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The Universities that form VIU represent fourteen countries across the globe: from Asia (China, Korea and Japan), passing through Europe and the Mediterranean (Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Slovenia, Italy, United Kingdom, Russia, Israel), on to North America (USA), and since 2020 representing the Global South (South Africa).

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For 20 Universities from 14 Countries on 4 Continents
Focus Areas & Specialization Tracks
The following topics are addressed by assorted VIU programs

Sustainability
Environmental Management & Security; Green & Circular Economy

Innovation
Transport & Logistics; Creativity, Innovation and Design

Globalization & Global Challenges
Cities and Global Change; Identity, Heritage, Ethics & Human Rights; Comparative Cultures

Science and Society
Science Communication; Ageing Societies; Ethics in Research and Medicine

Humanities
Cultural Heritage; Conservation & Management; Visualizing Cities; Global Humanities; History and Memory; Environmental Humanities; Republics and Republicanism; Film Studies

Academic Programs

Globalization Program
2 semesters + summer sessions, for bachelor and master’s students who gain credit towards their degrees

PhD Academy
To develop transversal skills and promote research cooperation among advanced PhDs

Graduate Seminars
To support early-career PhDs beginning their research

Summer schools
Intensive taught programs for various target groups, from bachelor to PhD, and also professionals

Training and Capacity Building
Staff training; International capacity building; collaboration with the private sector

Research
European, international and national projects activating and merging competences of member universities

Dissemination
High level conferences, seminars and workshops, organized by members or brought by other international institutions

Thematic Programs
Through its three Thematic Programs, VIU endeavors to promote a research triangle of stakeholders – industry, academia and government, developing solid networks of experts and institutions relevant to the focus areas. More recently, the multi-stakeholder approach has been extended to include citizens and civil society. The engagement of citizens and civil society has the potential to inform both research and policy, and positively impact the investigation and tackling of today’s global challenges.

TeDIS Program on Innovation
TEN Program on Sustainability
Ageing Program

VIU also participates in public debate on the issues through conferences and events, which include the Opening Ceremonies of the academic semesters which feature Lectiones Magistrales delivered by esteemed guests, and the VIULectures series in which interesting topical issues are put forth for debate.