

**Call for Applications for Lectureships
Globalization Program
Academic Year 2025-2026
Summer Session | August 4 to August 29, 2026**

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Venice International University (VIU) is a global consortium of universities and research institutions dedicated to advancing international, interdisciplinary, and intercultural learning, teaching, and research cooperation.

Established in 1995 by five pioneering universities, VIU has grown into a vibrant network of more than twenty universities and research institutions worldwide. Its campus on the Island of San Servolo in Venice has become a unique crossroads for ideas, dialogue, and exchange.

The member institutions of Venice International University are:
Boston College (USA); Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy); Duke University (USA); European University at St. Petersburg (Russia); Iuav University of Venice (Italy); IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia (Italy); Korea University (Korea); KU Leuven (Belgium); Ludwig Maximilians Universität (Germany); Rice University (USA); Sabancı University (Turkey); Stellenbosch University (South Africa); Tel Aviv University (Israel); Tor Vergata University of Rome (Italy); Tsinghua University (China); University of Bordeaux (France); University of Exeter (UK); University of Lausanne (Switzerland); University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy); University of Padua (Italy); Waseda University (Japan); National Institute of Astrophysics (Italy); National Research Council of Italy (Italy); Metropolitan City of Venice (Italy).

Globalization Program

Today's interconnected world needs flexible minds, capable of crossing disciplines, approaching challenges with creativity and critical thought, and balancing humanistic, environmental, cultural and economic perspectives.

The Globalization Program unites talented students and faculty from member universities in a truly multicultural and interdisciplinary environment. Together they engage in collaborative learning that fosters intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and innovative approaches to global issues.

Courses are taught by faculty from the member institutions and attended by students representing diverse cultural and academic backgrounds. This exchange of perspectives creates an enriching educational setting that encourages dialogue, collegiality, and new forms of collaboration.

Students may participate for a semester, a full academic year, or a summer session, earning credits toward bachelor's or master's degrees. Exposure to different



teaching methods and learning styles challenges assumptions, strengthens adaptability, and deepens analytical skills.

Through peer-to-peer engagement, students develop intercultural competence, learning to communicate across languages and cultures while embracing diversity with openness and curiosity. Studying at VIU is a transformative experience that prepares graduates to become thoughtful, socially responsible and globally minded.

In 2022, VIU introduced a Summer Session to the Globalization Program in order to engage students and professors from member universities and extend 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, due to the structure of their curricula, socio-economic factors, cultural factors, and personal circumstances.

The Summer Session is also an opportunity for professors who, due to teaching, research, administrative or personal commitments, are otherwise unable to spend a full semester at VIU.

VIU aims to hold up to 6 courses during the 2026 Summer Session.

Venice International University wishes to invite applications from tenured professors (or equivalent as defined by the home university) at one of the member universities <https://www.univiu.org/about-viu/members> or experienced scholars in employment¹ at the Italian National Research Council or the National Institute of Astrophysics, who are willing and able to teach within the framework of the 4-week Summer Session at VIU from August 3 to August 28, 2026.

Courses from any discipline, including scientific disciplines, can be proposed. They must be suitable and open to Bachelor's and Master's students and must take into consideration that VIU students come from different cultural backgrounds (with about 20 nationalities represented in the student body) and from different academic traditions.

Professors may consider team teaching solutions, either with colleagues from their own university, or in other VIU member universities.

Each course must consist of 40-hours (36 hours of in-class tuition + 4 hours of extra activities). The 36 hours of in-class teaching will be during the 4-week program at the VIU campus - indicatively 9 hours teaching per week.

A preliminary virtual component should be envisaged and should include at least one online meeting and asynchronous tasks (readings/research/group work) for the students to be completed prior to the in-class program.

¹ Candidates must be full-time employees at a member university or the Italian National Research Council



Each course will be equivalent to 6 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS²). 60 ECTS credits are attached to the workload of an academic year. One credit corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of work. VIU Globalization Program courses are worth 6 ECTS = 150-180 hours of work.

Teaching methods

Professors are advised to adopt interactive forms of tuition (seminar papers, 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 5 to 20.

A virtual component should be incorporated, which may include online classes/presentations/discussions and asynchronous activities. VIU uses Zoom and Moodle.

Timetable of classes

The summer session is **4 weeks long** and courses consist of 36 hours of in class teaching, therefore, **9 contact hours per week**.

Professors can choose one of the following formats:

- 3 teaching days with 3 class hours per day:
The teaching can be in one three-hour block (short break during the class is recommended) or two 1h30 sessions with a lunch break in between.
- 2 teaching days with 4h30 class hours per day:
The teaching will be divided between a morning session and an afternoon session with a lunch break in between. In this intensive seminar format professors are advised to vary the teaching methods during the day, introducing, for example, interactive workshop sessions or group work, especially in the afternoon.

Classes may be scheduled from Monday to Friday. Co-curricular activities may be scheduled on Saturdays.

Student work-load, credits and level of courses

Courses should not require preliminary knowledge on the topic, as they are open to students from any discipline. They should, however, remain challenging for students of that specific field of study.

Assessment of students

The approach to assessment at VIU is primarily formative, aiming to monitor student learning, provide ongoing feedback, and guide instructional strategies, focusing on individual student progress, on the process of learning and student development.

² ECTS is the credit system for higher education used in the European Higher Education Area, involving all countries engaged in the Bologna Process. It is a learner-centred system for credit accumulation and transfer based on the transparency of learning outcomes and learning processes. ECTS credits are based on the workload of students in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. Workload indicates the time students typically need to complete all learning activities (such as lectures, seminars, projects, practical work, self-study and examinations) required to achieve the expected learning outcomes.



Assessment should be an ongoing process aimed at improving learning by providing feedback and identifying areas for growth.

Professors must submit mid-session and final grades for each student to the Globalization Program office based on the grade conversion scheme approved by the VIU Academic Council. The mid-term grade does not necessarily have to be the result of a single exam or paper, but is rather the assessment of the student's standing in the course at mid-term.

Attendance policy

The Globalization Program is a credit only program. Auditors are not admitted to the courses. Professors are expected to cooperate with VIU in monitoring attendance by filling out the attendance sheet available on Moodle for each class. The attendance policy also applies to site visits and field trips

Co-curricular program

A co-curricular program will be arranged for the Summer Session. Professors are invited to propose activities related to their courses such as field trips, site visits etc. VIU encourages professors to take advantage of the co-curricular activities to create synergies and interactions among the courses and to propose joint activities between two or more courses.

Some activities will be organized by VIU and will be common to all courses. The organization of the co-curricular activities will be supported by VIU staff.

Academic Calendar

Virtual Component	July 1-August 3
On-campus teaching begins	August 4
On-campus teaching ends	August 29
Lastest due date for papers	September 15
National holiday	August 15

Submitting Proposals

Professors/scholars from any of the member institutions (<https://www.univiu.org/about-viu/members>) may submit one or more proposals for courses. Successful candidates will teach one course during the Summer Session.



Course proposals, a *curriculum vitae* and a covering letter should be submitted via email to the candidate's university representative on the VIU Academic Council (see page 4)³ and in cc. to the Dean of VIU, Prof. Carmelo Marabellodean@univiu.org:

Each course proposal should include the following:

- a) A course description of approximately 500 words
- b) A description of the virtual component
- c) Learning outcomes of the course
- d) Teaching and assessment methods, including the percentage of the overall grade assigned to each assessment
- e) Bibliography - all reading materials should be in English
- f) Required preliminary knowledge (if any)

The *Curriculum Vitae* should consist of a maximum of three pages, with up to four pages of publications attached separately.

All course proposals and materials must be in English, in Word or .pdf

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The VIU Academic Council will discuss the proposals and the selected professors will be notified by their university representatives.

Remuneration of Professors teaching in the Summer Session

Professors teaching one 40-hour course in the Summer Session of Venice International University will be paid € 3,000 (three thousand euro) gross. The necessary tax deductions will be applied at source. A reimbursement of up to €1,000 for international travel expenses is available for professors traveling from member universities outside of Italy.

According to the Italian tax system the allowance is subject to tax and therefore 30% is deducted at source for personal income tax (IRPEF according to the Italian tax system). The sum paid by VIU to the Italian Tax Authority is deductible from the amount payable on personal income to the professor's National Tax Authority. Alternatively, the professor may present a certificate of tax residency in a foreign country in order to receive the gross sum. The certificate must be provided to VIU administration before the beginning of the on-site teaching.

³ Further selection criteria in single universities may apply. Refer to respective Academic Council member for details.

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