**WELCOME TO ROMANIA**

**Geographic position:** South – East of Europe;

**Borders:** Ukrainian Republic (North and East), Moldavian Republic, Black Sea (East), Bulgaria (South), Yugoslavia (South - West), Hungarian Republic (West);

**Surface:** 238,391 km² (12th place in Europe);

**Capital:** Bucharest;

**Population:** 22,364,022 inhabitants (July 2001) and 9 million abroad

**Administrative repartition:** 41 counties and Bucharest;

**Relief:** mountains: 31%, hills and tableland: 33%, plains: 36%;

**Climate:** temperate continental

**National holiday:** December 1st;

**National flag:** Three equal vertical strips
Blue, yellow, red;
WELCOME TO TARGOVISTE, THE CAPITAL OF DAMBOVITA COUNTY

DAMBOVITA COUNTY

Geographic position: In the south – central part of the country, in the northern part of the Romanian plain, at North West of Bucharest;

Surface: 4.054 km$^2$;

Population: 541,326 inhabitants;

Capital: Targoviste;

Relief: Dambovita County has all the three important relief forms, with a level difference, from north to south, of 2400 m.

Climate: Temperate continental opened to winds from NE and NW;

TARGOVISTE

Geographic position: In the central part of Dambovita county, on the two sides of Ialomitza river, altitude: 260 m; 86 km far from Bucharest and 65 km far from Sinaia, the most famous city of the Meridional Carpathians.

Population: 100,000 inhabitants (2002);

History: The city was developed due to its location on the commercial crossroads, which linked Transylvania to the Danube. Targoviste was first attested in 1396,
when it became the second capital of the Romanian Country, under the leadership of Mircea the Old. The city kept this position until 1659, when, under the Ottoman Empire’s influence, Bucharest became the new capital of the Romanian Country.

Economy: The industrial potential is illustrated by two platforms situated on the South West and North – North West sides. Here are factories with different specializations: chemicals, metals, machine building, and electronics.

The agriculture is dominant in the southern part of Targoviste.

Education: 16 kindergartens, 14 schools, 11 high schools, four of them being National Colleges and 1 state university.

Health: Hospitals, private medical units, pharmacies;

Culture: Dramatic Theatre *Tony Bulandra*, theatre for children *Mihai Popescu*, museums, monuments of art and architecture.
ABOUT VALAHIA UNIVERSITY OF TARGOVISTE

Ancient cradle of history, culture and civilization, the city of Targoviste has earned its place by virtue of both its historical and spiritual values acquired as the capital of Valahia for over three centuries. The beginning of higher education in Targoviste has the roots in the Romanian Middle Age, when, between 1672 and 1678, here functioned the first law school from Valahia.

In 1992, Valahia University of Targoviste appeared in accordance with the Decision of the Romanian Government, no. 288/1.06.1992.

The present structure of Valahia University from Targoviste consists of 8 faculties (with bachelor's studies, master and doctoral studies), 8 departments, post graduate studies, training of didactic personnel and long distance learning.

In the academic year 2005/2006 our university adopted the Bologna system (L.M.D) and the students can study many fundamental domains of science, art and culture, such as: economic sciences, juridical sciences, social and political sciences, human and nature sciences, physical education and sport, theology, arts, engineering sciences.

At present, there are approximately 10,000 students who study under the competent guidance of 350 teaching staff, organized in chairs and departments, having a very good material basis.

The scientific activity carried out by our teaching staff is published in the Valahia University Annals.

The dynamic international academic integration is reflected in the contracts of complex cooperation with numerous university centers from 20 European and non-European states, as well as in its participation in the academic programs: TEMPUS, SOCRATES, COPERNICUS, PECO, LEONARDO DA VINCI, FP6, FP 7, LLP.
Our institution offers proper social conditions (libraries, hostels, canteens, a students’ club and sport clubs) and a new campus is in construction, to complete the existing assets.

Valahia University from Targoviste is highly committed to accomplish its mission in best conditions: education and valuable scientific research, adequate learning and living standards for students, national professional integration and European academic opening.