

## ***THE BTIB LANGUAGE POLICY***

According to its academic specifics, the BTIB teaching plan provides courses for the study of English in the first 2 years, at two levels: 1<sup>st</sup> year: introductory level English, 2<sup>nd</sup> year: advanced and theological English.

As a matter of policy, the BTIB plans to encourage the study of several European languages relevant in the study of theology, such as German, French, Spanish, Dutch.

The BITB encourages the mastering of native Romanian language through specific courses on composition and rhetorics (year 1-2), on preaching and public speaking (year 1-2), on mass media communication (year 4), and preaching and public address practice (years 1-4).

All the courses are available for consultation in terms of curriculum and study calendar, are based on printed textbooks and include special programs for the development of vocabulary, glossaries, text study (exegesis), speaking exercises.

The language policies are decided at the level of the academical council of the Institute. Each year, the academic council is gathering for evaluation and further adjustment and planning of curriculum and course offers. The academical council reports to the Senate.

The BTIB is using its links with the Faculty of Baptist Theology, the University of Bucharest, as a resource for providing specialized access to Language programs, both native (Romanian) and foreign. Through these and other specialized facilities, the BTIB is able to provide introductory courses for incoming students in Roumanian culture and language.

Erasmus mobility applicants are advised to take benefit from the OLS *Online Language Support of Erasmus programme* that can be found at [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/online-linguistic-support\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/online-linguistic-support_en) available in a large number of languages (Romanian, German, English, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Dutch, Bulgarian, Czech, etc.). The programme is address to country higher education students going on mobility for studies abroad for 3-12 months, or 2-12 months traineeships, etc.

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