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## Welcome international students!

Dear fellows of the Titu Maiorescu University community,

Dear students,

Ladies & gentlemen,

I am honored to welcome you all here today and especially delighted to welcome our international students who are embarking in the adventurous journey of their university studies, in Bucharest, away from their home, their family, their culture.

This year, we had around 900 international candidates who applied to study with us. Out of those you were the most knowledgeable and better prepared ones and became our students. Congratulations! You will be joining the existing community of over 800 international students, coming from 50 countries from all over the globe, from Japan to Israel, Great Britain to Nigeria, Canada and so on.



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The journey you are starting today will be a challenging and, hopefully, a very rewarding experience for you. Why challenging? Because now you have to adjust to many new things – a new educational experience, a new country, a new language, a new culture – a new way of doing almost everything.

School in itself will be different. Classes are more difficult than the classes you took in high school. There will be much more to learn, so you will have to spend more time studying and doing projects. You will have more autonomy in your learning and less direct contact with the professors. So you will need to make the most out of those interactions, stay focused and pay attention during the classes to really grasp the guiding the professors are giving you.

Most of you are, probably for the first time in your life, on your own, without your family's support and control ☐

You need to make daily decisions for yourself, to manage your time, so you can juggle classes, study time, sleep, fun time and other extra-curricular activities, do laundry and cook for yourselves. We're here to support you in this transition.

Our colleagues from the International Relations Office, whom you have virtually met, will be around to help with aspects related to your visa and other initial steps in the transition. You will meet your professors and tutors at the 2.00 pm meeting and some of your peers from the senior years.

And in the following years you will be so busy studying, making friends, learning how to do new things, growing into a well-prepared young professional who can become a game changer in their field.

But I would also like to acknowledge the challenge and the opportunity that such a growing community of international and multicultural students



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represents for our university. Their presence invites us, and sometimes pushes us, to grow. We had to improve our language skills, we had to become more flexible in our teaching methods and less formal in our professor-student interactions.

Like in any multi-cultural interaction (and I am also including here multi-generational interactions), we had to understand that there are several ways of doing things right, that what we consider “normal” can and should sometimes be challenged. And the openness to accept this challenge is one of the very important steps towards growth and progress.

Therefore, dear students, either if you are coming from far away, or just from down the street, let's take this challenge to progress together. Us, the professors, will be guiding your eager minds to understand what is already known in science & professional practice, to help navigate into the wealth of information available to you with just one click. You, on the other hand, are invited to put energy and effort to learn and use your curious and fresh minds to ask questions that can drive new ways of doing things.

This way we will all contribute, through education, to creating a better world for all of us to live in. Therefore, dear students, welcome in Titu Maiorescu university's community!