

## ICSPU GOES INTERNATIONAL

“Ion Creanga” State Pedagogical University of Chisinau is vibrant hub of academic excellence, innovation, and welcomes international students, academic and management staff to be part of its community.

As one of the leading institutions of higher education, we are dedicated to fostering intellectual growth, creativity, and a global perspective. With a rich history and a commitment to shaping future leaders, ICSPU offers a diverse range of programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Join us in an environment where curiosity meets opportunity, and education becomes a transformative experience.

ICSPU is a well-known public institution in higher education, research, and social development, proudly affiliated with the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova. Dedicated to shaping the next generation of educators and specialists, ICSPU offers a broad range of programs across Education Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities, and Exact Sciences. Our institution not only prepares graduates with qualifications that stand out in the competitive job market, but also pioneers innovative educational tools and applications. In addition to degree programs, ICSPU provides continuous professional development for teachers and managers, as well as advanced training for researchers on both national and international levels. Our commitment to excellence plays a key role in elevating Moldova's educational standards and empowering teaching professionals across the country.

With a proud academic tradition dating back to 1940, 'Ion Creangă' State Pedagogical University of Chisinau stands as the first and only pedagogical university in the Republic of Moldova. Through the strategic merger with the State University of Tiraspol, the Continuing Education Institute, and the Institute of Education Sciences, ICSPU has expanded its reach and academic offerings. Now comprising eight dynamic faculties—including Philology and History, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Fine Arts and Design, Psychology and Special Psychopedagogy, Education Sciences, Geography, Biology and Chemistry, and Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Sciences—the university provides a comprehensive education for future professionals. Additionally, ICSPU boasts an enhanced Centre for Continuing Education and Leadership, dedicated to fostering lifelong learning and leadership development for educators and specialists nationwide.

With approximately 6,500 students enrolled across undergraduate, graduate, PhD programs, and lifelong learning courses, 'Ion Creangă' State Pedagogical University of Chisinau remains deeply committed to its core values: quality, cooperation, communication, integrity, excellence, flexibility, creativity, and lifelong learning. Through its eight faculties and the Centre for Continuing Education and Leadership, the university embodies these principles in every aspect of its academic mission, guided by its motto: *DISCE UT DOCEAS*—'Learn to Teach.'

The internationalization of our academic programs through new integrated postgraduate courses and bilingual offerings, including a wider range of subjects taught in foreign languages, is poised to greatly enhance the quality and diversity of the education we provide. ICSPU has built and strengthened over 200 partnerships with universities across the globe, alongside numerous collaborations with national institutions and organizations. These partnerships have enabled us to actively participate in and host academic, research, and cultural initiatives, as well as offer Erasmus+ and non-Erasmus mobility programs. Students and staff benefit from study and traineeship exchanges, while we also welcome international mobilities, seminars, conferences, and symposia, further enriching

our academic environment and global presence. 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).

Over the years, 'Ion Creangă' State Pedagogical University of Chisinau has made significant strides in advancing education and research, marked by numerous key achievements. A leader in educational innovation, ICSPU has developed groundbreaking teaching methodologies, digital learning tools, and a variety of interactive educational programs tailored to meet the demands of a modern classroom. One of its major accomplishments is the creation of digital textbooks and resources, which have revolutionized the accessibility of learning materials for both students and educators nationwide.

The university also plays a pivotal role in the organization of prestigious academic conferences, symposia, and international seminars, creating a dynamic platform for intellectual exchange, cutting-edge research, and collaboration with academic institutions worldwide. These events attract scholars, researchers, and educators from across the globe, contributing to the global dialogue on pedagogical advancement and innovation. Through its active involvement in academic events and its contributions to educational research, ICSPU has established itself as a key player in shaping the future of education both in Moldova and internationally.

'Ion Creangă' State Pedagogical University is situated in Chisinau, the bustling capital of the Republic of Moldova. A city where tradition meets modernity, Chisinau offers a unique blend of old and new. Its streets are adorned with architectural masterpieces from the 19th century, many crafted by the renowned architect Alexandru Bernardazzi during his tenure as the city's chief architect. The city's rich urban landscape reflects its deep historical roots and cultural influences. To explore Chisinau's fascinating heritage, you can take a ride on the Sightseeing Trolleybus, which departs from the Arch of Triumph every Saturday and Sunday at 14:00. For more information, visit the National Inbound and Domestic Tourism Association of Moldova (83 Stefan cel Mare Blvd.) or follow them on social media: Facebook (@moldovainfocenter) and Instagram (@visit.moldova).

## **The ICSPU Academic Profile for 2024-2025**

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**

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

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

- Most of them taught in Romanian
- Russian
- English
- (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. Archaeology

### **IV. POSTGRADUATE LEVEL**

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

### **V. LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMMES**

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

### **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 ERIH PLUS
- 4 institutional journals
- own printing house – EPC of "Ion Creangă" State Pedagogical University (<https://upsc.md/organizare/cep/>)

### **LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

is at the heart of ICSPU's identity. The university unites students from various backgrounds, including Romanian, Bulgarian, Gagauzian and Russian-speaking communities within the Republic of Moldova

and actively welcomes international students from countries such as Romania, Ukraine, Tajikistan, and Azerbaijan, Turkey, Israel across all academic levels—Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate.

In addition to offering academic programs in five different languages, ICSPU proudly hosts six international centers: **the American Centre, Francophone Employability Centre, DAAD, OeAD, the Italian Centre and the Centre of Polish History and Culture**. These centers, established by foreign entities such as governments and embassies, provide invaluable training and courses to students and staff, reinforcing our commitment to fostering cultural diversity and enhancing the educational experience.

### ICSPU IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

„Ion Creangă” State Pedagogical University of Chisinau actively engages in a variety of international projects that enhance its academic reputation and foster collaboration across borders. These projects encompass a broad range of educational initiatives, including joint research endeavors, curriculum development, and training programs aimed at improving teaching methodologies and educational standards. By participating in initiatives funded by programs such as Erasmus+, ICSPU not only facilitates student and staff exchanges but also collaborates with partner institutions to share best practices and innovative approaches in education. Through these international partnerships, the university has contributed to the development of inclusive and high-quality educational frameworks, enabling it to remain at the forefront of pedagogical advancement. ICSPU's commitment to international collaboration not only enriches the academic experience for its students and faculty but also strengthens the university's role in the global educational landscape.

„Ion Creangă” State Pedagogical University is actively involved in two CEEPUS Networks—HR-1005-09-2324 (A.L.I.C.E.) and SI-0719-12-2324 (Educational Systems in Central Europe)— and has signed more than 30 Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements. These initiatives provide our students and staff with valuable opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills while benefiting from the expertise of incoming international staff.

Over the years, ICSPU has established strong collaborations with various organizations, including the Erasmus+ National Office, DAAD, AUF Moldova, and several embassies such as those of the USA, China, and Turkey. Additionally, partnerships with the Chisinau Erasmus Students’ Network and various youth organizations further strengthen our commitment to international education and exchange.

ICSPU is dedicated to fostering educational excellence through a diverse array of innovative projects aimed at enhancing teaching methodologies, promoting research collaboration, and facilitating international exchanges, thereby enriching the academic experience for students and faculty alike (for more information about the projects ICSPU is part of, follow the link <https://upsc.md/international/proiecte-cooperari/> )

### 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/>

The key achievements of 'Ion Creangă' State Pedagogical University (ICSPU) showcase a wealth of inspiring success stories. Among these is the innovative implementation of the Future

Classroom (<https://www.clasaviitorului.md> ), a transformative initiative that opens up a world of possibilities for our teachers, students, and educators across the country through continuous professional development sessions.

On May 11, 2023, ICSPU proudly became home to the Orange Digital Centre (Visit Us at <https://digitalcenter.orange.md/> ), part of a global program launched by the Orange Group, which enhances digital literacy in each country it operates. Following the establishment of Orange Digital Centres in countries like Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, France, Egypt, Tunisia, and Jordan, Moldova now joins this prestigious network. The Orange Digital Centre serves as a lifelong learning hub, empowering individuals of all ages—children, youth, students, women, entrepreneurs, and seniors—to unlock their potential and enhance their professional skills for the jobs of tomorrow.

The Orange Digital Centre features three core components that offer free access to valuable resources:

**Programming School:** Here, children take their first steps in coding, women develop essential digital skills and entrepreneurship knowledge, while youth explore creative IT projects.

**Fab Lab:** This digital fabrication workshop enables both young people and adults to bring their ideas to life by creating tangible objects using advanced technologies and digital fabrication techniques.

**Entrepreneurial School:** Participants learn the ins and outs of launching a startup, including the essential stages of project development, empowering them to launch their own initiatives right here in Moldova.

Additionally, the ICSPU Students and Alumni Association (ASA) was established in March 2021 and has actively participated in numerous initiatives and projects, including the Ion Creanga Mini-Park and the EcoCampus Project, which emerged as a winner in the “Opportunities for My University” competition promoted and funded by the ICSPU administration.

These achievements underscore ICSPU's commitment to fostering innovation, creativity, and community engagement, shaping a brighter future for education in Moldova.