



Venice
International
University

17 Universities

11 Countries

3 Continents

1 Campus

A global
experience





Venice International University

Founded in 1995, VIU is something unique in the international academic panorama: a group of universities from all over the world sharing a common campus on the Island of San Servolo in the Venice lagoon.

The member universities devise study programs to prepare their students to face today's global challenges: Sustainable Development, Climate Change; Environmental Security, Ageing, Urban Growth, Innovation and Technology; Global Ethics and Human Rights; Cultural Heritage are central topics of VIU programs.

VIU fulfils its role as a consortium by providing an innovative platform for transnational education, in which the interdisciplinary and comparative methods adopted enable students of all levels to consider multi-faceted problems through innovative approaches.

VIU offers its support for research programs involving the various universities that form its network, and develops specific programs for advanced training.





VIU Members

The Universities that form VIU range from the Far East (China and Japan) to the Far West (USA and Québec) passing through the Mediterranean and Europe (Israel, Russia, Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Italy).





The Globalization Program

The program brings together talented, motivated students from the member universities in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment. Each term 140+ students from the member universities come to Venice to take part in VIU's Globalization Program. Students can attend one or two semesters as part of their (Bachelor or Master level) degree program in the home university. They choose from a course offering of 20+ courses which are English-taught by visiting professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving.

A set of **core courses** is available each term, focusing on three themes:

- _ Italy
- _ Cultures of the World
- _ Global Challenges

Two specialization tracks are offered, providing courses focusing on:

- _ Economics, Management and Digital Technologies applied to **Cultural Heritage** (Fall only)
- _ Environmental Management and **Sustainable Development** (Spring only)

Internships and Worldwide mobility

Students of the Globalization Program can apply for internships to gain work experience in prestigious host institutions in Italy, or to pursue research for their master's thesis at one of the member universities worldwide. The internships are supported by scholarships.

Graduate Activities

The VIU Graduate Activities are a new area recently developed by the partners at VIU and which support students in acquiring new knowledge, skills and transversal competences:

International PhD Academy | Global Challenges Series

Interdisciplinary workshops on major societal challenges faced by humankind today. PhD candidates will participate in intensive programs at VIU. Increasingly, it will be necessary for PhD students to possess, together with their area of specialization, knowledge of these great challenges to complete and diversify their training and increase their adaptability during their future careers. The focus of the series of Academies in 2017-2018 will be "Water", "Sustainable Energies", "Social studies related to Indigenous Peoples".

International PhD Academy | Interdisciplinary Training and Professional Skills series

Proactive research career development for PhDs within academia or in the private sector.

During the intensive programs participants take part in workshops that include Project management and financing; The Value of Networking; Science and Money; Communicating your Science; Ethics in Science; Job Search Skills.

Graduate Seminars

Thematic intensive seminars, on a focused topic, approached from a multidisciplinary perspective. The seminars are driven by interdepartmental cooperation, and it is expected that they will give rise to medium- and long-term projects involving the participating departments.

Summer Schools

Intensive taught programs for graduate students and post-doc researchers. Professors from at least two member universities participate in the development and scientific coordination. The Summer Schools are also open to students from non-member universities.



TEDIS Program on Innovation

Research and higher education in the fields of enterprise competitiveness and local development within globalization processes of world economy and enterprise internationalization. TeDIS also promotes and hosts initiatives which provide a meeting platform for target groups of researchers, institutions, and policy-makers connected to the main research focus areas: e-government, Creativity and Design, Transport and Logistics, Enterprise Internationalization.

TEN Program on Sustainability

Research and capacity-building activities to promote Sustainable Development at a global level, with particular attention to emerging economies where target groups consist mainly of policy officers, professionals and experts. Green Economy, Environment Security, Urban Sustainability are the focus areas of the TEN program, while Capacity building, Knowledge sharing and Dissemination are among the main activities. The TEN Program promotes networking among experts and stakeholders offering an international platform for the exchange of knowledge and information on Sustainability tools and policies developed at national and global level.

Ageing Program

Research and capacity-building activities with the goal of furthering the understanding of the ageing process from an interdisciplinary perspective, referring to the various domains such as economics, health sciences and sociology, in order to identify critical areas that affect health and social care of older people and address the challenges of demographic and societal changes in Europe and in the rest of the World. Target groups include experts and stakeholders, including PhD candidates, university researchers and professors, medical and social care professionals.

Conferences and Seminars

VIU offers its organizational support and unique venue on the island of San Servolo to its Associated Members and other Research Centers or Academic Institutions who wish to organize academic and scientific Conferences, Workshops and Seminars in cooperation with VIU.

Campus

The VIU Campus is located in San Servolo, just a 10-minute boat ride away from St. Mark's Square by public water-bus (Line n. 20 from San Zaccaria).

The facilities are generously provided by the owner of the island, the Metropolitan City of Venice – a form of local government, and the entire island is managed by its service company “San Servolo Servizi Metropolitaniani”.

Facilities on the island include a dozen conference rooms and classrooms, wifi connection, a library, computer rooms, offices, accommodation for over 300 guests, a park, a collection of works of art by contemporary artists, a self-service cafeteria, a small café, sports courts, a barbecue grill, and more...



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