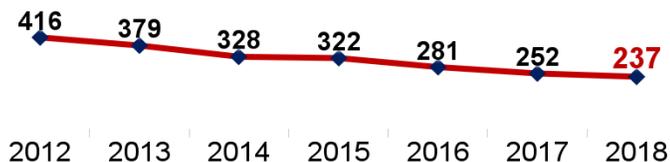




Moldovan Students Studying in the U.S.



Source: 2018 Open Doors Report (published by IIE, funded by the U.S. Department of State)

Change in Students Studying in the U.S. from 2017 to 2018
-6%

Change in U.S. Study Abroad Students from 2016 to 2017
600%

Source: 2018 Open Doors

Total Population

3,474,121

Population Aged 15-24

12.32%

Source: The World Fact Book

U.S. Study Abroad Students in Moldova



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Top 5 Receiving States

- Texas
- California
- New York
- Illinois
- Massachusetts

Source: 2018 Open Doors

Change in Student Visas Issued in from 2016 to 2017

F -15.38%
J -30.54%
M 0.0%

*Based on fiscal year Oct 1 – Sept 30
Source: travel.state.gov

Students in U.S. by Academic Level	%	Number	% Change (2017 to 2018)
Undergraduate	56.1%	133	8.1%
Graduate	28.3%	67	-16.3%
Non-Degree	4.2%	10	25%
OPT	11.4%	27	-34.1%

Students in U.S. by U.S. Institution Type	%
Associate's (2-year) Colleges	25.69%
Baccalaureate (4-year) Colleges	10.09%
Doctorate-granting Universities	48.62%
Master's Colleges and Universities	14.22%
Special Focus Institutions	1.38%
Public Institutions	62.84%
Private Institutions	37.16%

HIGHLIGHTS:

Starting from FY19, EducationUSA will be co-located with the new American Center, which opened to the public in November 2018.

Moldovan students study at institutions 32 institutions and Washington, D.C.

Just over a quarter of Moldova students pursuing an undergraduate education in the U.S. are at a community college.

While the overall mobility numbers to the U.S. continue to decline, the number of undergraduate students in the U.S. increased by 8% in the last year.

The number of 15-24 year olds has declined by over 25% in the last 5 years (Source: census.gov).





- **Pre-high school (# of years):** 9
- **High school (# of years):** 2-3
- **Academic year calendar:** September – July
- **Recommended times for U.S. institution visits:** Mid-September - late October, mid-March - late April. Major holidays: Early November (1 week), End of December - mid-January, Early March - mid March, Easter (1 week) June/July - end of August. Major exam(s): December - January, Late May - end of June

Secondary Education (high school)

- **Language of instruction:** Romanian and Russian
- **Years of mandatory English courses:**
- **Grading system and interpretation:** A: 9.01 – 10, B: 8.01 – 9.0, C: 7.01 – 8.0, D: 6.01 – 7.0, E: 5.0 – 6.0; FX: 3.01 – 4.99; F: 1.0 – 3/0
- **Subjects required:** Romanian language and literature, Primary foreign language (English or French), Secondary foreign language (German or Spanish), General literature, math, physics, astronomy, chemistry, biology, Romanian history, general history, geography, and civic education.
- **Graduation requirements:** Completing required courses and Bacalaureate exam
- **Name of diploma/certificate/degree conferred upon completion:** Diploma de Bacalaureat
- **Name of school leaving exams:** Bacalaureate Exam (Bacalaureat)
- **How to verify school leaving exams or diploma/certificate/degree:** Through the Ministry of Education
- **Other credentials:** Atestat de Studi medii de cultura generala. Students can enter university with this credential but would require them to study 5 years instead of 4 to obtain a bachelor degree.
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions testing availability in-country and adviser recommendations:** TOEFL and SAT
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions test mean scores (as of 2017):** TOEFL: Reading: 20, Listening: 21, Speaking: 22, Writing: 21, Total: 85

Structure of University System

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor’s degree:** 3-4
- **Language of instruction in universities:** Romanian and Russian
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** 1 year
- **Grading system and interpretation:** Same as Secondary school grade system
- **Degrees offered:** Bachelors - (Licentiat), Masters, Ph.D. - (Doctor Habilitat)
- **Top fields of study/majors:** Computer science, Computer engineering, Finance, Business management and administration, Accounting, Law, Medicine, Engineering, International Relations
- **Standardized graduate admissions testing availability / frequency offered in-country:** TOEFL, GRE, GMAT and LSAT
- **Standardized graduate admissions test mean scores (as of 2017):** GRE: V 148 Q 151 W 3.4
- **Study Abroad:** U.S. is the #8 destination for study abroad after Romania, Russia, Italy, Ukraine, France Turkey and Bulgaria (Source: uis.unesco.org).

Educational Authorities and International Education Resources

- Ministry of Education, Culture, and Research <https://mecc.gov.md/en>
- National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research <http://anacip.md/index.php/en/>
- Seed Grant Program: <http://seedgrant.md/>
- EducationUSA advising centers in Moldova: Chisinau

