



Venice  
International  
University

20 Universities

15 Countries

4 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.

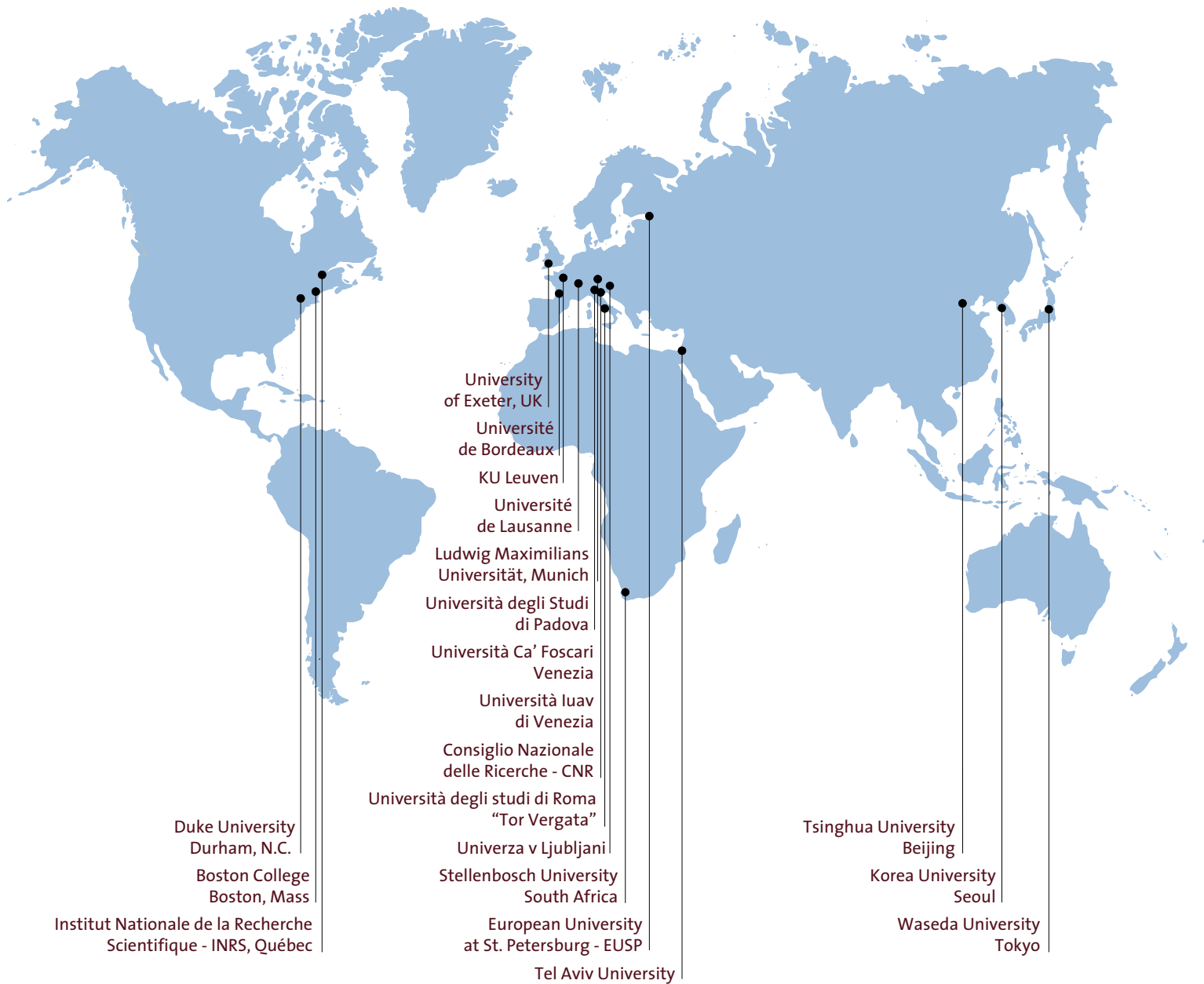
VIU offers its support for research programs involving the various universities that form its network, and develops specific programs for advanced training.





## VIU Members

The Universities that form VIU range from East Asia (China, Korea and Japan) to North America (USA and Canada) passing through Europe and the Mediterranean (Russia, UK, Germany, Belgium France, Switzerland, Slovenia, Italy and Israel) and South Africa.



### **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) 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.

### **Intensive 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**

This is an intensive training program for PhD candidates from the member universities of VIU. The Academy is a 5-7 day activity, which includes a scientific program and a parallel program of training and workshops that will provide PhD candidates with a range of skills that will be useful in developing their research and academic careers.

#### **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 nonmember 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 policymakers connected to the main research focus areas: e-government, Creativity and Design, Transport and Logistics, Enterprise Internationalization.

### **TEN Program on Sustainability**

Research and higher education to promote Sustainable Development at a global level, with particular attention to emerging economies and SDGs. Green Economy, Environment Security, Science Communication and Education are the focus areas of the TEN program, while Capacity building, Knowledge sharing and Dissemination are among the main activities. The interdisciplinary approach adopted aims at promoting the interaction within the quadruple helix - industry, academia, government and civil society.

### **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...



**Assembly**

**Boston College**  
(USA)

**Città Metropolitana di Venezia**  
(Italy)

**Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - National Research Council**  
(Italy)

**Duke University**  
(USA)

**European University at St. Petersburg**  
(Russian Federation)

**Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique**  
(Canada)

**KU Leuven**  
(Belgium)

**Korea University**  
(Korea)

**Ludwig Maximilians Universität**  
(Germany)

**Stellenbosch University**  
(South Africa)

**Tel Aviv University**  
(Israel)

**Tsinghua University**  
(China)

**Università Ca' Foscari Venezia**  
(Italy)

**Université de Bordeaux**  
(France)

**Université de Lausanne**  
(Switzerland)

**Università degli Studi di Padova**  
(Italy)

**Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"** (Italy)

**Università Iuav di Venezia**  
(Italy)

**University of Exeter**  
(United Kingdom)

**Waseda University**  
(Japan)

**Board**

**Umberto Vattani**  
(President)

**Luigi Brugnaro**  
(Vice President)

**Carlo Giupponi**  
(Dean)

**Michele Bugliesi**

**Gilberto Corbellini**

**Catherine Cornille**

**Luc-Alain Giraldeau**

**Kebin He**

**Nouria Hernandez**

**Bernd Huber**

**Oleg Kharkhordin**

**Norimasa Morita**

**Giuseppe Novelli**

**Danny Pieters**

**Yaron Oz**

**Manuel Tunon de Lara**

**Margherita Turvani**

**Jaeho Yeom**

**Giuseppe Zaccaria**

**Giovanni Zanalda**

**Academic Council**

**Carlo Giupponi**  
(Dean)

**Daniele Archibugi**  
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

**Shaul Bassi**  
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

**François Bussy**  
Université de Lausanne

**Pol Ghesquière**  
KU Leuven

**Sunhyuk Kim**  
Korea University

**Natalia Mazur**  
European University at St. Petersburg

**Stephen Nowicki**  
Duke University

**Alessandro Paccagnella**  
Università degli Studi di Padova

**Gustavo Piga**  
Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"

**Laurent Servant**  
Université de Bordeaux

**Toru Shinoda**  
Waseda University

**Maria Chiara Tosi**  
Università Iuav di Venezia

**Hans Van Ess**  
Ludwig Maximilians Universität

**Elisabeth Wallace**  
Boston College

**Eyal Zisser**  
Tel Aviv university

**Jiane Zuo**  
Tsinghua University

**[vacant]**  
Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS)