



*Româna la Liceu*

*Romanian in High School*

# Program at a glance

- Program prepares for Washington state recognized ALTA test
  - Get a foreign language on the High School diploma
- Starts Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at University of Washington
  - Students with good Romanian language knowledge -> 2 months of biweekly intensive instruction, then test administered
  - Students with basic Romanian knowledge -> 2 semesters of biweekly instruction then option to take the test
  - Biweekly online lessons/work to develop writing skills
- Offers college admissions counseling and volunteering opportunities
- Tuition (includes the official test fee):
  - \$200 for the short intensive program
  - \$300 per semester for the full year program
  - Financial aid available

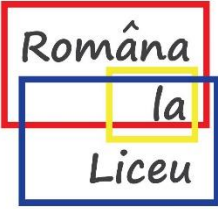
# Ro-Wa & ARCS: Who we are



- **ARCS:** American Romanian Cultural Society
  - Ileana Marin, Otilia Baraboi, Gloria Man
- **Ro-Wa:** Romanian American Society of Washington State
  - Iulian Calinov, Silvia Calinov
- **UW:** University of Washington: REECAS and Language Learning Center
  - Val Petrova, Russ Hugo

# România la Liceu

more than just learning Romanian



- ✓ Take Romanian as your foreign language in High School
  - Fulfill your “World Language” HS graduation requirement
  - Recognized by the Washington State’s Secretary of State
  - Recognized by the Romanian Language Institute, Bucharest
- ✓ College admissions guidance
- ✓ Volunteering opportunities
- ✓ Other future opportunities (Job shadowing, etc)

# Romanian Language Class – What is it?

- Prepares students to take the Competency-Based Language Credit Testing
  - The main requirement for getting Romanian on the HS transcript
  - Romanian language class in a structured setting
  - Test administered by WA state approved – ALTA languages
- Taught by qualified (PhD level) faculty from the UW:
  - Ileana Marin, Otilia Baraboi, and Gloria Man

# România la Liceu – Teaching

- Integrative Method of Teaching:
  - Addressing all 4 language skills
    - Listening
    - Speaking
    - Reading
    - Writing
  - Using technology (UW Language Learning Center)
  - Using academic online resources  
(hybrid course: assignments submitted online)
  - Using authentic texts (excerpts from feature films, documentaries, age-accessible literature, visual art, history and civilization)

# What does it take to pass?



- Speaking

To be able to participate actively in both informal and formal conversations on a variety of topics relating to school, home, and leisure activities, as well as topics relating to events of current, public, and personal interest;

- Writing

To produce routine informal and some formal correspondence, as well as narratives, descriptions, and summaries of a factual nature, using past, present, and future, paraphrasing and elaborating to provide clarity;

- Listening

To demonstrate the ability to comprehend language on a range of topics of general interest and to have sufficient knowledge of language structure in order to understand basic time-frame references;

- Reading

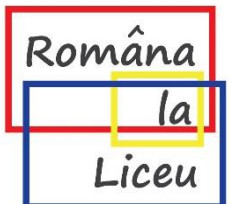
To understand the main idea and supporting details of authentic narrative and descriptive texts and to compensate for limitations in their lexical and structural knowledge by using contextual clues and references. Comprehension is likewise supported by knowledge of the conventions of the language (noun/adjective agreement, verb placement, etc.).



# WA State approved



- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
  - “Students who demonstrate proficiency on nationally recognized proficiency assessments may be able to receive competency credits on their high school transcript.”
- <http://www.k12.wa.us/WorldLanguages/CompetencyBasedCredits.aspx>





# Eligibility for Româna la Liceu



- Any student entering 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Fall of 2016
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade recommended for college admissions
- Speaking Romanian at home highly recommended, but not required
- No citizenship or any other community requirements



# Logistics

- Two groups, determined by an initial examination
- Group 1 – Students with good knowledge of Romanian
  - 2 months intensive preparation 3 hours, every 2 weeks Saturdays
- Group 2 – Students with lesser knowledge of Romanian
  - Fall semester preparation classes, every two weeks followed by evaluation
- All kids will have the option to pass the exam as offered by their school districts

# Academic program logistics

- The class begins on September 23, 2017 with the initial evaluation
- Classes are taught on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, at the University of Washington in:
  - Padelford Hall A 216: Conference Room
  - Simpson Center 202
- Course packets with texts, grammar exercises and charts, handouts and other course specific materials will be available

# Expected student commitment

- Group 1 – 1-2 hours of study weekly
- Group 2 – 1-2 hours of study weekly, depending on the skills gap



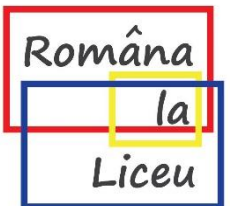
# Tuition

- Tuition expenses cover program cost
  - 100% volunteer staff
- No staff member receives any compensation for the work
  
- \$200 fee for group 1
- \$300 fee per semester for group 2
  - Payment by installment available
  - Matching contributions welcome where applicable!
  
- Financial aid available on a “need” basis
  - **We will not turn anyone away!**

# “Româna la Liceu” – How it benefits you



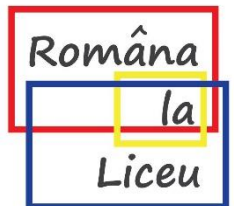
- Graduating from High School
  - Pass with two credits ->  
**no longer required** to take a World Language in High School
- Going to college
  - Pass with min 2 credits ->  
most **colleges will recognize it** for minimum admission requirements
- Going to a highly selective college
  - In addition to your high school foreign language
  - Pass with min 3-4 credits ->  
**shows academic rigor**
- Going to a college in Romania
  - **Proof of proficiency** in Romanian



# College admissions guidance



- Getting into college is a hard full-time job, and we can assist you
  - Workshops offered regularly throughout the year
  - High school curriculum review
  - Calibration of the college application list in the senior year
  - Help and advice with the review of college application essays
  - Financial guidance, help with the FAFSA application
- There is no fee for the sessions
  - Donations always welcome
- This activity is just admissions guidance.
  - We are not claiming we are legally qualified college admissions counselors!



# Volunteering opportunities

- Offered by RO-WA and ARCS
  - IRS recognized charities
  - Looking great on your college applications
- Opportunities for
  - Regular and meaningful volunteering hours
  - Student leadership roles
- Volunteering opportunities in Romania during summer
  - Organized in conjunction with similar organizations across US





# Job shadowing

Program beginning Fall 2016

- Spend a day at companies in the Seattle area
    - Microsoft, Google, Amazon, Boeing, etc.
  - See what job you may be interested in
  - Parent volunteers welcome!
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- There is no cost to participate



# Why should you do this?

- Romanian Language
  - A course that is likely much easier to pass than Spanish
  - One may practice Romanian at home daily
- Fewer subjects to take in HS
  - One may start from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and finish this requirement sooner
  - More time to focus on other academic areas
- College admissions counseling
- Option to perform meaningful volunteering activities
- Connect to your ancestral legacy
- Be part of the larger Romanian community
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# Program Staff

- Curriculum Development and Teaching
  - Ileana Marin, Otilia Baraboi, Gloria Man
- Counseling Staff
  - Ileana Marin, Iulian Calinov
- Student Coordinator
  - Silvia Calinov
- More volunteers are welcome!



# Where do I sign up?

- Fill in registration forms, or...
- <http://goo.gl/forms/mOkbyzn8HK>



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