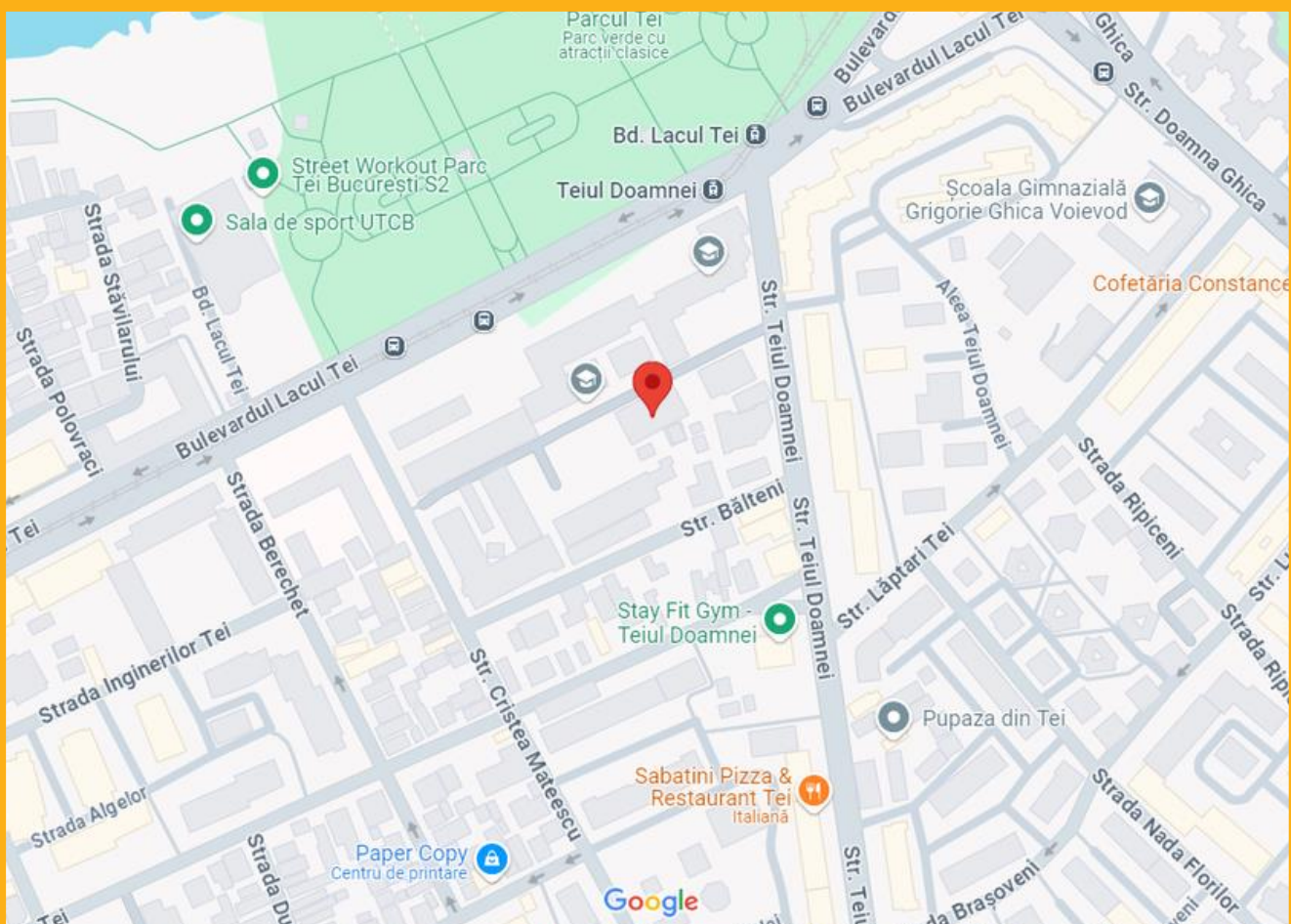
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**READY?**