

**Globalization Program**  
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Today's globalized world needs flexible minds, able to move across disciplines, capable of tackling challenges with innovative humanistic approaches while recognizing the importance of environmental and economic sustainability and natural and cultural heritage and understanding, while communicating and working with people from other cultures.

### **Multicultural, International & Interdisciplinary**

The Globalization Program is VIU's education program for Bachelor and Master's-level students in VIU's member institutions. The program brings together talented, motivated students in a truly multicultural, international, and interdisciplinary environment. Students enjoy a powerful learning experience in which they develop their capacity for critical thinking, working across disciplines, creatively embracing new ideas.

In 2022 VIU introduced a Summer Session of the Globalization Program with the aim of extending the opportunities to study and teach at VIU. Through this opportunity, VIU also serves the needs of those students who otherwise face barriers to participation during the semester-long programs.

### **Eligibility**

Students registered in any Bachelor's or Master's degree programs at one of VIU's Member Universities are eligible to apply.

### **Tuition & Fees**

Summer Session courses are open to students regularly enrolled in any Bachelor or Master's degree programs at one of VIU's Member Universities.

Students will pay an administration fee only: €50  
Students will however sustain the cost of their travel and accommodation.

### **Credits**

The Summer Session is a credit-only program. Auditors are not admitted to the courses. Students can register for up to two courses. VIU Summer Session courses are equivalent to 6 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Students who successfully complete courses in the Summer Session will receive a certificate of participation and a grade transcript.



## Courses

- **Stones of Venetia: from the Romans to the Microscope**  
*Simone Dilaria, Università degli Studi di Padova*  
This course explores Venetian stone architecture and the story deeply rooted in ancient dynamics lying beneath the surface of this captivating beauty.
- **Gender, Media and Politics: Rewriting the Story**  
*Claudia Padovani, Università degli Studi di Padova*  
This course offers students a unique opportunity to learn, reflect, and discuss how gender inequalities characterize communicative environments globally, particularly the news media, and how these can be overcome.
- **Interactive Data Visualization**  
*Ate Poorthuis, KU Leuven*  
This course teaches students the concepts, skills and techniques of online, interactive data visualization and map-making.
- **Form follows function!**  
*Mechthild Schäfer, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*  
This course will examine social psychological concepts and how they uncover the logic of group dynamics, conflicts and ways towards a solution.
- **Consumer, Culture and Society: Digital Transformation and Sustainability**  
*Francesca Setiffi, Università degli Studi di Padova*  
This course focuses on digital transformation and environmental and social sustainability as drivers of economic and social change within the consumer society.
- **Africa: Postcoloniality and the Modern World**  
*Schalk van der Merwe, Stellenbosch University*  
This course explores the field of postcolonialism, which examines the cultural, political, and economic aftermath of colonialism, with a particular focus on Africa.

## Course organization

Courses will be delivered through interactive forms of tuition (seminars, discussions, presentations, etc.), to foster group work and to mix nationalities and students from different disciplines. The number of students per class may vary from 10-20.

Each course consists of 40-hours of tuition including a virtual component that will be held before the beginning of the program (July 1- August 4, 2024).

The aim of the virtual component is to facilitate interaction before and after the program and strengthen the network among the participants. The virtual component may include online classes/presentations/discussions and asynchronous activities, facilitating collaborative online learning exchange and teamwork.

The in-class teaching during the 4-week program at the VIU campus will be 9 hours per week per course for a total of 36 hours. The remaining 4 hours will be scheduled at the professors' discretion (the virtual component, field trips, seminars, lectures, workshops, etc.).

Classes will be held Monday to Friday. The weekly schedule of classes will be published on the VIU website.

### Co-curricular activities

The co-curricular activities are an integral part of the learning experience at VIU as they offer students the opportunity to discover and relate to the city of Venice, its lagoon and hinterland. Some examples of activities that may be organized:

- Visit to Palazzo Ducale
- Visit to La Biennale di Venezia
- Visit to the Lagoon by boat
- Rowing classes
- Visit to the Lazzaretto Nuovo island
- Visit to La Fenice opera theater

Co-curricular activities may be scheduled also on Saturdays.

## **Accommodation**

Students who will attend the Summer Sessions can apply for accommodation on VIU campus, San Servolo Island, for the entire duration of the activity.

Places in single, double, 3-bed and 4-bed rooms are available in the residential halls on the island of San Servolo. All options in shared rooms (divided by gender), will mix nationalities and universities of origin.

Accommodation on campus is managed by a services company called San Servolo Servizi Metropolitan.

Students in the accommodation on campus will have the use of a common room equipped with a refrigerator and microwave. There are no kitchen facilities.

Cost per person, August 4 – August 31:

In a 4-bed room:	€330
In a 3-bed room:	€330
In a double room:	€395
In a single room:	€550

## **Applications and Registration**

Applications will be via the VIU website.  
April 15-May 15, 2024

Students will be notified by the end of May if they have been admitted.

<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/summer-sessions>



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