



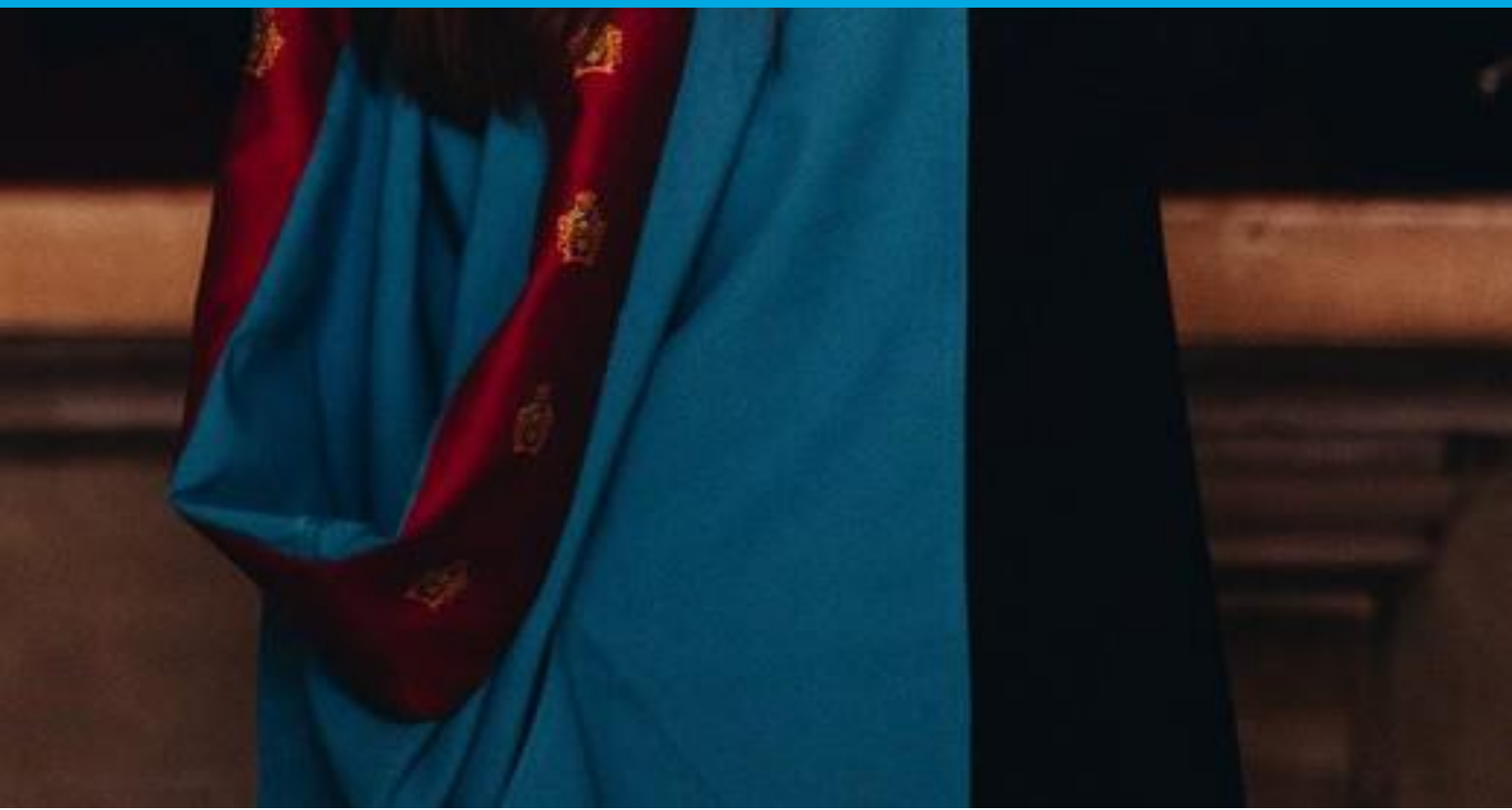
PRE-ARRIVAL STUDENT HANDBOOK



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ABOUT US



Who are we?

American Hotel Academy is a hotel management school, founded in 2007 in Brasov, Romania. It is the first international hotel management school in the country with the main purpose of delivering education and training in hospitality to Romanian and international students interested in pursuing global careers.

Our students currently learn from over 30 national and international lecturers, all seasoned professionals or master and PhD educated teachers.

Our mission

American Hotel Academy's mission is to advance professionally – oriented education and applied skills training with an international perspective in a variety of hospitality management disciplines that are not available at many traditional higher education institutions.

We are committed to prepare our students to succeed in the global marketplace. This is achieved through blending academic rigor with professional training and cultural diversity awareness, while concentrating on the professional and personal growth of our students.

Director's Welcome

American Hotel Academy has created a unique, challenging and inspirational educational environment that transforms each of our students' perspective on life and their career path.

Our culture is based on continuous learning, experiencing, creating and growing, blending academic rigor with practical training both on campus as well as at our hospitality partners.

Our students learn new things, open their minds to new ideas, grow independent, develop as persons and are very much aware that this experience will have an impact both on their personal and their professional lives.

As a community, we are determined to set you off on the first step of your hospitality career, supporting you every step of the way in exceeding your limits and performing at your highest potential.

Ada Terea - Academic Director

Our Team



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Academic Director



Ioana Turcas
Programme Leader



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Registrar & Lecturer



Ioana Netcu
Programme Leader



Ana Leah
Organizational Development
Director



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Placements Coordinator



Mihaela Varsan
Business Management
Director



Claudia Zaharia
Accounting Controller



Ramona Costin
Compliance Officer

Join our community!

Update Your Status

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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Read our website

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:

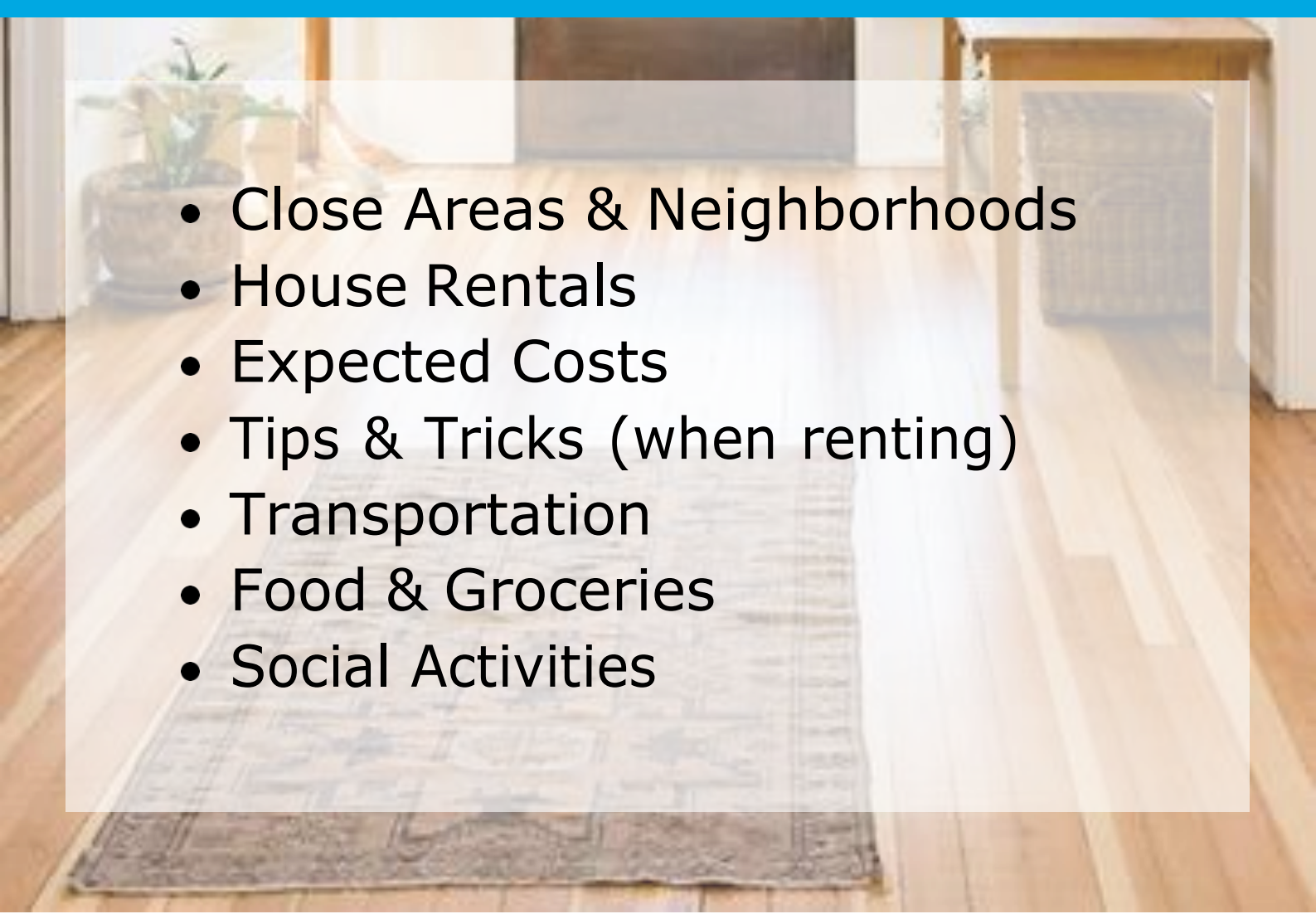
- Classrooms
- Demo Kitchen
- Professional Kitchen
- Restaurant for practice
- Library
- Computer room
- Common rooms
- Specific offices - designed to enhance the student's educational experience while at AHA

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 (Avantgarden 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:* ~300 EUR
- *Two Bedroom Apartments:* ~350 - 500 EUR (can be shared)
- *Three Bedroom Apartments:* ~400 - 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](#)
- [LA JUMATE.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)



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

50-70 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

400-500 RON

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

FOOD

400-500 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: 4 RON (If bought on Pay24 app, ticket is available one hour) MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION: 150 RON (includes access to all inter-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 busstation that you need to go to.)

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 places.

Nearby Parking Lots (prices may vary)

Spitalul Militar Regina Maria (Private Parking)

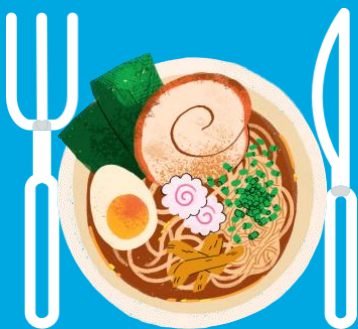
ARO Palace (Private Parking - increased fares)

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

- TAZZ BY EMAG
- GLOVO

GROCERIES DELIVERY

- TAZZ BY EMAG
- GLOVO
- BRINGO
- AUCHAN CLICK & COLLECT
- MEGA-IMAGE

POPULAR RESTAURANTS

- SUB TAMPA
- DEI FRATI
- BISTRO DE L'ARTE
- ONE SOUL
- HAPLEA
- OGRADA
- LA CEAUN
- CEASU' RAU



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



PARTY & CLUBS

Times, Rockstadt, AftaHours, Krunhen Musik Halle, Temple Pub & Grill, Deane's Irish 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 Saut 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



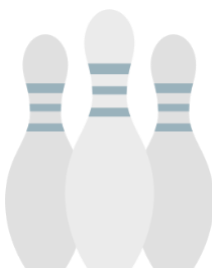
ESCAPE ROOMS:

- 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

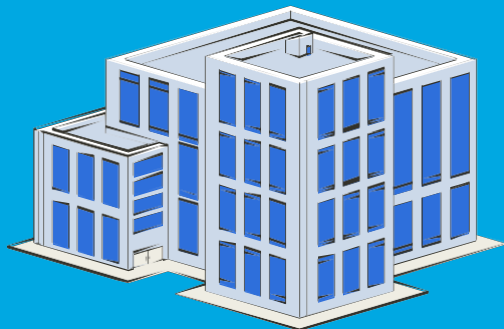


MOST POPULAR GYMS:

- 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

The main learning platform you will be using throughout your studies. Here you will find all the presentations from the courses, the Unit Handbook, useful resources. Classter is also the place where you will upload your projects.

Schedule

The schedule will be posted weekly, on Friday, on eCampus (here) and the Posting Board (Ground Floor). In order to read it, find your group (ex. 1211), your subgroup for practical classes (ex. 1211.1). Look at the date and check the eCampus announcements board regularly as unexpected changes may occur!

E-mail

At the beginning of September, you will receive an institutional email address that you will use during your studies for all the communication with lecturers and staff.



POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Attendance

- We have a 50% permitted absences policy, no matter the reason why you are not attending the class.
- In case you record more than 50% absences for theoretical class and/or more than 30% absences for a practical one, it is deemed that you cannot meet the unit learning outcomes and therefore you will not be able to take the final exam, nor participate in the resits. In this case, you will need to resit the entire unit next year and pay for it.
- You will be able to check your attendance on Classter.

Examinations

- All exams are to be taken online, using your own laptop, while in classroom.
- Depending on the subject, the examinations can be either a project or a quiz.
- You will be informed about the exam's sessions through our educational platform. As well all the deadlines for assessments are specified in the Unit handbook for each course.

Reasonable Adjustments

American Hotel Academy will consider adjusting its normal administrative arrangements for students who may experience difficulty in taking the assessment under normal conditions, such as short-term events, that could not be expected, which have a serious impact on the student's assessment in one of two ways:

- preventing a student from attending, completing or submitting an assessment on time;
- significantly affecting performance in an assessment.

**more details about examinations, reasonable adjustments, attendance and retakes will be further detailed during the Orientation Week.*



POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Dress Code

American Hotel Academy is the first institution that is taking care of your hospitality career journey. Therefore, we want you to get used with the dress code you will encounter from now on in this industry. There is a business casual dress code in effect on campus during weekdays.

Respecting the dress code is a form of respect shown to you and to the institution. Don't forget to take into consideration the weather when packing your clothes before moving to Brasov.



**The dress code is mandatory, so not adhering to it comes with consequences - for example, lecturers or staff members who see students in inappropriate attires can send them home to change, so make sure to dress accordingly every time you come to school!*



STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services Coordinator is always ready to answer your questions or guide you to the most appropriate person who can help you with any issues that might occur during your studies at AHA.

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.)

27.09 - 4.10

Apply for one of the
positions available

5.10 - 6.10

Review your application

9.10

Start doing
awesome things!



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, in [September](#). Presence is not mandatory, but highly recommended, as you will find out essential information about your academic life.

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 Hotel Academy
- Academic Tools
- Academic Orientation
- Student Services
- Career & HOSCO Presentation

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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If you have any questions until we meet, don't hesitate to contact our
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