



ATHENS – Final Report

Month/Year: 03/2025

Code and name of the course: NUSTPB017 Artificial Tissues and Organs

Host University: Politehnica Bucharest

Course Language: English

Dates: 15 – 22/03/2025

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Transport:

Means of transport (+ price):

By Flixbus from Prague to Vienna and from Vienna by direct Ryanair flight to Bucharest (2500 Kč return flight, 800 Kč return bus ticket).

Local transport:

Week pass for Bucharest Metro costs 45 RON (9 euros). Also possible to buy week pass for buses/trams for similar price, but metro is the most convenient mean of transport in the city.

Accommodation:

The university offers accommodation (first come, first serve) in their newest residence on campus. One night in a double room with private bathroom costs 12 euros.

Food:

University canteen offers very cheap food (cca 15 RON per meal). There are also other restaurants right on campus with prices around 20-30 RON per meal. Eating in the city centre costs more (50-60 RON per meal).

Scholarship – the amount you have received: 7 800 Kč

Please state in percentage: The scholarship covered 85 % of my expenses.

Course schedule (how it was organised):

All organizational information was shared via WhatsApp group chats that were managed by amazing community of student volunteers. Classes generally started at 9 am and finished before 5 pm, with two hours lunch break. There were some changes to the schedule on some of the days, but we were always informed in advance. The morning block of classes usually consisted of theoretical lectures, the afternoon one was practical. The course was evaluated through written exam (multiple choice, one correct answer), the exam focused solely on basic concepts from the course. EDA activities

took place on Sunday (welcome session and campus tour) and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings (university museum visit, guided city tour, games night) and they were all for free.

Free time:

Bucharest city centre is compact and can be easily seen in one day. I recommend visiting the Stavropoleos monastery, Herastrau park, Ateneul Roman (15 RON) and Ceausescu house (60 RON). On free evenings we usually went with other students to the city to grab some food or hanged out in the campus.

Overall Evaluation:

The Artificial Tissues and Organs course at Politehnica Bucharest was a great choice and I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in the topic and has a basic knowledge of biology, as the entry requirements are not high. Thanks to the hard-working student volunteers and the possibility to stay right on campus the whole week was an amazing experience filled with learning, meeting new people and fun and I am very glad that I could participate.