

A photograph of three young women in hiking gear on a mountain peak. One woman in a blue jacket holds a Romanian flag. The background shows a misty mountain landscape.

# ROMANIA SEMESTER

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## The Romania Semester,

offered through Northwestern College of Iowa, is a unique study abroad program that lets you enjoy breathtaking natural beauty while impacting the lives of Romanian youth. You'll live in Lupeni in the Jiu Valley—a region in central Romania known for its medieval towns, castles and mountains. As you study Romanian history and culture, you'll also learn about the societal dysfunction wrought by communism and the empowering impact of community involvement, adventure education and sustainable development. Your semester will also include backpacking trips, homestays and excursions to world-famous castles and monasteries.

### COURSES

All courses are accredited by Northwestern College and meet NWC's standards for academic rigor. You will take four courses during your semester in Romania:

- Romanian Language (4 credits)
- Romanian Culture and History (4 credits)
- Sustainable Development (4 credits)
- Experiential Education (4 credits)



## ACCOMMODATIONS

You'll spend part of your study abroad living with a Romanian host family—the best way to experience local culture and language. The rest of the semester, you'll be in apartment-style housing, except for times when you'll have the opportunity to go backpacking or participate in retreats. Generally, meals will be provided by either your host family or the program.

## EXCURSIONS

The Romania Semester may include planned excursions to:

- Hunedoara Castle, famous for its connection to Dracula
- Barsana Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Timisoara, birthplace of the Romanian Revolution
- Backpacking trip in the Carpathian Alps
- Memorial Museum for Communist Victims
- Bucharest, called the "Paris of the East"

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## FACULTY AND STAFF

The **New Horizons Foundation** is Northwestern College's partner in Romania. Founded in 2000 with offices in Lupeni and Cluj-Napoca, it promotes high-quality experiential education that teaches life skills to youth as a means of sustainable development. Programs pioneered by New Horizons are being replicated globally by organizations including World Vision.

**Dr. Dana Bates**, founder and executive director of New Horizons Foundation, serves as the primary faculty member for the program. In addition to working with New Horizons and the Romania Semester, Dana is involved with local tourism development centered around outdoor recreational activities. Other faculty and staff include **Brandi Bates**, director of student life, and additional Romanian scholars and New Horizons Foundation personnel.







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## PROGRAM FEES

The Romania Semester costs the same as an on-campus semester at Northwestern College and includes:

- 16 credits
- Housing and meals
- Program travel (excluding airfare), events and excursions

Check with your institution's financial aid office to see if financial aid can apply toward your semester abroad. For current Northwestern tuition rates, visit [nwciowa.edu/tuition](https://www.nwciowa.edu/tuition).

## DEADLINES

The Romania Semester is offered during the fall semester. The application deadline is May 1 for non-NWC students.

To apply or for more information, visit [nwciowa.edu/Romania](https://www.nwciowa.edu/Romania)



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