

Call for Applications for Lectureships
Globalization Program
Academic Year 2023-2024
Summer Session | August 5 to August 30, 2024

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Venice International University (VIU) is a consortium of the following members: Boston College (USA); Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy); Duke University (USA); European University at St. Petersburg (Russia); Iuav University of Venice (Italy); Korea University (Korea); KU Leuven (Belgium); Ludwig Maximilians Universität (Germany); 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 Ljubljana (Slovenia); 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).

The mission of VIU is to promote cooperation among VIU member institutions and the exchange of ideas and knowledge through joint academic, research, and training programs in an international context.

Today's globalized world needs flexible minds, able to move across disciplines, capable of tackling contemporary 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.

Globalization Program

VIU's Globalization Program promotes and facilitates academic cooperation among partner universities from around the world. The program provides students with an intense educational experience in Venice, in multicultural contexts, where global and comparative approaches are privileged.

VIU provides a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment for students and professors of the member universities. Both students and professors come from different cultural and from different academic traditions, and come from a range of disciplines.

Venice International University introduced in 2022 a Summer Session 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 4-6 courses during the 2024 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, who are willing and able to teach one or more courses for credit within the framework of the 4-week Summer Session at VIU from August 5 to August 30, 2024.



Courses from any discipline 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 a semester) 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.

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, presentation 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 25.

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

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

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.



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.

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. Some activities will be common to all courses.

Submitting Proposals

Professors/scholars from any of the member universities

(<https://www.univiu.org/about-viu/members>) may submit one or more proposals for courses. Successful candidates may teach one or two courses 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 Marabello dean@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 evaluation methods, including the percentage of the overall grade assigned to each evaluation
- 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.

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

Remuneration of Professors representing any of the following member institutions:



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 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 a Professor may present a certificate of tax residency in a foreign country in order to receive the gross sum.

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