

## Virtual Component in the VIU Summer Session

### Introduction



Recent developments in digital pedagogy and educational technology have opened new opportunities to enrich joint academic activities. VIU aims to integrate virtual tools for communication and interaction as a value-added component of the Summer Sessions of the Globalization Program, enhancing flexibility, inclusivity, and pedagogical effectiveness.

The incorporation of a virtual component will also make it possible for students of the European universities to apply for Erasmus+ Short Mobility grants to support their participation.

The following guidelines outline how to incorporate a virtual component in the programs, in order to facilitate meaningful interactions among the participants, before and after the program, to promote earlier and deeper academic engagement, and strengthen the network among the participants.

### Summer Session

A VIU elearning platform on moodle can be available in advance in order to:

- Share **resources** and **readings**
- Assign **tasks** to the participants
- Launch a discussion **forum**

VIU recommendations

Professors could combine any of the following, choosing a recommended minimum of two:

**An introductory webinar** | General introduction of the program and its participants

**Synchronous teaching online** | live online classes via zoom (before program at VIU)

**Asynchronous teaching / participation** | release of recorded lesson(s) for self-paced study, and relevant participation in online discussion forum (before program at VIU)

**Group work** | using the online forum on moodle, hosting group sessions online (before or after the program at VIU)

**Final webinar** | presentation of students' final projects/assignments (after the program at VIU)