

3. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

In the atmosphere of the Enlightenment at the end of the 18th century, in 1780, a "Higher Institution of Philosophical Education" was founded and transformed, in 1788, into a Faculty of Law, the oldest faculty not only in



nowadays Romania, but also in a vast region of Eastern Europe. In 1923, the foundation of two Theological Academies gave new dimensions to the academic life in Oradea.

But, in 1934, under inauspicious circumstances, the academic nucleus of Oradea, the Law Faculty, is transferred to Cluj. After a 30-year break in the activity of the Law Academy in Oradea, on October the 1st 1963, an order of the Ministry of Education established in Oradea a 3 year Pedagogic Institute meant to do away with the scarcity of teachers in the secondary education.



In 1983, due to a poor educational policy, the didactic and humanist specialisations diminished their activity and from a prosperous institution of higher education, there

University of Oradea

remained only a sub-engineer college affiliated to the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca.

In May 1990, a decree of the Romanian Government established the Technical University of Oradea, later called the University of Oradea and based on impressive traditions



of academic life in the town. It was an act of scientific and cultural restoration long expected in the life of the Romanian society.

Today, the University of Oradea, is an integrated institution of higher education of this kind, comprising 18 faculties, 4 colleges, 6 institutions of Higher Education outside the country and 26,000 students.

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EDUCATION AND GRADING SYSTEM

The education system is managed at national level by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports (MECTS). In the execution of its specific responsibilities, the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports cooperates at central level with other ministries and institutional structures subordinated to the Government.

The general legal framework for the organisation, administration and provision of education in Romania is established through the Constitution, the National Education Law – a fundamental law, ordinary laws and governmental ordinances. Specific procedures and regulations are established through Government Decisions and Orders of the Minister of Education, Research, Youth and Sports. Basic principles with regard to the education in Romania are established by the Constitution, Chapter II “Fundamental rights and liberties”, Article 32 “Right to education”. The National Education Law regulates the organisation and functioning of the national education system.

According to the National Education Law, education in Romania is a national priority and pursues the free, integral and harmonious development of the human individuality, and the development of the autonomous and creative personality (“the educational ideal”). All Romanian citizens have equal access rights to all levels and forms of education, irrespective of their social and financial condition, gender, race, nationality, political or religious orientation. The state promotes the principles of democratic

education and guarantees the right to differentiated education based on educational pluralism, in the benefit of the individual and of the entire society, and promotes the principles of continuous education.

Education is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 16 years. The official language for education is Romanian. The national education system is organised into several levels of education: Pre-primary education (children from 3 up to 6/7 years of age), Primary education (children between the ages of 6 and 10), Lower secondary education (pupils between the ages of 10 and 16 years), Upper secondary education (pupils between the ages of 16 and 18 years), Post-secondary education, Higher education.

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