

## **ICSPU GOES INTERNATIONAL THE ICSPU ACADEMIC PROFILE 2023-2027**

„Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University of Chisinau welcomes international students, academic and management staff to be part of its academic community!

ICSPU is a public, higher education, research and social development institution subordinated to the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova. ICSPU aims at training future teachers and specialists in the fields of Education Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Exact Sciences as well as developing program-products and educational applications, which represent competitive qualifications on the labour market. ICSPU also provides continuous training programs for teachers and managers and trains researchers at national and international levels. ICSPU brings significant contributions to the teaching staff nationwide and to the development of higher education of Moldova.

With an academic tradition in training and re-training teachers started in 1940, “Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University of Chisinau is the first and only pedagogical university in the Republic of Moldova. With the fusion of the State University of Tiraspol, the Continuing Education Institute and the Institute of Education Sciences, the ICSPU added up three faculties, thus expanding to 8 faculties (Faculty of Philology and History, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Faculty of Psychology and Special Psychopedagogy, Faculty of Education Sciences, Faculty of Geography, Faculty of Biology and Chemistry, Faculty of Physics, Mathematics and Computer Sciences) and an improved Centre for Continuing Education and Leadership.

The key achievements of ICSPU encompass a variety of success stories amongst which the implementation of the Future Classroom (<https://www.clasaviitorului.md/>), which offers a huge array of possibilities for both our teachers, students and the teachers across the country who benefit from continuous professional development sessions.

On May 11, 2023, „Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University of Chisinau became the home of the Orange Digital Centre (<https://www.facebook.com/orangedigitalcentermoldova>), a programme launched by the Orange Group, which develops this programme in each country it operates. In 2021 and 2022, Orange Digital Centres were launched in European countries as Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, France, as well as in the Middle East and Africa: Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, followed by Romania, Slovakia, Moldova. Orange Digital Centre is a life-long-learning programme where everyone – children, youth, students, women, entrepreneurs or seniors – with the help of the digital, can discover their potential, to improve their professional abilities or to retrain for a job of the future. An Orange Digital Centre encompasses 3 components and offers free:

- Programming school, where the children make their first steps in coding, women acquire digital skills and learn to start small businesses, while the young discover and learn creative IT;
- Fab Lab, a digital fabrication workshop, where the young and the adults learn to create real objects with the help of technologies and digital fabrication and give life to their own ideas;

- Entrepreneurial school, where the young, the students and the adults learn what a start-up is, which its main stages are and how they can launch their own projects at home, in Moldova.

The ICSPU Students and Alumni Association (ASA – Asociația Studenților și Ansolvenților UPS „Ion Creangă”) was created in March 2021 and has been actively involved in various actions and projects (Ion Creanga Mini-Park, EcoCampus Project – the winner of the competition promoted and funded by the ICSPU administration “Opportunities for My University”).

The process of internationalizing our courses by offering new integrated study programs at postgraduate level as well as bilingual courses, including an extended offer of courses taught in a foreign language will most definitely have a significant impact on the quality of the educational offer we provide our beneficiaries.

ICSPU has strengthened and established 196 partnerships with universities worldwide and an impressive number of institutions and organizations at national level. These partnerships allowed ICSPU to develop, implement or participate in academic, research, scientific and cultural actions and events, academic Erasmus+ and non-Erasmus mobilities (study and traineeship mobilities for students, teaching and training mobilities for staff), but also to host international mobilities, seminars, conferences, symposia.

Our students and staff are actively involved in social, volunteering activities aimed at improving life in the local community (Christmas/Easter Charity Caravan, National Dance Day, Earth Day, flash-mobs devoted to the International Education Day, French Teacher’s Day).

„Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University is located in Chisinau, the capital city of the Republic of Moldova. Chisinau is a city in transition, with old and new coexisting together. The city is full of architectural masterpieces from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, many of them designed by the famous architect Alexandru Bernardazzi when he was chief architect of Chisinau. At the same time, Chisinau has an evident urban structure rooted down in its history. You can learn more about Chisinau’s history, heritage and cultural influences by taking a ride by the Sightseeing Trolleybus (starting point: Arch of Triumph on Saturdays and Sundays at 14:00) and visiting the National Inbound and Domestic Tourism Association of Moldova (83 Stefan cel Mare Blvd., Facebook: @moldovainfocenter, Instagram: @visit.moldova)

### **ICSPU Academic Profile for 2023-2024**

Having about 6500 students enrolled at undergraduate, graduate and PhD level, and continuing education/life-long-learning programs within the 8 faculties and the Centre for Continuing Education and Leadership, “Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University of Chisinau is empirically connected to its fundamental values: quality, cooperation and communication, integrity, excellence, flexibility, creativity, life-long-learning following its academic motto: DISCE UT DOCEAS.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

### I. BACHELOR – 57 academic programmes (full-time studies)

#### 18 academic programmes (part-time studies)

- Most of them taught in Romanian
- Russian
- (for the specialities English Language and Literature, English Language and Literature and French Language, English Language and Literature and German Language, English Language and Literature and Italian Language; French Language and Literature, French Language and Italian Language; German Language and Literature, German Language and Literature and English Language, Romanian Language and Literature and English Language, Russian Language and Literature and English Language – mostly taught in the studied languages);

### II. MASTER – 70 academic programmes

- 64 – taught in Romanian;
- 3 – taught in English;
- 2 – taught in French;
- 1 taught in German.

### III. DOCTORATE – 3 doctoral schools

#### ➤ Education Sciences – 9 academic programmes

- 531.01 General theory of education
- 531.02 Educational management
- 531.03 Historic pedagogy
- 532.01 Preschool didactics
- 532.02 School didactics by levels and subjects
- 533.01 University pedagogy
- 533.02 Vocational pedagogy
- 533.03 Adults pedagogy
- 534.01 Special pedagogy

#### ➤ Psychology – 2 academic programmes

- 511.02 – Development psychology and education psychology
- 511.06 – Special psychology

#### ➤ History. Cultural Heritage. Modernity – 9 academic programmes

- 611.01. History of Moldova (by periods)
- 611.02. History of the Romanians (by periods)
- 611.03. World/universal history (by periods)
- 611.04. Theory and methodology of historic sciences
- 611.05. Museology; national cultural heritage protection
- 611.06. Documents and archives
- 611.07. History of science and technique (by areas/fields)
- 612.01. Ethnology
- 613.01. Archeology

### IV. POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

- Advanced research **postdoctoral programs** in the research fields corresponding to the doctoral schools operating within ICSPU

## V. **LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMMES**

- Multimodular upskilling programmes – 32
- Modular upskilling programmes – 5
- Professional reconversion programmes – 16
- Adults' continuing education (the Seniors University) – 33

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

### **BACHELOR**

- by the academic year 2022-2023 – 71
- in the academic year 2022-2023 – 37
  - Romania – 18
  - Ukraine – 5
  - Azerbaijan – 1
- In the academic year 2023-2024 – 32

### **MASTER**

- by the academic year 2022-2023 – 260
- in the academic year 2022-2023 – 103
  - Romania – 245
  - Ukraine – 11
  - Russian Federation – 1
  - Turkey – 2
  - Turkmenistan – 1
- in the academic year 2023-2024 – 99

### **DOCTORATE**

- on **28.06.2023** – 236
  - **Romania – 235**
  - **Ukraine – 1**

## **SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

One of the most valuable outcomes of a prestigious university is the collection of scientific journals, so ICSPU is constantly preoccupied by the quality of its journals (especially the ones published in English):

- 1 journal indexed in Scopus
- 1 journal indexed in ERIHPLUS
- 4 institutional journals
- own printing house – EPC of "Ion Creangă" State Pedagogical University (<https://upsc.md/organizare/cep/>)

## LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

are defining elements of ICSPU. Bringing together Romanian, Bulgarian, Gagauzian and Russian-speaking students from the Republic of Moldova, ICSPU, actively involves international students from Romania, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan in its educational activity at all study levels (Bachelor, Master and Doctorate). Apart from the academic programs offered in 5 different languages, ICSPU hosts 5 international centres (American Centre, Francophone Employability Centre, DAAD, OeAD, Italian Centre) which have been opened to provide students and staff trainings and courses within different study programs. They have been established by foreign entities (i.e., governments, embassies) and hosted by ICSPU, being our commitment to promoting cultural diversity.

”Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University is part of 2 CEEPUS Networks (HR-1005-09-2324 – A.L.I.C.E. and SI-0719-12-2324 – Educational Systems in Central Europe) and more than 20 Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreements that offer our students and staff real opportunities to boost their knowledge and skills, as well as the opportunity to benefit from the incoming international staff.

During the years, ICSPU managed to build strong collaboration with the Erasmus+ National Office, AUF Moldova, the Embassy of the USA, the Embassy of China, the Embassy of Turkey, Chisinau Erasmus Students’ Network, and Youth Organisations.

At the moment, ICSPU is involved in multiple international projects funded by EU (DOORS – Developing Optimal and Open Research Support for the Black Sea – H2020BG-2018-2020/H2020BG2020-2; Black Sea CONNECT- H-2020-BG-2018-2020/H2020-BG2019-1; Better Teaching for a Better Future 2021-2023, REFLECT 2023-2026). In the academic year 2022-2023, “Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University received funding for 4 Erasmus+ projects, therefore it will coordinate 1 Jean Monnet E+ Project – "EuDigBook" with ID 101126852/ ERASMUS-JMO-2023-MODULE Jean Monnet Actions in the field of Higher Education: Modules (coordinator Assoc. prof., dr. Tatiana Chiriac) and will be partner in 3 CBHE projects ( "UPGRADE" with ID 101129166/ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CBHE-STRAND-3 Capacity building in the field of higher education Strand 3 (coordinator Assoc. prof., dr. Alexandra Barbaneagra); "T4GREEN" with ID 101128762/ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CBHE-STRAND-3 Capacity building in the field of higher education Strand 3 (coordinator Assoc. prof., dr. Olga Gherlovan); "PeaceEdu", ID 101128854/ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CBHE-STRAND-2 Capacity building in the field of higher education Strand 2 (coordinator Assoc. prof., dr. Angela Solcan).

## OTHER INSTITUTIONAL ASSETS

- The Institute for Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer: <https://icitt.upsc.md/>
- 4 research laboratories: <https://upsc.md/cercetare/lc/>
- The scientific library: <https://upsc.md/organizare/biblioteca-stiintifica/>
- The university sports complex: <https://upsc.md/organizare/biblioteca-stiintifica/>
- The Direction for Students and Social Services: <https://upsc.md/organizare/directia-studenti-consiliere-ghidare-cariera/>