

## Globalization Program –Spring 2015 Call for Applications

### Scholarships, international mobility, research internships and advanced courses within the Globalization Program of Venice International University (VIU)

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The **Globalization Program** brings together talented, motivated students from the 13 member Universities, which are part of the VIU *consortium*, in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment.

The program is open to undergraduate and master's students from the member universities. Each semester 120-140 students come to Venice to take part in VIU's Globalization Program. The courses are English-taught by professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit. Attendance is compulsory in all courses.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving. Students of the Globalization Program are thus better prepared for graduate and professional study and for careers in new and emerging fields.

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#### Who can register for the Globalization Program

Students registered in any degree programs at one of VIU's member universities are eligible to apply for the Globalization Program.

Exchange students at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Università Luav di Venezia and Università degli Studi di Padova are also eligible to apply.

The application procedures differ depending on the student home university. Please check VIU website at <http://www.univiu.org/shss/globalization-program/admissions> for further information.

#### Who can apply for the Research Internships and Mobility opportunities within the framework of the Globalization Program

Students enrolled in any of the member universities in the second year of their Master's degree (laurea magistrale), who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis in themes related to the Globalization Program can apply for the research internships and mobility opportunities offered to the students in the Globalization Program. After the semester of courses at VIU, selected applicants are awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their final Master's thesis at one of VIU's member universities or affiliated institutions.

Students interested in applying for the Research Internships and Mobility program must register for at least two courses at VIU.

A second call for applications for **Internships in Italy** will be published during the semester. The call is addressed to undergraduate and Master's students from any of the member universities, including exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Luav and Padova, who are attending the semester at VIU (at least three courses) and who

wish to do an internship in a host organization in Italy following the semester. Students applying for one call are automatically excluded from the other.

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A set of core courses is available every semester, focusing on three themes:

**A. ITALY - courses that showcase Venetian and Italian life, culture, art and history.**

1. History of Venice
2. Italian Contemporary History in Films
3. Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice
4. Italian Fashion and Design

**B. CULTURES OF THE WORLD - courses that examine the cultures of the world; courses that make the most of the intercultural classroom.**

5. Intercultural Communication
6. Gender Studies
7. Comparing East and West

**C. GLOBAL CHALLENGES - courses that address current, global issues, preferably from an interdisciplinary perspective.**

8. Identity, Heritage and Globalization
9. Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights
10. Global governance for peace and security, cooperation and development

Two specialization tracks are also offered, one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

- **ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE (Fall semesters only)**

11. Economics and Management of the Arts
12. Digital Tools for the Humanities
13. Preservation of World Heritage Sites
14. Curatorship

- **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Spring semesters only)**

11. Globalization, Environment and Sustainable Development
12. Coastal Wetlands, Lagoons and Estuaries: Environmental Monitoring and Management
13. Cities, Global Change and Sustainable Development
14. Globalization and Competitiveness: Global Value Chains

**ADDITIONAL COURSES OFFERED during the Spring 2015 semester**

1.	Venice and the Republican Tradition. Self-Governance and Empire in Ancient and Modern Political Philosophy	Günter Zöller	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
2.	Law and Liberty. Political Freedom in the Modern Tradition	Günter Zöller	Ludwig Maximilians Universität





3.	Literature and the City: A Global Perspective	Elana Gomel	Tel Aviv University
	Science Fiction and Postmodernity	Elana Gomel	Tel Aviv University
4.	Introduction to Economic Growth	Yulia ymyatnina, Kirill Borisov	European University at St. Petersburg
5.	Principles of Economics for Non-Economists	Yulia Vymyatnina, Kirill Borisov	European University at St. Petersburg
6.	Good Decision Making in Uncertain World: Introduction to Normative Decision Theory	Kazuhisa Takemura	Waseda University
7.	Psychology of Decision Making in Complex World: Introduction to Behavioral Decision Theory	Kazuhisa Takemura	Waseda University
8.	Introduction to Satellite Remote Sensing of Coastal Environments	Sonia Silvestri	Duke University

### Research Internships and Mobility

The research internships and the mobility are for two to four months and start and end dates are fixed in collaboration with the host organization and depending on the projects which the students will pursue. They are usually completed by the end of December in the academic year following the courses at VIU (December 2015 for Spring 2015 students). Any exception must be justified by academic or research reasons and approved by the selection committee.

Some examples of the host institutions in the previous years:

Tongji University, Shanghai, China  
 Tsinghua University, Beijing, China  
 United Nations Environmental Project (UNEP) Bangkok, Thailand  
 Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan  
 Duke University, Durham (NC), USA  
 Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel  
 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Observatori de la Urbanització, Barcelona, Spain

### Scholarships

Students selected for the research internships and mobility will be awarded a scholarship which will partially cover travel and living costs. Some internship positions without scholarship might be available depending on the number of applicants and the quality of the research projects submitted.

### Selection Committee

Candidates will be selected at the end of the semester at VIU by a committee that will take into account the recommendations of the Professors teaching courses. The selection committee will be composed of:

- Dean of Venice International University
- Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Academic advisor of the Mobility Program

The selection of the candidates and the award of the scholarships will be based on a ranking. The score made by each students will be the result of the sum of the following components:

1) Research project (up to 60% of the final score)

- academic quality of the candidate
- quality of the project
- adherence of the theme addressed in the project to Globalization Program themes
- matching of the research project with the possible destinations

2) Grade obtained in the courses taken at VIU (up to 30%of the final grade)

The grade will be the result of the arithmetical mean of the two best grades achieved by the student

3) Participation in the co-curricular activities (up to 10%of the final grade)

Participation in at least five co-curricular activities is requested



**Academic activities:** February 16 –May 31, 2015

**Research Internships and Mobility:** September – December 2015

**Deadline for applications:** March 9, 2015

Students registered for the Globalization Program who wish to compete for the Research Internships and Mobility opportunities must register for and complete at least two courses within the Globalization Program courses offered during the Spring 2015 semester. By mid-term they must submit a draft research proposal to be pursued during the research internships and mobility phase, which should include indication of the selected destination and preferred period (max. 5 pages). By the end of classes (May 22, 2015) they must submit the final research project that will be examined and evaluated by the selection committee.

Each candidate should have a supervisor to the research activities in his home University. VIU Professors may in some cases act as co-supervisors.

Within two weeks by the handing of the final research projects, the selection committee will communicate the results of the selection process. Candidates will be informed by e-mail.

For further information:

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