



VENICE ■ INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Venice International University is an international center of higher education and research which was founded in 1995. On its campus on the Island of San Servolo in Venice, Italy, a community of international professors, researchers and students come together in a young and dynamic environment where they engage in topics common to the undergraduate, graduate and research programs.

VIU members are:

Duke University (USA)  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain)  
Ludwig Maximilians Universität (Germany)  
Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia (Italy)  
Università Iuav di Venezia (Italy)  
Tel Aviv University (Israel)  
Tsinghua University (China)  
Waseda University (Japan)  
Fondazione di Venezia  
Provincia di Venezia  
Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory

On 1 January, 2006 Boston College (USA) and Tilburg University (Netherlands) will become members of Venice International University.

The shared aims of the members focus VIU's activities on the themes of **competitiveness**, the **environment** and **subsidiarity** through innovative forms of education and applied research. These topics are developed in all of the academic programs.

The approach of the research and academic community engaged in VIU activities to the different topics guarantees the **exchange** and circulation of **knowledge** and **experience**.

Each year the campus accommodates approximately 150 students in the undergraduate program, 70 students in the graduate programs and 20 researchers.

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## Undergraduate

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### Joint Undergraduate Program in Humanities and Social Sciences

The aim of the Joint Undergraduate Program is:

- to offer a quality **international** program
- to widen and enrich the **educational** experience of students of Member Universities
- to foster mutual **understanding** among students of different nationalities
- to promote **knowledge** and **dialog** between different academic traditions
- to create opportunities of collaboration between faculty of the member universities

Courses are taught by professors selected from the member universities. All students registered for degree programs in the member Universities are eligible to apply for and participate in VIU undergraduate activities. Students usually participate in one or two semesters and receive credit towards their degrees in their university of origin.

## Graduate

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### PhD Programs

VIU offers a campus environment and a scientific community characteristic of the best graduate schools. Thus, in 2003 when the Italian Ministry for Education and Research chose Venice for a new School of Excellence, VIU was a logical choice for the founding members: Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Università Iuav di Venezia and Fondazione di Venezia.

The **School for Advanced Studies in Venice** (SSAV) offers the following PhD Programs:

- Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development
- Economics and Organization
- Network Economy and Knowledge Management
- History of Architecture and of Cities, Arts Science, Restoration



## Research

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### TeDIS Center

TeDIS carries out applied research on themes of innovation and competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs in the industrial districts.

Specifically, the Center's activities investigate four main topics:

- innovation and technology
- internationalization
- creativity and design
- logistics

The Center is:

- a place of research that cultivates partnerships with industry. The studies and research of the center are supported and supervised by a committee of international researchers.
- a place of **education** and **culture** that offers a series of seminars during the year.

### Ten – Thematic Environmental Networks

The center offers advanced training and carries out research in **environmental management** and **sustainable development**.

The training programs are devised for director generals and managers of public administrations, researchers and private sector experts from the **People's Republic of China** and **Eastern European countries**. The aim is to augment and improve the capabilities of **policy-makers** and to facilitate **knowledge transfer** in order to promote sustainable environmental, social and economic policies.

The intensive training programs involve approximately 500 participants each year. The program is organized in collaboration with the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory, and Agroinnova – University of Turin.

Since 2002, TEN has also coordinated an EU-endorsed **research network** on themes regarding contaminated sediments (SedNet); the goal is to identify guidelines to deal with the problem using modern technologies and coordinating studies in European Union countries.

### ICeSD – International Center for Subsidiarity and Development

This recently founded center will promote the diffusion and application of principles of subsidiarity and development through training and research.