

LEARNING AGREEMENT FOR THE PREPARATORY PROGRAMME FOR ROMANIAN LANGUAGE FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS

no. _____/_____

Concluded between:

1. West University of Timișoara (WUT), with its headquarters in Timișoara, Timiș, no. 4 Vasile Pârvan Blv, tax code no. 4250670, legally represented by prof. dr. Marilen Gabriel PIRTEA, PhD, as Rector, in its capacity of PROVIDER, hereinafter referred to as WUT

and

2. Name, Surname: _____

Citizenship: _____

Country: _____

Address: _____

Personal identification document (type/number/series): _____

issued on _____

Personal identification number: _____

Telephone: _____,

E-mail _____

as BENEFICIARY, hereinafter referred to as STUDENT enrolled at the Faculty of **LETTERS, HISTORY AND THEOLOGY**, Preparatory Programme, Domain _____,

type of education: full time, as Romanian student/student with scholarship/without scholarship/self-funded student (fee paid in Romanian currency - RON)/self-funded student (fee paid in foreign currency - EURO)

enter the present learning agreement.

Article 1. The object of the agreement

1.1. The object of the present agreement is to settle the terms between WUT and the student – beneficiary of the academic programme –, and to establish the parties' rights and liabilities according to the legislation in force, *the University Charter, the Code of students' rights and obligations and the Regulation concerning the BA and MA students professional activity at the West University of Timișoara*, as well as the University rules and the University Senate decisions.

1.2. The subjects and number of credits allotted to each subject are included in ***The Subjects Agreement***.

1.3. The duration of studies is 1 year, with a total of 60 transferable credits (according to the European Credit Transfer System). 10 extra credits are obtained based on passing the graduation examination.

1.4. After the student sat and passed all the examinations, including the graduation one – based on which s/he was awarded a minimum of B1 level in Romanian, WUT issues a *certificate of completion* of the preparatory course.

1.5. The provisions of the present agreement are in accordance with the *National Education Law No. 1/2011* amended and supplemented, *Law no. 288/2004* regarding the organization of university studies, and supplemented by WUT regulations on undergraduate studies, the *Code of student rights and obligations*, the *Methodology for Organizing the Preparatory Programme for Romanian Language for Foreign Citizens*, the *Methodology for Organizing the Final Examination of the Preparatory Programme in Romanian for Foreign Citizens*, as well as other WUT management decisions.

Article 2. Validity of the agreement

2.1. The present learning agreement is valid for the 2022-2023 academic year (9 months).

Article 3. Parties' rights and liabilities

3.1. WUT rights and liabilities

- it shall draw up the curriculum according to the objectives of the learning programme, so as to provide a proper qualitative and quantitative academic training, for full-time learning;
- it shall verify the extent to which the student fulfils all his/her liabilities under the present agreement;
- it shall set the student's criteria for registration, tuition, suspension of studies, expelling or re-enrolment;
- it shall set the tuition fee payment terms and the payment method;
- it shall be liable to provide the proper conditions for the student to make use of his/her rights, according to the legislation in force;
- at the beginning of each academic year, it shall provide the student with ***The Subjects Agreement***, containing the subjects that he/she must study during that year.

3.2. The student's rights and liabilities

A. During the period of studies, the student has the following **rights**:

- to use the auditorium and classrooms, laboratories, study halls and other means made available by the University for the professional training according to the curriculum, and also for cultural and sports activities, as well as other WUT management decisions;
- to be informed regarding the processing of personal data and to sign, as needed, an *Information note regarding the processing of personal data*;
- to choose, according to the curriculum, the subjects or the sets of optional subjects that he/she intends to study, according to ***The Subjects Agreement***;
- to ask from the teachers, during the courses, seminars or laboratories to clarify his/her issues in the subject outlines;

- to take part in the university scientific, artistic and sports activities;
- to receive excellence, merit grants, scholarships or social grants and other types of material support, according to the legal norms and WUT regulations;
- to receive medical care within the medical offices especially provided for the students;
- to have access to accommodation in the university dormitories, according to the number of available places for the respective faculty, under the conditions established by WUT for the good operation of student dormitories.
- to receive tickets for student camps, according to the number of available places and to the regulations in force;
- to elect and be elected as representative of the students in the Faculty Council and the WUT Senate;
- to receive study or internship (practice) mobility grants at other national and foreign universities, according to the number of places available for this purpose;
- to take part, by freely expressing their opinions, obeying WUT procedures, in the assessment of the teachers' activity for the subjects the students are enrolled for;
- to use the e-mail and the Internet only for the learning activity and learning process, according to the regulation and security procedures of *the WUT IT & C Department*;
- to use the WUT scientific research facilities;
- to check both the financial situation (budgeted by the state/tuition fee) and the grades using the application studentweb.uvt.ro.

B. The student has the following specific liabilities:

- upon registration, the candidates shall present the original copies of their study and identity documents in the application file, as well as the Letter of acceptance and their valid passport carrying a study visa;
- the original study documents issued in states which are part of the Hague Apostille Convention need to be authorised with the Hague apostille. by the competent authorities in the issuing countries;
- the original study documents issued in states that are not part of the Hague Apostille Convention shall be over-authorised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the issuing country and by the Romanian embassy/ counsellor office;
- to fulfil all the duties under the learning program and academic subjects files;
- to follow the regulations adopted by the faculty management and the WUT regulations;
- to follow the academic canons of discipline and ethics, according to the WUT regulations;
- to carefully use the material goods available in the rooms for teaching, student halls and to keep them in good conditions. Should the prejudices consist in the degradation or damage of such goods, they shall be recovered, according to the legal procedures, by the person who caused such damage or degradation;

- to pay the fees as determined by the WUT Senate in the amount, according to the method and at the exact term as established by the WUT;
- to open a bank account for the payment of his/her scholarships and other pecuniary rights, with the banks agreed by the WUT;
- upon signing the *Information note*, regarding the processing of personal data, the student shall convey all the data required by the faculty and university management;
- to communicate all changes of personal identification information and address to the Student Information centre, within 7 working days from the date the change occurs;
- to be aware of the WUT regulations and of those of the Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, to read *the Code of students' rights and obligations at the West University of Timișoara* and to acknowledge their amendment during the performance of the present agreement. Such amendments shall be posted on the faculty/WUT web page/site and on the faculty notice board;
- to respect the prohibition to smoke in any place within WUT, except for the places especially provided for this purpose;
- to wear, in the WUT premises, an outfit which is appropriate for the academic environment;
- to be aware of the fact that no part of the carried-out researches or of the creation activities, of the various forms of valuation of such research/creation, including the diploma paper, shall not be duplicated, archived or communicated in any form or through any means, electronic, mechanical, copied, registered or other, without the written consent of the WUT legal representatives;
- to sign, at the beginning of each academic year, ***The Subjects Agreement***;
- should the student not conclude the academic year in virtue of obtaining the minimum number of credits determined by the WUT, s/he shall have to obtain a new *Letter of acceptance to Studies in Romania* issued by the Ministry of Education and re-enrol for the programme;
- should the student conclude the academic year in virtue of obtaining the minimum number of credits determined by the WUT, but not sit/ pass the final examination, s/he has the right to (re-)sit this examination in the following session(s) dedicated to this purpose;
- to attend all the instructional activities: courses, seminars, laboratories, practical activities which are in the curriculum of the programme of study they applied for, in accordance with the organisation of this programme. Student attendance is compulsory, as it is stipulated in *the Code of students' rights and obligations*, as follows:
 - activities with an applied character (seminars, laboratories, practical activities, practice/internship etc.): minimum 70%;
 - lectures: minimum 50%.
- to use, in communication with the West University of Timișoara, only the institutional e-mail address created on the ***e-uvvt.ro*** account upon his/her enrolment;
- to comply with the obligations mentioned in the *Letter of Acceptance to Studies* issued by the Ministry of Education and in the WUT specific regulations and methodology;

- the student shall plant at least one tree during his university studies period, either during a planting action organized by the West University of Timișoara or during one organized by another entity, proving this fact by a certificate.

Article 4. Financing

4.1. Funding the preparatory year of university studies shall be made, as appropriate:

- by the Romanian government or WUT for students holding a scholarship offered by the Romanian government or WUT (this can also apply to refugees, pending the Ministry of Education's approval, after evaluating individual applications).
- by the self-funding student, in foreign currency-EUR, for bearers of a *Letter of Acceptance to Studies* issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education for EU third countries citizens, or in Romanian currency- RON, for foreign citizens of Romanian origin or Romanians living abroad (EU or EU third countries) who wish to enrol in a programme taught in Romanian (his can apply to refugees and other protected categories).

4.2. The amount and manner of payment of tuition fees for the self-funded students is set by *Government Order 22/2009* and is approved annually by the University Senate and must be paid in full, according to the Letter of Acceptance to Studies, as follows:

a) The tuition fee in EUR must be paid in the following bank account:

BENEFICIARY: Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara (West University of Timisoara)

Address of the university: Bv. Vasile Pârvan no. 4, 300223 Timișoara

Bank name: Banca Comercială Română (Romanian Commercial Bank)

Bank address: Sucursala Timișoara (Timișoara Branch), Calea Aradului no. 11.

IBAN Code: RO 58 RNCB 0249 0492 9471 0069

SWIFT: RNCB RO BU

b) If the student submits a request to withdraw from studies after the admission procedures have finalized, the amount of the tuition fees paid will be refunded only in exceptional cases, as mentioned in the university regulations, only under special conditions (listed below) and only at the applicant's request, with the original proof of payment, until the end of February of the academic year, and taking in consideration that any additional taxes related to the return of the fees will be borne by the candidate:

- failure to obtain the study visa (if a visa applicant has been asked to pay the fee for one academic year of study in order to complete the visa file).

- cases of force majeure (political conflicts, medical emergencies) that prevented the candidate to register for studies, even though they have paid the fees and obtained a study visa.

c) The tuition fee amounting to _____ EUR/RON must be paid in full at the beginning of the academic year. The deadline for payment is October 31st of each academic year.

d) If the payment deadline is not respected considering the time set, **penalties of late payment** will be applied in the amount of **50 euro per month or fraction of a month regarding the delay**.

4.3. Failure to pay the fee within the time limits indicated triggers cancellation of the present agreement. In case the student pays the pending fee, at the earliest date following the cancellation of the agreement, s/he will have to pay an agreement processing fee.

4.4. For the academic year **2022-2023**, the tuition fee is **3500 RON / year** for self-funded students, according to *Government order no. 22/2009*. It is to be paid in national currency for the Romanian students. The tuition fee for the EU third countries' self-funded students is to be paid in foreign currency, as stipulated in the *Letter of Acceptance to Studies* for each student, according to the field of study for which he/she applied. The fee is payable in full for a period of 9 (nine) months in the BCR Timișoara account indicated under 4.2.a). The student shall check his own financial status (state-funded student/ fee-paying student), his own student and financial record on the studentweb.uvt.ro application.

4.5. Failure to pay the tuition fees and/or the penalties owed for failure to pay, no later than the date of the commencement of the studies, according to the structure of the academic year, leads to prohibiting the student's participation in exams/tests, resulting in all the penalties applicable to missing examinations/testing on student's fault.

Article 5. Adjournment/Withdrawal

5.1. Students have the right to interrupt their studies or to withdraw upon request. In this case, the student will submit to the Student InfoCentre, in electronic format, the Application for Interruption / Withdrawal, according to the Code of Student Rights and Obligations and the Regulation on professional activity of students from undergraduate and master's degree programmes at Western University in Timisoara.

5.2. Adjournment of studies results into cancellation of the present learning agreement. Upon reenrolment, the student has to meet the requirements of the curricula of the series s/he will graduate with. Adjournment of studies does not have any consequence on the student's obligation to pay the study fees due on the date s/he submits the adjournment request.

5.3. Withdrawal has no consequences on the student's obligation to pay the study fees due on the date s/he submits the withdrawal request.

5.4. In case of adjournment/withdrawal from studies, the Immigration Office will be notified accordingly.

5.5. The study fee return application, accompanied by the documents that certify the fee payment shall be validated by the faculty management and by the International relations department by the last day of February of the current academic year.

Article 6. Amendment/cancellation of the learning agreement

6.1. The amendment to this agreement shall be in writing in an additional document.

6.2. The Learning Agreement terminates:

- upon graduation;
- should the student be expelled;

- in case of withdrawal upon request.

6.3. Failure to pay the tuition fee in due time results into cancellation of the juridical effects – rights and liabilities – that are the object of the present agreement. While the learning agreement is adjourned, the student cannot benefit from the educational services provided by WUT. In case the student does not pay the tuition fee by the end of February of the academic year s/he is enrolled in, s/he will be expelled, according to the *University Charter, the Code of students' rights and obligations and the Regulation concerning the BA and MA students professional activity at the West University of Timișoara*

6.4. In case the student is expelled, the parties agree that any liability resulting from failure to pay the tuition fees is cancelled.

6.5. The present agreement will also cease in case of force majeure. The force majeure will be acknowledged by a competent authority. The invoking party is bound to notify the other party, in writing, within no more than 5 calendar days from its occurrence, and the confirmation of the force majeure needs to be communicated within no more than 15 calendar days from its occurrence. The force majeure shall hold harmless the invoking party, the other party having no right to ask for damages.

Article 7. Disputes

7.1. The parties agree that all disputes over the validity of the present agreement or arisen over its interpretation, implementation or termination will be settled out of court.

7.2. Should it be impossible for the disputes to be settled out of court, the parties will resort to litigation.

7.3. The present agreement will be interpreted in accordance with Romanian laws.

7.4. In case of interpersonal disputes, indecent behaviour, physical and verbal aggression, sexual harassment regarding the relations with other students or the relations between the student and his/her teachers, both student and teachers have the right to make an appeal to the WUT Ethics Committee.

7.5. In defence of his/her rights, the student has the right to make an appeal through a petition to the faculty or the university management.

Article 8. Final provisions

8.1. By signing the present agreement, the student declares that he/she has taken cognizance of the content of all the regulations, methodologies, procedures, academic discipline and ethical rules and of other standards within WUT and its faculties and, at the same time, acknowledges his/her obligation to take cognizance of any amendments / additions.

8.2. The **Contract of subjects** is signed as an annex to this study contract, which is signed at the beginning of each academic year, according to the term established by the Code of Student Rights and Obligations and the Regulation on the professional activity of students from undergraduate and master's degree programmes at the West University of Timișoara. The **Contract**

of subjects contains the subjects contracted by the students in an academic year and the number of credits related to them.

8.3. The *Information note* regarding the processing of personal data has to be presented to the student upon signing the learning agreement.

8.4. The Dean of the Faculty, by empowerment, drawing on the WUT Rector's Decision no. _____, signs the present learning agreement.

8.5. Failure to fulfil the obligations incurred from the present agreement is subject to the sanctions provided for by the University's regulations, as suggested by the faculty's council, according to the effective laws.

8.6. The present agreement comes into effect starting with the date it is signed.

8.7. The present agreement has been executed in 2 original copies, one for each party, and represents the will of the contracting parties. One copy of the agreement is to be filed together with the student's personal documents, at the faculty secretariat, while the other is to be delivered to the student.

Dean,
Loredana Pungă, PhD

Student,

Law office approval,