Virtual Component in the VIU Summer Session

Introduction

The circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic forced a rethink and redesign of many of our joint academic activities. VIU now aims to convert the use of virtual tools of communication and interaction as an added value in the Summer Sessions of the Globalization Program.

The inclusion 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.

We therefore share the following guidelines on how to incorporate a virtual component in the programs, in order to facilitate some interactions among the group before and after the program, 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)