

THE UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA

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A HISTORICAL OUTLINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA

The University of Craiova was founded within the university center system in Romania in the second half of the 20th century, being, chronologically, the fifth university in the country, following the ones in Iasi, Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, and Timisoara.

The efforts to set up a university centre in the heart of the region of Oltenia were completed by the passing of the Law no. 138/April 25, 1947, thus permitting the founding and organization of the University of Craiova and its ephors.

The first higher education units in Craiova, organized after the passing of the 1947 law, were: The Faculty of Agronomy, in 1947; The Agronomic Institute, in 1948; The Technical Institute, in 1951; the 3-Year Pedagogical Institute, in 1959. All these institutes constituted the University of Craiova, according to the Decision of the Ministers Council, no. 894/August 27, 1965 (published in the Official Bulletin no. 2 of the Socialist Republic of Romania, dated September 10, 1965)

The academic community of our university met a growing evolution during its six decades of existence, offering the young generation training conditions for 131 fields, among which 62 were university studies, 49 master fields, and 20 doctoral studies, covering a wide range. The student number registered a permanent increase, from 24,872 in the academic year 2001/2002 to 32,294 in the academic year 2005/2006.

In order to improve the education process, a special interest was laid upon the reformation of the higher education in accordance with the European Union regulations and the development of the cooperation and collaboration with other academic institutions in the country and abroad, within the European and extra-European area.

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

THE FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND INFORMATICS

BA Studies, 3 years, full time and distance learning.

Fields: Mathematics and Informatics

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Mathematics and Informatics

Doctoral studies: Mathematics field, 3 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF PHYSICS

BA Studies, 3 years, full time

Fields: Physics and Environmental Physics

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Physics

Doctoral studies: Physics field, 5 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY

BA Studies, 3 years, full time
Fields: Chemistry and Environmental Chemistry
MA studies, 2 years, full time
Fields: Chemistry
Doctoral studies: Chemistry field, 3 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

BA studies, 3 years, full time
Fields: Physical Education and Sport
MA studies, 2 years, full time
Fields: Physical Education and Sport

FACULTY OF LETTERS

BA Studies, 3 years, full time and distance learning
Fields: Language and Literature, Applied Modern Languages, Communication Sciences, Teaching Sciences, Dramatic Art, Music, Fine Arts and Design
MA studies, 2 years, full time
Fields: Humanist Sciences, Social and Political Sciences
Doctoral studies: Philology field, 11 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND GEOGRAPHY

BA Studies, 3 years, full time, part time and distance learning
Fields: History, Philosophy, Sociology, Political Sciences, International Relations and European Studies
MA studies, 2 years, full time
Fields: History, Philosophy, Sociology, Geography, Political Sciences
Doctoral studies: History field, 6 Ph.D. supervisors; Sociology, 1 Ph.D. supervisor (within the University of Bucharest)

THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

BA Studies, 3 years, full time and part time
Fields: Theology
MA studies, 2 years, full time
Fields: Orthodox Theology

THE FACULTY OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES “NICOLAE TITULESCU”

BA Studies, 4/3 years, full time, part time and distance learning
Fields: Law, Administrative Sciences
MA studies, 2 years, full time
Fields: Law, Administrative Sciences
Doctoral studies: Law field, 4 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BA Studies, 3 years, full time, part time and distance learning

Fields: Economics, Business Management, Finance, Accountancy, Economic Statistics and Informatics, Economics and International Business, Management, Marketing

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Management, Economics, Accountancy, Finance, International Economic Relations, Economic Cybernetics and Statistics

Doctoral studies: Management, Economics, Accountancy, Finance, International Economic Relations, Economic Cybernetics and Statistics fields, 10 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF MECHANICS

BA Studies, 4 years, full time

Fields: Industrial Engineering, Material Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Engineering and Management, Transport Engineering, Civil Engineering

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Engineering Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Material Science and Engineering

Doctoral studies: Engineering Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Material Science and Engineering fields, 7 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

BA Studies, 4 years, full time

Fields: Aerospace Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Energetic Engineering, Engineering and Management

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Electric, Energetic

Doctoral studies: Electrical Engineering, Energetic Engineering, 3 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF ELECTRO-MECHANICS

The Faculty of Electro-mechanics was founded as an autonomous academic unit in 1990, with the following specializations: Electro-mechanics, Industrial Robots, Genie Electro-mecanique, Engineering and Environmental Protection in Industry.

BA Studies, 4 years, full time, part time and distance learning

Fields: Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Applied Engineering Sciences

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Complex electromechanical systems

Doctoral studies: Electric Engineering, 4 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF AUTOMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ELECTRONICS

BA Studies, 4 years, full time

Fields: Computers and Calculation Technology, Electronic Engineering and telecommunications, System Engineering, Mechatronics and Robotics

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: System and Computer Science

Doctoral studies: Automatic Systems, Computer Science fields, 5 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF HORTICULTURE

BA Studies, 4 years, full time, part time and distance learning

Fields: Horticulture, Alimentary Products Engineering, Environment Engineering, Biology

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Horticulture

Doctoral studies: Horticulture, 9 Ph.D. supervisors

THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

BA Studies, 4 years, full time, part time and distance learning

Fields: Agronomy, Forestry, Geodesy Engineering

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Agronomy

Doctoral studies: Agronomy, 8 Ph.D. supervisors

Academic Staff: 12 professors, 8 readers, 11 Senior lecturers, 4 Junior Lecturers and 7 Junior Assistants

Number of Students: undergraduates - 1597; MA - 92

THE UNIVERSITY UNIT IN DROBETA TURNU SEVERIN

Following the merging of the higher education structures within the University of Craiova which have existed ever since 1990 in Drobeta Turnu Severin, the academic year 2004/2005 meant the foundation of the UNIVERSITY UNIT in DROBETA TURNU SEVERIN, subordinated to the UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA and having the following structure:

- Faculty of Technological System Management and Engineering
- A subsidiary of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Craiova
- A subsidiary of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Craiova
- A subsidiary of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport of the University of Craiova
- A subsidiary of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences of the University of Craiova

THE FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING

The Faculty of Technological System Management and Engineering in Drobeta Turnu Severin started its activity in 2001.

BA Studies, 4 years, full time, part time and distance learning

Fields: Industrial Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Material Engineering

MA studies, 2 years, full time

Fields: Engineering Sciences

THE TEACHING STAFF TRAINING DEPARTMENT

TSTD is an academic unit of the University of Craiova, directly subordinated to the University Senate; it functions according to its own regulations and it cooperates with all the faculties which require a special training of the students for the teaching process; it develops and has a wide range of educational partnership with the School Inspectorates, Teaching Staff Centers etc.

More than 7,500 students follow the courses of TSTD. The academic staff consists of 13 professors (being specialized in Pedagogical Sciences, Psychology, and Educational management)

and 39 Associate Professors (specialized in Didactics, Computer Assisted Training, and Pedagogical Training).

THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS

The Department of Applied Mathematics was founded in 1998, following the Decision of the University Senate, in order to give a clear perspective on teaching mathematics within the technical faculties.

THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The Department of Applied Modern Languages was founded in 1998, following the Decision of the University Senate. Its structure is represented on the one hand by academic staff who teach Romanian language to foreign students and on the other hand by those who teach English, French and German to the non-philological students.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The open European spirit of the University of Craiova is promoted through the converging development of the foreign partnerships in the European Space of Higher Education and through the affiliation to the LMD system, according to the Bologna Declaration. The integration in the European academic structure is carried out through cooperation programs, such as SOCRATES II, LEONARDO DA VINCI II, ALPINE, MSU –AUF, RISU –AUF, PECO. The University of Craiova is also affiliated to prestigious international academic association: EUA – European University Association, IAU –International Association of Universities, IAUP – International Association of University Presidents, AEUA – Arab-European University Association, AUF – Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, and BSUN – Black Sea University Network. The foreign lecture offices – French, English, Bulgarian, Spanish and Italian – have an active presence within the university and contribute to an adequate climate for developing the international academic collaboration.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Starting from the fact that a performing and efficient education means a high level of scientific research, the University of Craiova emphasized, in the academic year 2005-2006, the training of highly qualified human resources, by involving efficient trainers (Ph.D. advisors, professors with a large amount of research activity) within the educational process. Thus, 86 university teachers are PH.D. Supervisors – there are 1057 PH. D. candidates, 119 full time. In the academic year 2005-2006, 75 Ph.D. theses were defended and numerous young university teachers or MA students were involved in the research activity. The result of the research activity meant 185 research projects, with different beneficiaries.

893 university teachers and 112 students were involved in the financed scientific research activity. The results of the scientific research activity in the academic year 2005-2006 could be seen in a large amount of published specialized articles and books:

- 279 books which were published in publishing houses recognized by CNCSIS
- 6 books published abroad
- 569 articles published in journals recognized by CNCSIS
- 62 articles published in ISI journals
- 787 articles published in volumes of different International Conferences

In the academic year 2005-2006, in faculties, there were organized 13 scientific research activities (national and international).

There are 10 research centers in the University which are CNCSIS recognized.

Counseling and Professional Orientation Centre

Taking into account the demand of the students in highschoools and universities in order to be assisted when choosing a professional career, and also considering the need to provide a direct relation between the professional training offer of the higher education institutions and the requirements of their social, institutional and economic environment (economic factors, public and private institutions, non-governmental organizations etc), The Ministry of Education issued the Order no. 3277/16.02.1998 which permits the founding, within every higher education institution, of a Counseling Department for choosing a professional career and a job placement.

The Counseling and Professional Orientation Centre has the following objectives:

- a. to offer the students in highschoools and other interested persons information on the curricula within the University;
- b. to provide the students and the graduates information and counseling on choosing a professional career, taking into account the university curriculum and the study credit system;
- c. to develop and to make accessible knowledge methodologies, including assessment services and personality self-evaluation
- d. to counsel and offer methodological support for the student training in their contact with the economic and business environment
- e. to encourage the activity of the graduate associations, which is to support the University interests and of the new graduate generations related to the economic, cultural and administrative, local and regional, communities.