



PRE-ARRIVAL STUDENT HANDBOOK



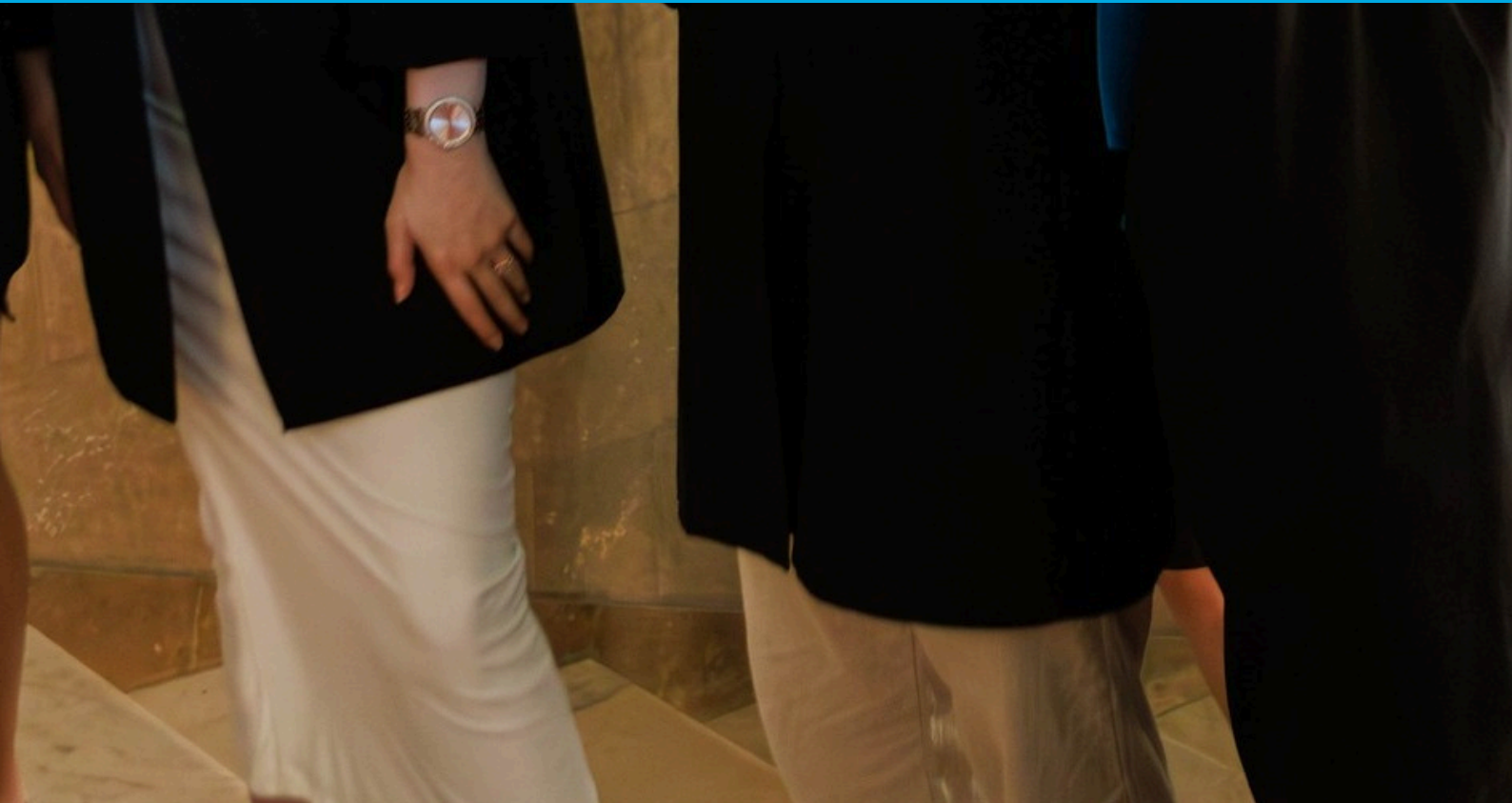
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ABOUT US





Welcome to AHA!

So... you're officially part of the AHA community. Welcome!

Over the next few years, you'll do much more than attend classes. You'll meet people from different cities or countries, work on real projects, gain international experience, and create memories you'll probably still be talking about years from now.

At AHA, learning isn't just about the lectures, projects and exams. It's about building practical skills, discovering what you're good at, and preparing for a career that can take you almost anywhere in the world.

You'll be part of an international, inclusive community where curiosity, creativity, and ambition are always encouraged. Don't be surprised if your classmates become your travel buddies, business partners, or lifelong friends.

Since 2007, thousands of students have started their journey here. Now it's your turn.

This handbook will help you settle in before your first days, answer the questions you haven't thought of yet, and make your transition to student life as smooth as possible.

We're excited to have you here. Let's make this an unforgettable adventure.

Our mission

At AHA, we believe education is about much more than earning a degree. It's about discovering who you are, building the confidence to try new things, and developing the skills to create the future you want.

We believe that curiosity leads to learning, learning inspires action, and every new experience helps you grow—both personally and professionally.

Our mission is to create an environment where you'll feel challenged, supported, and inspired to reach your full potential. Whether your dream is to lead a business, travel the world, start your own company, or simply become the best version of yourself, we're here to help you get there.

A warm welcome from the AHA Team!

Starting university is exciting, a little overwhelming, and full of new experiences. And that's exactly how it should be.

Over the next few years, you'll learn, grow, challenge yourself, and create memories that will stay with you long after graduation.

Remember, you're not doing this alone. Our team is here to support you every step of the way, whether you have questions, need guidance, or simply need someone to point you in the right direction.

We're excited to see what you'll achieve, and we can't wait to welcome you to our community.

The AHA Team

Our Team



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Join our community!

Let's Connect!

On social media, update your profile to include American Hotel Academy as your new school, residence or location. This will ensure you get all of the latest news and start meeting friends from AHA right away.

Follow our Social Media Channels



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[American Hotel Academy Romania](#)

Explore our website

All you need to know, in once place.

www.aharomania.ro

We are constantly improving and diversifying the content on the website. There you can find relevant information about studying at AHA Romania, milestones and achievements of our students and alumni and many more.

Our Campus



American Hotel Academy

is located in the central area of Brasov City, next to the Sica Alexandrescu Theatre and close to the Main Square.

Address: Vlad Tepes Street, no. 16, Brasov, Romania.

The campus is equipped with:

- Classrooms
- Demo Kitchen
- Professional Kitchen
- Restaurant for practice
- Library
- Computer room
- Common rooms
- Specific offices - designed to enhance the student's educational experience while at AHA

In the neighbourhood:

- Cafes
- Restaurants & fast foods
- Bus station
- Shopping mall
- Pharmacy
- ATMs
- Supermarket



MOVING TO BRASOV

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- Close Areas & Neighborhoods
 - House Rentals
 - Expected Costs
 - Tips & Tricks (when renting)
 - Transportation
 - Food & Groceries
 - Social Activities



CLOSE AREAS & NEIGHBORHOODS

As our campus is located in the proximity of the City Center, **the following neighborhoods are considered to be the closest ones to our campus:**

- Centrul Civic/Centrul Istoric Area
- Schei Neighborhood
- Grivitei Area
- Onix Area
- Victoriei Area
- Gara Brasov Area
- Faget Area
- Sanitas Area
- Hidro Area (nearby AFI Brasov mall)
- Infostar Area
- Valea Cetatii (Racadau) Neighborhood

Other Neighborhoods:

- Astra Neighborhood
- Bartolomeu Neighborhood (Avantagarden 1, Avantgarden 2, Avantgarden 3)
- Tractorul Neighborhood - Coresi Area (Avantgarden Coresi, Top City, Maurer, Isaran,
- Subcetate City, etc.)
- Noua Neighborhood
- Craiter Neighborhood

**Astra, Bartolomeu, Tractorul, Coresi, Noua and Craiter Neighborhoods are not situated in the proximity of our campus but a lot of students prefer these neighborhoods, as they can commute via public transport or personal cars.*

**Most of the neighborhoods have their own Facebook Groups, which makes it easier for the people living in that particular area to get accustomed with the main updates, changes, issues that might occur. Thus, once you choose the type of accommodation that best suits you, it would be a good idea to join this type of group/community.*



HOUSE RENTALS

- *Studio / One Bedroom Apartments:* ~350 EUR
- *Two Bedroom Apartments:* ~380 - 550 EUR (can be shared)
- *Three Bedroom Apartments:* ~450 - 650 EUR (can be shared)
- *Four Bedroom Apartments:* ~500 - 700 EUR (can be shared)

*the prices range according to the location of the apartment, number of rooms, floor level, square meters or facilities/furniture.

RENTAL LISTINGS (ONLINE)

- [BLITZ](#)
- [IMOBILIARE.RO](#)
- [OLX](#)
- [STORIA](#)
- [LAJUMATE.RO](#)
- [CHIRII BRASOV](#)
- [HOMEZZ](#)
- [REMAX](#)
- [PUBLI24](#)
- [IMORADAR](#)

- CHIRII/VANZARI IMOBILE BRASOV
- CHIRII BRASOV
- VANZARI/ INCHIRIERI/ CERERI
- CE ITI TREBUIE, FRATE? (BRASOV)
- CHIRIE BRASOV- ANUNTURI
PROPRIETARI
- PROPRIETARI BRASOV - CHIRIE SI
VANZARI

Most of the mentioned websites include listings managed by agencies, which involve commission fees. Thus, if you rent a listing managed by an agent/agency, within the first month, you should expect to pay the following:

- The rent for one month
- Deposit (equivalent of a one-month's rent)
- Agency commission fee (50% of one month's rent)

If you do wish to seek help from an agency, you will find in the next slide a few of our recommended partners (based on reliability and willingness to help/find solutions).



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CALL HOME?



Explore available properties with our trusted housing partners.



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IMOBILIARE**



Ioana Comănoiu



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Popa Gabriel

Rental Broker



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**WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU
FIND YOUR PERFECT HOME!**



EXPECTED COSTS

FIRST MONTH

RENT

Within the first month, you should expect to pay the [rent for the entire upcoming month](#), along with the [deposit](#).

DEPOSIT

The deposit is usually represented by the price of the monthly rent (e.g. If the monthly rent is 100 EUR, the deposit is normally 100 EUR but, sometimes, it may be negotiated.) This amount of money is being kept by the landlord with the purpose of having a warranty in case of any damages caused to the property. At the end of the contract, upon agreement, this amount of money is being returned.

AGENCY FEES

Should you use the services of an agency to find rental listings, there are [agency charges/fees](#) involved. Most of the times, the agency commission upon renting an apartment is represented by 50% of one month's rent (E.g. If the monthly rent is 100 EUR, the Agency commission is 50 EUR and it is paid only once, at the time of renting the apartment.)



EXPECTED COSTS

UTILITIES & OTHERS

INTERNET + TV

50-80 RON

In Brasov, the main Internet/TV provider chosen by locals is DIGI, which has a lot of convenient options and prices. Here you can find out [more.](#)

UTILITIES

400-600 RON

These costs are estimated for an apartment with an aprox. size of 60-80 square meters. Here you can find out [more.](#)

FOOD

400-600 RON

When it comes to food, it really depends on your preferences, how often you cook or order online. [Here you can find out more.](#)



TIPS & TRICKS (When renting)

LANDLORD

- No commission fees.
- You can negotiate the price.
- Hard to rent directly through landlords or owners, as the majority work with agents/ agencies.

VS

AGENCY

- Commission fees involved.
- Less flexibility for negotiation.
- Time effective, as you let them know your budget/ preferred area and they will show you the available listings.

SINGLE

- The beauty of having your own space.
- You don't have to share common spaces (e.g. living room, bathroom.)
- More expensive in terms of costs.
- Increased space when it comes to storing your belongings.

VS

SHARING

- The beauty of living with your friends.
- You need to be considerate when it comes to your colleagues' needs and preferences.
- More convenient in terms of costs.
- Makes you more tolerant and prepares you for internships/ future jobs that involve relocation & accommodation sharing.



TIPS & TRICKS (When renting)

CITY CENTER

- Increased prices.
- Less square meters available.
- Closer to your campus.
- When it comes to historical buildings, they might not have appropriate insulation, which might lead to increased costs in terms of heat (during winter).

VS

SUBURBS

- Prices vary but you might find better deals.
- The apartments are usually larger in terms of available square meters.
- Farther from our campus (includes public transport costs)
- The apartments are recently built and their appearance is more aesthetic which allows a proper insulation and sometimes the costs in terms of heating systems are more convenient.

RENTAL CONTRACTS - GOOD TO KNOW

- The minimum rental period is one year. Thus, check carefully the terms & conditions concerning your deposit because you will be studying in Brasov for 7 months before leaving for your internship.
- Most of the landlords agree to release your rental guarantee if you announce them one month prior leaving the apartment/ ending the contract.
- If something is unclear, always ask before signing the contract.
- Since there are a lot of students renting apartments in Brasov, the prices always increases in September-October, thus it would be a good idea to start looking for apartments from mid or late August.



TRANSPORTATION

In Brasov, the public transport is commonly used by locals and it can easily get you around the city at convenient fares.



RATBV (Bus)

TICKET: 5 RON (Availability - 90 minutes)

MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION: 125 RON (includes access to all inner-city lines)

APPS: 24Pay (helps you scan the QR code displayed in the bus, so you can pay for your ticket/subscription) & Moovit (allows you to choose your destination and check the arrival time of your bus, along with the bus station that you need to go to.)

On Fridays, public transport is FREE (Green Friday).

More information about the prices, [here](#).



CFR (Train)

INFO & TICKETS: [here](#)



UBER & BOLT

FARES: Dynamic, according to the demand or traffic. The minimum fare is 7 RON.

PROS (BOLT): Automatically applies different discounts at certain times, which makes it cheaper than Uber sometimes.

TIP: Download Uber & Bolt Apps and check them both before booking a car.

**Good to know: peak times between 7:30AM - 8:30AM / 4:30PM - 6:30PM*



PERSONAL CAR

Of course having a Personal Car represents a great advantage. If you wish to come to classes by car, it is highly recommended to arrive in the area at least 30 minutes before your classes start, so you can have the appropriate amount of time to find a parking space, as we do not provide parking spaces.

Nearby Parking Lots (prices may vary)

Spitalul Militar Regina Maria (Private Parking)

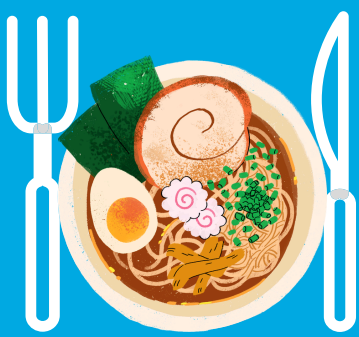
ARO Palace (Private Parking - increased fares)

City Hall (Civic Center - Private Parking - increased fares)

Central Park (Public Parking)

WAG Parking (Private Parking)

APPS: TPARK - <https://tpark.io/oras/plata-parcare-brasov/>



FOOD & GROCERIES

OUR STUDENT'S CULINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

<https://aharomania.ro/discover-brasov/>



FOOD DELIVERY APPS IN BRASOV

- WOLT
- GLOVO
- Bolt Food
- Zizam

GROCERIES DELIVERY

- WOLT
- GLOVO
- BRINGO
- AUCHAN CLICK & COLLECT
- MEGA-IMAGE

POPULAR RESTAURANTS

- SUB TAMPA
- CHEF'S BOUTIQUE
- DEI FRATI
- BISTRO DE L'ARTE
- HAPLEA
- OGRADA
- LA CEAUN
- CEASU' RAU
- TRICKSHOT



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



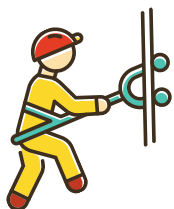
PARTY & CLUBS

Times, Rockstadt, AftaHours, Krunhen Musik Halle, Temple Pub & Grill, O'Peters Pub, Kundera, Al Camin, Kasho Lounge



MAIN FESTIVALS:

- *Holiday Mood (Techno Music, organized during summer & winter) - Elder (Techno Music, organized during summer & winter)*
- *Jazz & Blues Festival (Music)*
- *Comedy Week (Theatre)*
- *Dracula Film Festival (Film & Art)*
- *Brasov International Film Festival*
- *Rock-Blues-Folk Festival (Music)*
- *Oktoberfest (Music, Food, Drinks & Socializing)*
- *MASSIF Festival - Poiana Brasov*



ZIPLINING IN BRASOV:

- *Aventura Park (Noua Neighborhood)*
- *The Seven Ladders Canyon*
- *Wolf Park Adventure (Zarnesti)*
- *Rasnoavei Gorge (Cheile Rasnoavei) – provides Bungee Jumping as well*
- *Gradistei Gorge (Cheile Gradistei) – Fundata*



HIKING TRACKS:

- *Crucur Track*
- *Angelescu's Meadow – Sacele (Poiana Angelescu)*
- *Tampa Pike*
- *Traseul Saura Tampei – Postavaru*
- *The Seven Ladders Canyon (Traseul 7 Scari)*
- *Transylvania Plateau/Canyon*
- *Traseul Bunloc*
- *The Old Road Hike (Poiana Brasov – Solomon's Stones)*
- *Piatra Craiului Mountains*



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



SKATING & ROLLERBLADING:

- Brasov Olympic Ice Rink



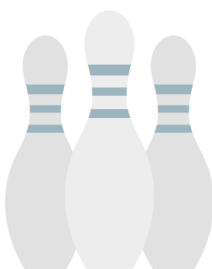
ESCAPE ROOMS:

- PuzzlePunks (Mihail Kogalniceanu Bvd)
- Escape Rooms Brasov (Republicii St)
- Mystery Rooms Escape Brasov (Bis. Romane St) -
- Obscuria Escape Rooms (Castanilor St)



DANCE STUDIOS:

- Pro Dance Studio Brasov
- FitDance
- Fan Dance Club
- Muse Dance School
- Pro Dance Studio
- LePassion Dance Club



POOL, BOWLING, SNOOKER:

- DASH
- TrickShot AFI Brasov
- Vanilla Lounge and Games

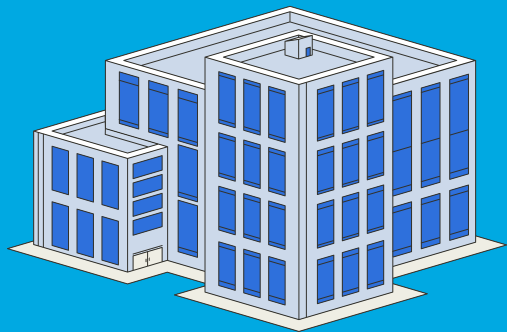


MOST POPULAR GYMS:

- Grand Fitness
- Bellaqva Fitness Center
- 18Gym Fitness Club
- Red Gym
- World Class
- Evolution Fitness
- CrossFit Kronstadt
- Ironwill Fitness Club

ACADEMIC LIFE

- Our Campus
- Academic Tools
- Policies & Guidelines
- Student Services
- Welcome Week



OUR CAMPUS

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- Restaurant / Bar Lab
- Kitchen Lab
- Men / Women Lockers

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- New York Room / Demo Kitchen
- Registrar's Office
- Student Services Office
- Career Office
- Brooklyn Room
- Women's Bathroom

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- Academic Office
- London Room
- Conference Room
- Paris Room
- Men's Bathroom

2

- Library & Silent Booths
- Financial & Logistics Office
- Marketing & Admissions Office
- Sidney Room
- Men's & Women's Bathroom

Classrooms

- Brooklyn
- New York
- Paris
- London

Group / Study Rooms

pre-booking required

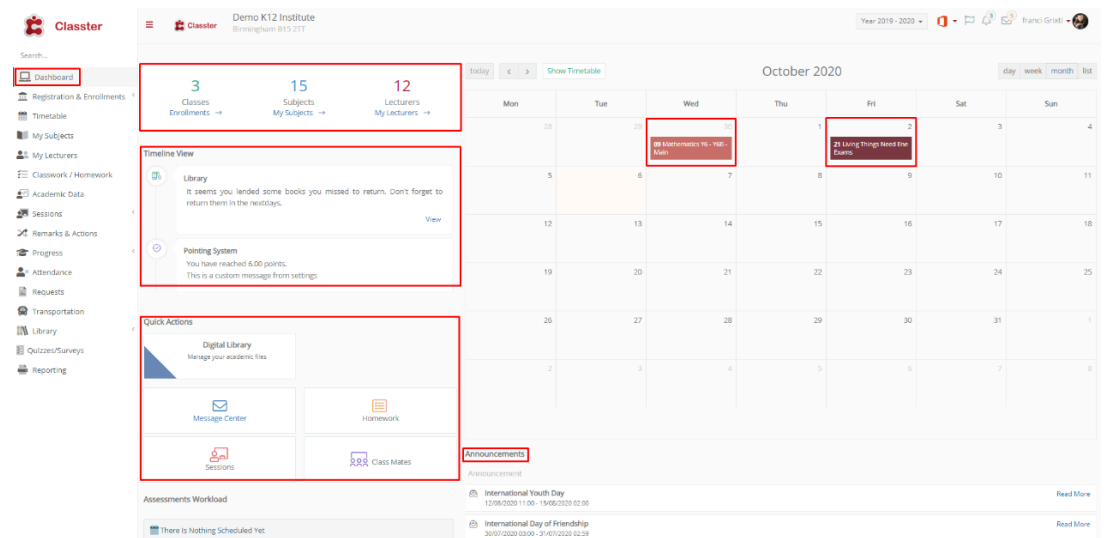
- Sidney
- Library



ACADEMIC TOOLS

Classter & iLearn

The main learning platforms you will be using throughout your studies. Here you will find all the presentations from the courses, the Unit Handbook, other useful resources. Classter/iLearn are also the places where you will upload your projects and check your attendance regularly.



Schedule

The schedule will be posted weekly, on Friday, on Classter). Make sure you have notifications enabled in case any changes occur.



E-mail

During the Orientation Week, you will receive an institutional email address that you will use during your studies for all the communication with lecturers and staff.

Prepare the mobile app as well, along with the Microsoft Teams app that you will be able to use to communicate with your colleagues or lecturers.



STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Office is the go to department as a student!

There, the Student Services Coordinator is always ready to answer your questions or guide to the most appropriate person who can help you with any issues that might occur or even write you a recommendation letter.

Contact:

student.services@americanhotelacademy.ro

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Be the voice of the students and join the
Student Government!

Available positions 1st Year students:

- **Marketing Department** - in charge of creating graphics, texts or promotional materials related to Student Government activities, which can also be used on our official social media platforms
- **Events Department** - in charge of all activities related to student events (ex. parties)
- **Group representatives** - be the voice of your colleagues and deliver their messages
- **Club representatives** - be part of different clubs, participate in all the organized activities of the club(s)
- **Student ambassadors** - all students who participate in promotional activities (ex. IUF, high school visits, ICE event, Open Days event etc.)

21 - 25.09

Apply for one of the
positions available

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Start doing
awesome work!

28.09-02.10

We review your application
& conduct interviews



WELCOME WEEK

First week of your new chapter will be an introductory one, so prepare all your questions for us!

The Welcome Week will take place in Brasov, at the AHA Campus, between the [14th and 18th of September](#). Presence is mandatory, as you will find out essential information about your academic life and your courses will start.

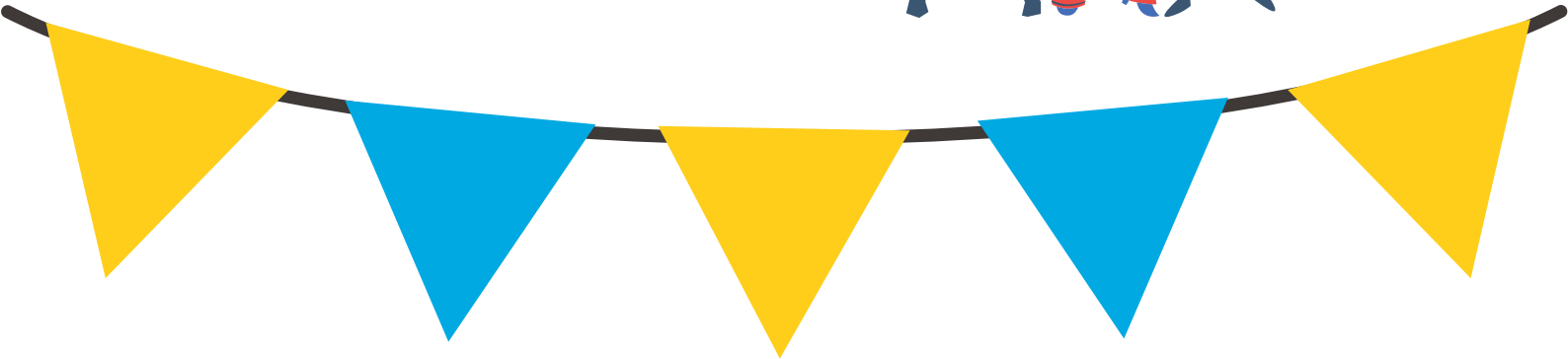
More details about the exact timeline and activities that take place during the Welcome Week will be given to you at the Opening Ceremony.

WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES



- Introduction to American European Education
- Academic Tools
- Academic Orientation
- Student Services
- Careers & Horizon Presentation

- Social Night Out
- Welcome activity (TBD)
- ID Photo Session



We look forward to seeing you soon!

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