

Student Handbook Annex – TRACEE Master ST1

Study Track 1: Environmental Humanities and Law

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1 The study track 1: Environmental Humanities and Law

The study track Environmental Humanities and Law (ST1) provides students with in-depth knowledge of the disciplines involved in the development of profound, lasting, and sustainable solutions to climate change, energy transition and environmental problems.

1.1 The vision of the study track

Students will study various disciplines that inform the development, adoption, and implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures to climate change, energy transition, and environmental issues that meet the political, economic, legal, societal, ethical and communication challenges and must be taken into account for developing lasting and sustainable solutions.

1.2 Target group of students: Entry requirements

The ST1 is designed for student with a Bachelor in any disciplines.

1.3 Intended Learning outcomes of the study track

In addition to the learning outcome for the Programme, the student will, at the end of ST1, be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge on the perspectives from different disciplines that facilitate dialogue with and understanding of the positions of the different stakeholders.
- Demonstrate the skills required to implement solutions to the problems that climate change, energy transition, and environmental degradation pose to societies.

2 Structure overview of the study track 1

The study track is divided in 4 semesters of 30 ECTS each for a total of 120 ECTS.

The study track takes place at Stockholm University, Sweden (SU), Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria (PLUS) and the University of Bucharest, Rumania (UB).

- The first semester corresponds to the programme common core. It takes place in Stockholm (SU) in autumn and is described in the Student Handbook.
  Autumn semester 2026: 31 August 2026 – 17 January 2027
- The second semester is the first part of the study track specialisation in Environmental Humanities and Law. It takes place during the spring semester in Salzburg (PLUS)
  Summer semester 2027: 1 March 2027 – 30 June 2027
- The third semester is the second part of the study track specialisation in Environmental Humanities and Law. It takes place during the autumn semester of the second year in Bucharest (UB).
  Autumn semester 2027: [Start date and end dates to be decided]
- The fourth and last semester is dedicated to the final degree project, the Master thesis. It takes place during the spring semester 2028 at SU, PLUS or UB.
  SU: 17 January 2028 – 4 June 2028
  PLUS: 1 March 2027 – 30 June 2027
  UB: [Start date and end dates to be decided]

Study track	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
ST1: Environmental Humanities and Law	SU	PLUS	UB	SU or PLUS or UB
	Common Core	**Study Track**		**Master Thesis**
	Transdisciplinary stream			

3 Study track content overview

The study track overview by study progress is presented below:

University	Type	Module Title	ECTS per Semester				Total ECTS
			S1	S2	S3	S4	
SU	Mandatory	Climate, Energy and Environment – A Transdisciplinary Perspective • Systems Thinking (3 ECTS) • Climate, Environment and Energy – A Natural Science Perspectives (9 ECTS) • Climate, Environment and Energy – A Social Science Perspectives (9 ECTS) • Climate, Environment and Energy – A Humanities Perspective (6 ECTS) • Creating Knowledge Through Transdisciplinary Methods (3 ECTS)	30				30
PLUS	Mandatory	Philosophie of Climate Change		3			30
	Mandatory	Change Thinking the Planetary Predicament: Critical Perspectives from the Humanities		4			
	Mandatory	Introduction into Environmental and Climate History		3			
	Mandatory	Psychology of Climate Change		3			
	Mandatory	Urban Ecology		3			
	Mandatory	Politics of Climate Change		6			
	Mandatory	Environmental, Social and Governance Investments and Legal Framework		4			
	Mandatory	Climate Law and Litigation		4			
UB	Mandatory	Philosophical Challenges of Climate Change			5		30
	Mandatory	The Ethics of Sustainable Governance			4		
	Mandatory	Social Ecology			4		
	Mandatory	Ecoarcheology and Climate Resilience			4		
	Mandatory	Human Evolution and Adaptive Strategies			4		
	Mandatory	Sustainability of Human Capital in a World in Demographic Contraction			4		
	Mandatory	Critical Thinking for Sustainable Development			5		
SU / PLUS / UB	Mandatory	Master Thesis				30	30
			30	**30**	**30**	**30**	**120**

4 Your semester at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg (PLUS)

4.1 The Austrian National Union of Students – "ÖH"

The Austrian National Union of Students "Österreichische Hochschüler_innenschaft" (ÖH) is the legal representation of the interests of around 400,000 students at institutions of higher education in Austria.

Thanks to theses students' contributions (mandatory payment each semester) the ÖH has a high degree of independence from the Austrian government and the private sector since its existence in 1946. Having representatives on three levels the ÖH has a strong position to fight for the students' interests. Students at all institutions of higher education in Austria elect their representative bodies every two years on institutional level. Thanks to the voluntary commitment of thousands of student representatives from institutional to national level, the ÖH is one of the strongest student representations in Europe!

The Austrian National Union of Students is

- negotiating with the federal ministries to get the best out for students,
- helping to shape degree study programmes together with higher education institutional bodies,
- the consultative body in several student life related topics,
- producing information brochures and
- offering various events to support students during their entire study career.

What is the ÖH contribution used for?

The ÖH fee enables the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) to provide a comprehensive range of services and to act as a strong and independent representative of students vis-à-vis the responsible ministries. The compulsory membership in the ÖH guarantees a politically independent action of the ÖH due to its financial independence.

Basically, 70 cents of the ÖH contribution are used for the ÖH accident and liability insurance, with which students are always on the safe side in and around their studies. Of the remaining amount, 13 percent goes to federal representation and 87 percent goes to individual university representation.

Overview on ÖH Services provided to its members:

- ÖH Social fund: Funding opportunities for students in financial need
- Study platform: Portal for all study programmes in Austria
- Writing together instead of alone: Creating and scientific writing techniques
- Mental Health Group Services
- ÖH Reminder: Get reminded of university-specific deadlines
- First semesters & topic Tutorials
- ÖH Helpline: Anonymous telephone counseling trough the association for psychotherapy
- ÖH Insurance: Accident and liability insurance
- Bulletin board: The job, internship and housing exchange
- ÖH Survey Service: Student service dissemination
- Queer_Feminist Library: Feminist and queer books, magazines and DVDs

To benefit of all these services, students in Austria must transfer the ÖH contribution every semester. **Student enrolment is only valid after this money transfer.** The amount of the ÖH contribution is regulated by the Student Union Act (in short: HSG § 38 para. 3).

4.2 Student Admission & Enrolment

Students within Joint/Multiple Degree programmes who selected the University of Salzburg for specialization will have to complete enrolment & registration at the University of Salzburg from the very beginning until the end of their studies. Getting admitted and enrolled, students receive full access to PLUSonline, the local Campus Management System, and all other services granted to students.

In order to be awarded a PLUS degree, students must be enrolled for the entire duration of the studies, NOT just when they are physically in Salzburg. A link to an online PRE-REGISTRATION and more detailed information will be provided to first semester students after successful admission. **Enrolment is confirmed by payment of the ÖH contribution per semester.**

The ÖH contribution confirms a student's valid enrolment and must be paid EACH semester from the beginning to the end for Study Track 1 of the Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy, TRACEE.

The required (online) payment of the ÖH contribution must be done before the start of every semester, and the latest by:

- 31 October for the upcoming winter term
- 31 March for the following summer term

4.3 Course Registration on PLUSonline Campus Management System

When physically at the University of Salzburg students must register for the courses, they have to take according to their study plan in Salzburg. Students should be aware of the course type, they are supposed to register for, as each having its own registration and participation requirements: Lectures (VO) do not have participation limits and are open to everybody. Registration is possible for several weeks. Seminars (SE), Tutorials (UE, VU), Excursions (EX) **have special requirements, and the registration must be done very quickly.**

The courses are published in the PLUSonline course catalogue which is accessible from the University of Salzburg webpage around one semester in advance.

4.4 The Student Card

The valid student card is the official student registration document and entitles students to borrow books at the University library, print documents, have discounts in shops, cinemas, restaurants, etc. Students will receive this physical card only after physical arrival in Salzburg. The validation date can be printed after successful transfer of ÖH contribution costs (as explained above) using one of the PLUS Service Points available on campus:

- Churfürststraße 1, Faculty of Law, Business and Economics, Ground Floor
- Erzabt-Klotz-Str. 1, Faculty of Arts and Humanties "Unipark"/ÖH, Ground Floor
- Erzabt-Klotz-Str, 1, Faculty of Arts and Hamanties "Unipark", Second Floor
- Hellbrunnerstraße 34, Faculty of Natural and Life Sciences/ Library, First Floor
- Jakob-Harringer-Straße 2, Faculty of Digital and Analytical Sciences, / Entrance Department of Informatics, Ground Floor
- Kapitelgasse 4-6, Department of Admissions/Entrance, Ground Floor
- Rif- Schlossallee, Department of Sport and Exercise Sciences/ Entrance, Ground Floor
- Rudolfskai 42, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ground Floor

4.5 Arrival and welcome activities

At the beginning of each semester the University of Salzburg Offices, Academic Departments and Student Representatives of the Austrian Student Union offer a wide range of introductory events for students. The exact dates are provided online and on social media.

These events are a great opportunity to meet other students and get to know the university, its facilities and the campus. We highly recommend the participation.

4.6 Civil Registration, registration certificate and residence permit

Civil Registration "Meldezettel/Meldebescheinigung"
Within the first three days after arrival in Salzburg, students must register at the city's registration office (Meldeamt) at: Saint-Julien-Straße 20, 5020 Salzburg (4th floor).

Students get the necessary registration form (Meldezettel) either from their landlord, student residence hall or online. The registration form needs to be signed by the landlord **before** submission.

Registration Certificate "Anmeldebescheinigung" & Residence Permit
EEA or Swiss students staying longer than three months in Salzburg are required to request, in addition to the Civil Registration (Meldezettel), the "Anmeldebescheinigung" (Registration Certificate). Herefore, the student must prove admission at an approved educational institution ('Studienbestätigung' from PLUSonline serves as proof of registration at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg) and that they have adequate health insurance and sufficient means of subsistence while living in Salzburg. The confirmation has a one-time fee of € 15,00 and is permanently valid. Anyone who cannot provide this proof may be fined € 200 if stopped by the police.

Third country students pick up their Residence Permit. The office responsible for both the registration certificate and the residence permit is located at Schwarzstraße 4.

4.7 Housing

The Paris Lodron University of Salzburg does not own any student residence halls. Special agreements with accommodation providers may be arranged. However, it is primarily the student's responsibility to find accommodation. **We recommend that students start looking for housing very early, as finding a suitable place to stay can take a substantial amount of time.**

OeAD Student Housing Service

OeAD student housing, especially in charge of exchange and international students, arranges accommodation in different student halls of residence with different room categories and rental prices. The rooms are fully furnished; additional furnishings may vary. You should inform yourself on booking conditions and may register online using the website as early as possible. This service is NOT free of charge.

Alternative Searching Options: Other student halls of residence and private accommodation

Alternatively, students apply for rooms directly at one of the many student dormitories in Salzburg administered by the local agency in charge of providing student housing called "Salzburger Studentenwerk". A list of all student halls of residence in Salzburg can be found online via www.studium.at/studentenheim/salzburg.

Students can opt for private or shared apartments in the City of Salzburg or the surrounding area (approx. 10 km). This option may make the search process easier. Students looking for accommodation are welcome to contact the local ÖH to receive support with housing related issues (before, e.g. visa/resicend permit application process and during stays in Salzburg).

4.8 Living expenses

Estimated Expenses (in €, as of 2025) for the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg

Costs per Month (estimated total)	€ 1.200
Costs for Housing (student housing) (Depending on category) https://www.studium.at/studentenheime/salzburg https://www.wg-gesucht.de/	€ 200 – 600
Food and Drinks	€ 200 - 350
Study, Personal Requirements	€ 150 – 250
Health Insurance with the National Austrian Health Insurance Carrier (ÖGK)	€ 73,48
Clothes, cosmetics, toiletries Second Hand stores: https://www.caritas-salzburg.at/spenden-helfen/shops/carla/standorte-oeffnungszeiten	€ 150

Costs per Semester	
Mandatory Austrian Student Union Membership Contribution	€ 24,70
Costs for optional, extra-curricular courses (e.g., German Language Courses,)	From € 60 - 180
Local transportation: “Climate Ticket U26” (<26 years) “Climate Ticket Classic” (>26 years)	(Valid in city + federal state of Salzburg) € 295.00 € 393,00

General information via: https://studyinaustria.at/en/living/living-costs

4.9 Bank

Deciding whether to open a bank account while living in Salzburg depends on the length of your stay, your need to receive income, and how well the home bank services work abroad.

For administration reasons within a Study Programme it may be required to open a bank account within SEPA system in EUR/Europe (if you are third country citizen or your country has no EUR), however this account mustn’t necessarily be in Austria.

In general, for stays shorter than one year, it is often more convenient to rely on already “existing/home” internet banking and credit cards, as major international banks and credit cards are widely accepted throughout Austria.

If you decide to open an Austrian bank account, note that almost every bank provides special bank accounts for students for free, however, this applies only if you are enrolled at an Austrian Institution of Higher Education having in hand a valid confirmation of studies alongside a personal ID card/passport. Opening the bank account is possible only after arrival in Salzburg.

4.10 Transportation

Salzburg by Bike

As Salzburg is a relatively small city, it is easy to get around by bike. The cycle path along the River Salzach is particularly recommended, as it is a quick, safe and easy way to travel from the south of Salzburg to the north of the city. Students can easily buy used bikes at different stores or flea markets organized several times a year.

Bus & Train

Salzburg Central Station provides direct train connections to major European cities such as Vienna, Munich, Prague, Rome and Zurich.

With discounted travel options such as the "Klimaticket", getting around in Salzburg and Austria is easy and affordable for students. The following tickets are **valid for bus and train transportation** and may also entitle for discounts for tickets sold by international railway companies.

- Climate Ticket Salzburg
    - Students under the age of 26 can purchase the Climate Ticket "Klimaticket" Salzburg U26 at a reduced price. This ticket covers public transport in the region of Salzburg.
    - Students over the age of 26 can purchase the Climate Ticket "Klimaticket" Salzburg but will have to pay the full price.
- Climate Ticket Austria
    - For travel throughout Austria, the Climate Ticket "Klimaticket" Austria allows unlimited use of public transport throughout the country. Students under the age of 26 are also intitled for the reduced-price ticket.

Salzburg Airport Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart"

The city airport allows students to reach Salzburg by plane, either via direct or a flight with a changeover https://www.plus.ac.at/studium/university-life/bus-bahn-und-rad/?lang=en.

4.11 Campus Life

The University of Salzburg isn't a classical campus university where all facilities are concentrated in one location. Instead, its six faculties and institutions are spread across the City of Salzburg. This structure allows students to experience not just the university's academic environment but also Salzburg's rich architectural and cultural heritage daily.
https://www.plus.ac.at/die-universitaet/fakultaeten/?svs=35

Libraries & Study Areas
The university's libraries are well-equipped with extensive academic resources, including books, journals, and access to numerous digital databases. Key libraries include the main university library at Hofstallgasse and faculty-specific libraries across the city. Study spaces are available within these libraries, providing both quiet zones for focused study and collaborative areas for group projects.
https://www.plus.ac.at/universitaetsbibliothek/kontakt-standorte/standorte/

University Restaurants/Cafeterias "Mensa"
The University of Salzburg offers several **Mensa** (student cafeterias) across the city in the campus buildings. These cafeterias provide affordable and nutritious meals for students, with menus catering to a variety of tastes and dietary needs, including vegetarian, vegan, and allergy-friendly options. Students can get a "Mensacard" at the ÖH Beratungszentrum for additional discounts. Students can also ask for student's discount in any local restaurant in the city.

Wi-Fi access
The University offers free Wi-Fi via eduroam. Log in details can be found here:
https://www.plus.ac.at/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/EduroamTutorial_aktuell2021.pdf

"Studi-Mittwoch"
Studi-Mittwoch, or "Student Wednesday," is a special weekly event where students can enjoy a lot of discounts. A list of discounts can be found here:
https://www.salzburg-altstadt.at/de/studimittwoch

USI – University Sports Institute
The University Sports Institute offers sports courses for beginners and advanced students during the respective semester. In addition to individual sports, interested students will find numerous team and fashionable sports. Each course is professionally led.
https://www.plus.ac.at/usi/kursangebot/?lang=en

University Choir and Orchestra
For those with a passion for music, the university choir and orchestra provide a platform for creative expression.

Students find more student life related information on the PLUS website:
https://www.plus.ac.at/studium/university-life/?lang=en

4.12 Student Health

Every student who is studying at the University of Salzburg needs a health insurance policy that is valid in Austria.

- Citizens of EU take their E-Card/or equivalent to Salzburg.
- In the case students have a valid national health insurance in a country that has concluded a social insurance agreement with Austria, students must bring along the A3 form for short stays, and the A4 form for stays where the primary residence ("Hauptwohnsitz") is in Austria. Both forms are available from the respective national health insurance provider and can be exchanged for a confirmation of insurance at the relevant Austrian health insurance provider ("Österreichische Gesundheitskasse") that entitles to medical treatment in Austria.
- If required, third country exchange students are entitled to buy health insurance for students in Salzburg with Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (OeGK). All you need to apply is your confirmation of enrolment ("Studienbestätigung"). Monthly costs 73,48 EUR (as of 2025)
- Health insurance provided particularly for students within specific study programmes is valid as long as it fulfills health/medical care regulations put in place in Austria: TRACEE students benefit of included health insurance provided through admission and paying participation costs.

Special Medication
We recommend students who require special medication/treatments bring a prescription and/or medical instructions from their specialist at home.

Medical Treatment
There is no doctor's office for students and staff on the university campus. In case of illness, students look for a doctor in private practice or go for treatment to the emergency room at one of the city's hospitals.

- Link to find Doctors
- Link to Salzburg Hospitals

Important Emergency Numbers	
Single European emergency number	112
Fire service	122
Gas emergency	128
Police	133
Mountain rescue	140
Emergency doctor	141
Crisis hotline	142
Ambulance service	144
Emergency services for children and young people	147
Poison centre	01 406 43 43

Mental Health
Students requiring assistance with academic, personal or other worries can contact the **Psychological Counselling Service** in Salzburg free of charge: https://studierendenberatung.at/en/

Crisis Hotline ("Krisenhotline") Salzburg: 0043 662 433351, open 24 hours

4.13 Special needs

Information for Students with Special Needs & Fewer Opportunities are provided by **the FGDD, Family, Gender, Disability & Diversity Department at PLUS**. For detailed information please visit https://www.plus.ac.at/fgdd/ and contact disability@plus.ac.at.

The Austrian Student Union (ÖH-Uni Salzburg) provides – among other things – financing options for students suffering with financial difficulties or who are encountering unforeseen problems during their studies. https://www.oeh-salzburg.at/service/stipendium/

4.14 Resting and contemplation rooms

All six faculties of Paris Lodron University Salzburg have consumption-free common areas for students. Here students can exchange ideas after lectures, study together and consume food and drinks that they have brought with them (in the libraries only in the designated zones). As part of the PLUSrenoviert project, some of these common areas are currently being beautified and made more comfortable. The University Library also provides group study rooms for students at several locations.

4.15 ÖH Salzburg Student clubs

As stated in the beginning each institution of higher education has its own student union. Students at the University of Salzburg become automatically members of the ÖH Uni Salzburg by paying the personal contribution every semester.

The University of Salzburg offers a range of student organizations, managed by the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH Salzburg). These "clubs" cover diverse interests such as culture, sport, sustainability, and more, providing opportunities to connect and collaborate. For a full list of student organisations and further details, visit: https://www.oeh-salzburg.at/oeh-salzburg/oeh-clubs/

Check here to find out more about the ÖH students active in sustainability
https://www.oeh-salzburg.at/oeh-salzburg/referate/referat-fuer-umwelt-und-oekologie/nachhaltig-leben-und-aktiv-sein-in-salzburg/

Additional note: The University of Salzburg also has a team of students working on sustainability https://www.plus.ac.at/plus-green-campus/team/student-team/

4.16 Language courses

Enrolled students of the University of Salzburg can take different language courses offered by the University Language Centre.

There are also other Departments at the University where students could take language courses, e.g. Department of German Languages & Literature, Department of English & American Studies (English), Department of Romance Languages & Literature (French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese) and Department of Slavonic Studies (Russian, Polish, Check). Department of Classics offers Latin and Ancient Greek.

German Langue Courses on different levels are offered both by the University of Salzburg Department of German Languages & Literature and the University of Salzburg Language Centre every semester. In addition to these semester courses, intensive preparatory German Language courses might be offered prior to a semester start by the German Department. Every student (if not beginner) must pass a German language placement test at the beginning of the semester.

Language courses which are not part of degree programme at the University of Salzburg, require additional course fees. However, passing these courses students can apply for elective ECTS recognition within their degree, if applicable. The fees for language courses depend on the number of weekly teaching hours.

5 Your semester at the University of Bucharest (UB)

5.1 Arrival and welcome activities

The University of Bucharest offers a range of arrival and welcome activities to help new students integrate smoothly into university life. These initiatives are designed to familiarize students with the campus, academic procedures, and the vibrant community. Key activities include:

- **Welcome Sessions:** At the beginning of each semester, the university organizes welcome sessions for incoming students. These sessions provide essential information about academic programs, campus facilities, and student services. They also offer an opportunity to meet faculty members and fellow students.
- **Romanian Language Courses:** For international students, the University of Bucharest offers Romanian language courses during the academic year. These courses cater to different proficiency levels, including beginners and intermediate learners. Each module lasts for one semester and includes both oral and written assessments, awarding 6 ECTS upon completion. The courses are free of charge and include a Romanian language manual.
- **Buddy Network:** The university's Erasmus Student Network (ESN, https://unibucharest.esn.ro/) runs a Buddy Network program, pairing incoming students with current students. This initiative helps newcomers acclimate to the university environment, providing guidance on academic and social aspects of student life. The Buddy Network also organizes various events, trips, and cultural activities to enhance the student experience.
- **Orientation Events:** Throughout the academic year, the university hosts various orientation events, including campus tours, informational workshops, and social gatherings. These events aim to introduce students to the university's resources, support services, and extracurricular opportunities.

For more detailed information, please refer to the International Students Guide provided by the University of Bucharest.

5.2 Housing

The University of Bucharest offers approximately 5,300 accommodation places across 15 dormitories, covering nearly 80% of the student housing demand. Priority for on-campus housing is typically given to students with higher entrance examination scores. For detailed information on the available dormitories, including their facilities and contact details, you can visit the Student Dormitories page.

The accommodation process, including eligibility criteria and application procedures, is outlined on the Accommodation Process page. It's important to note that the university can accommodate students within the limits of available places. For those who do not receive on-campus housing, renting a private apartment is a common alternative. The university advises contacting a real estate agency for assistance, with typical rents for a two-room flat ranging between €250–€300 per month, excluding utilities. Signing a rental contract is necessary, as it will be required by the Immigration Office when applying for a residence permit.

Additionally, private student residences in Bucharest, such as Arcca, Campus Est, and West Gate Studios, offer modern amenities and can be viable alternatives for accommodation. For more information on these options, you can refer to the Accommodation section on the Study in Bucharest website.

For further assistance, you can contact the International Relations and Foreign Students Office at the University of Bucharest:

- **Telephone:** +4021-305.46.41 / +4021-305.46.42
- **Email:** contact@externe.unibuc.ro
- **Address:** 90 Panduri Road, 4th floor, room 404, Bucharest, 050663, Romania

Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 11:00 – 13:00.

5.3 Living expenses

Information on living expenses in Bucharest can be found here: https://studyinbucharest.com/life-in-bucharest/cost-of-living

5.4 Transport

Information on public transport in Bucharest can be found here: https://studyinbucharest.com/life-in-bucharest/transport

5.5 Navigating campus

Navigating the University of Bucharest campus is essential for students to efficiently locate faculties, administrative offices, and other key facilities. Below is a guide to help you find your way around.

Campus Overview

- The University of Bucharest comprises multiple buildings and faculties spread across the city.
- The **main administrative building (Rector's Office)** is located at **90 Panduri Street, Sector 5, Bucharest**, and houses faculties such as Psychology and Educational Sciences, Sociology and Social Work, and Chemistry.
- More information about campus locations can be found **here**.

Campus Map

- For a detailed layout of the university's facilities, including **student dormitories, dining halls, and IT&C services**, visit the official **campus page**.

Student Guide

- The university provides a comprehensive **Student's Guide**, covering accommodation, transportation, and student services.
- Access the guide **here**.

Resources for International Students

- If you're an **international student**, the university offers tailored resources to help you adjust to campus life and the city.
- More details are available on the **international students' page**.

Contact Information

For specific inquiries or further assistance, you can contact the university:

- **Address:** 90 Panduri Street, Sector 5, 050663, Bucharest, Romania
- **Email:** office@g.unibuc.ro
- **Phone:** +40 21 305 97 30
- Faculty-specific contact details are available **here**.

5.6 Student health

At the University of Bucharest, students have access to free medical services through the Medical Consulting Room located in the Mihail Kogălniceanu Dormitory. This facility is staffed by a team of 12 professionals, including 8 doctors and 4 nurses, specializing in General Medicine and Stomatology. The consulting room operates Monday to Friday, from 08:00 to 19:00. All University of Bucharest students, regardless of their faculty or department, are eligible to utilize these services. https://unibuc.ro/student-ub/campus/asistenta-medicala-gratuita/?lang=en

Contact Information:

- **Phone:** +4021.315.71.87 ext. 138
- **Address:** 36-46 Mihail Kogălniceanu Blvd, Mihail Kogălniceanu Complex, Sector 5, Bucharest

5.7 Special needs and disability support

The University of Bucharest declared its institutional commitment to the social mission of ensuring an accessible, inclusive and open-minded educational environment and meeting the needs of students with disabilities in an attempt to remove barriers to access to higher education for vulnerable groups.

Thus, a series of measures were adopted aimed at supporting young people with special needs in fully accessing the opportunities and the administrative and educational services offered by the University of Bucharest.

At the same time, the University of Bucharest proposes and undertakes to strengthen the administrative capacity by diversifying the means of communication and support services and also to integrate accessibility standards in future projects aimed at adapting the physical and digital infrastructure to the needs of people with disabilities.

Listed below are the support services offered by the University of Bucharest.

For more detail please reffer to https://unibuc.ro/student-ub/suport-pentru-studentii-cu-dizabilitati-si-cerinte-educationale-speciale/?lang=en

5.8 Student organisations

The University of Bucharest offers a diverse range of student organizations that enhance academic, cultural, and social experiences. Here are some key associations:

- **Association of Students at the University of Bucharest (ASUB)** – Represents students across all faculties, advocating for their rights and organizing events to support personal and professional development.
- **Erasmus Student Network (ESN) UniBucharest** – Supports international students in integrating into university life through cultural events and social activities.
- **Association of Students in Philosophy (PHILOS)** – Dedicated to philosophy students, promoting philosophical discourse and organizing academic events.
- **Association of Students in History (ASID)** – Represents history students, hosting conferences, workshops, and cultural trips to deepen historical knowledge.
- **Association of Students in Foreign Languages and Literatures (ASLS)** – Supports students studying languages and literatures, organizing language workshops and cultural activities.
- **Association of Students in Letters (ASL)** – Focuses on literary discussions, creative writing sessions, and collaborations with authors to enrich the literary culture.

For more details on these and other student organizations, visit the University of Bucharest's official website.

5.9 Language courses

The **University of Bucharest** offers various **language courses** for students, including:

- **Foreign Language Centre** – Courses in English, French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, and more. Details here
- **Preparatory Year for Romanian** – For international students studying in Romanian. More info
- **Summer Courses** – Intensive Romanian language & culture programs. Check here

6 The Master Thesis

You have the possibility to register your Master thesis as a course either at SU, PLUS or UB for the final semester of the programme that take place during the spring semester 2028. The procedure of registration, assessment method and examination follow the local regulations of the university responsible.

6.1 The master thesis at Stockholm University

Students at Stockholm University would register to the course: "Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment and Energy, Independent Project".

The independent project is 30 ECTS and aims to provide experience and advanced knowledge in scientific and transdisciplinary work within the fields of climate, environment, and/or energy. Key elements include planning, execution, and reporting. Additionally, students will practice literature review, writing a scientific report, and presenting research results orally in seminars.

The course is divided into two parts:

- Part 1: Planning (5 ECTS). Assessment is based on a written report

- Part 2: Implementation (25 ECTS). Assessment is based on an oral and written presentation of the independent project

More information is available in the syllabus of the course.

6.2 The master thesis at Paris Lodron University of Salzburg

Master's thesis general aspects:

(1) The topic of the Master's thesis should be chosen in such a way that it is reasonable and appropriate to complete the thesis within six months (according to Austrian University Law cf. § 81 para. 2 UG).

(2) The topic of the Master's thesis must be taken from one of the modules in the Master's Programme and should reflect the learning undertaken in the modules of the Study Track Environmental Humanities and Law. The student is entitled to suggest a topic or to choose the topic from a number of topics proposed by the available thesis advisors.

(3) The Master's thesis, if carried out at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, is worth 27 ECTS credit points, and requires a thesis defense as part of the Master's examination, which is worth 3 ECTS credit points. Details are specified below.

(4) Thesis administration and supervision for the student selecting the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg for the 4th semester is ensured according to local regulations. Master's thesis registration is required to the Faculties' Dean. Master's thesis academic supervisors' deadline for evaluation is two months after submission of final paper.

(5) A co-supervision can be provided by another university participating in the Study Track, by specific arrangement between the respective partner universities.

(6) It is to be noted that both the student's work on the topic and advisor's work with the student are governed by Austrian copyright law, Federal Law Gazette No. 111/1936 (cf. § 80 para. 2 UG) and the Consortium Agreement.

(7) For cases of alleged academic misconduct, including plagiarism and the unauthorized use of artificial intelligence, relating to a course delivered or the thesis prepared at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, the rules and procedures of the University will apply.

Master's examination before an examining committee

(1) The Master's Programme in Transdisciplinary Studies in Climate, Environment and Energy is concluded with a Master's examination before an examining committee worth 3 ECTS credit points.

(2) Taking the Master's examination before an examining committee requires proof of successful completion of all prescribed examinations, and positive assessment of the Master's thesis.

(3) The Master's examination before an examining committee consists of a presentation of the Master's thesis by the person taking the examination (not longer than 20 minutes), and questions on the topic of the Master's thesis by the members of the examining committee.

6.3 The master thesis at the University of Bucharest

At the University of Bucharest, students are required to enroll in the course "Independent Project in Transdisciplinary Studies of Climate, Environment, and Energy – Research Activities, Master's Thesis Preparation."

This independent project, worth 30 ECTS, is designed to provide students with hands-on experience and advanced knowledge in scientific and transdisciplinary research within the fields of climate, environment, and energy. Key components of the course include planning, execution, and reporting, along with opportunities to develop essential research skills such as:

- Conducting a literature review
- Writing a scientific report
- Presenting research findings in seminars

For additional details, students are encouraged to refer to the course syllabus.

Throughout the semester, under the guidance of their coordinators, students will focus on collecting, analyzing and interpreting data, conducting in-depth analyses of academic literature related to their thesis topic, writing reports, presenting intermediary research results, and understanding the ethics of transdisciplinary research. This process is designed to ensure a transdisciplinary approach to their final thesis.

Additionally, students will receive support in engaging with relevant external stakeholders, including representatives from NGOs, public institutions, legal organizations, research institutes, environmental advocacy groups, policy-making bodies, etc.

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