

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

– **Consumption and the Environment: African and Global South Perspectives**

Mehita Iqani, Stellenbosch University

This course will explore the multiple and intersecting features of consumption studies and environmental communication, with a special focus on the place of media, luxury and waste in relation to consumer subjectivity.

– **Surviving and Thriving in the Transforming World: The Digital Mindset & Skillset**

Kemal Kılıç, Sabancı University

This course offers a learning experience designed to equip students with essential skills and insights for success in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

– **A Science-Based Discussion on Current Environmental and Societal Emergencies – A Physicist's Approach**

Dimitri Batani, University of Bordeaux

This course aims to explore key societal and environmental challenges through a scientific lens, particularly focusing on physical sciences.

– **Project Planning and Management for Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability**

Piergiorgio Stevanato, University of Padua

The course equips students with essential skills and methodologies for designing and managing projects in the fields of food systems, sustainable resource management, and environmental conservation, and teaches them how to draft competitive and impactful project proposals aligned with the UN SDGs.

– **Tropical Medicine and International Health**

Dominic Wiredu Boakye, University of Exeter

This course offers a student-centered, interactive exploration of some of the world's most debilitating diseases. It explores how factors beyond disease biology, such as policymaking, healthcare infrastructure, and socioeconomic conditions, can influence the success or failure of infectious disease control.

– **Gender and the Law**

Maji C. Rhee, Waseda University

This course presents gender and law by introducing legal theories and cases from the comparative and historical perspective.

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 3, 2025).

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 Metropolitani.

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 3 – August 30:

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 20 (deadline extended), 2025

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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