

Call for Applications for Lectureships

Academic Years: 2026-2027 (2nd semester), 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030

Issued: July 20, 2026

Deadlines: September 30, 2026



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 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); Korea University (Korea); IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia (Italy); 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).

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.

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.

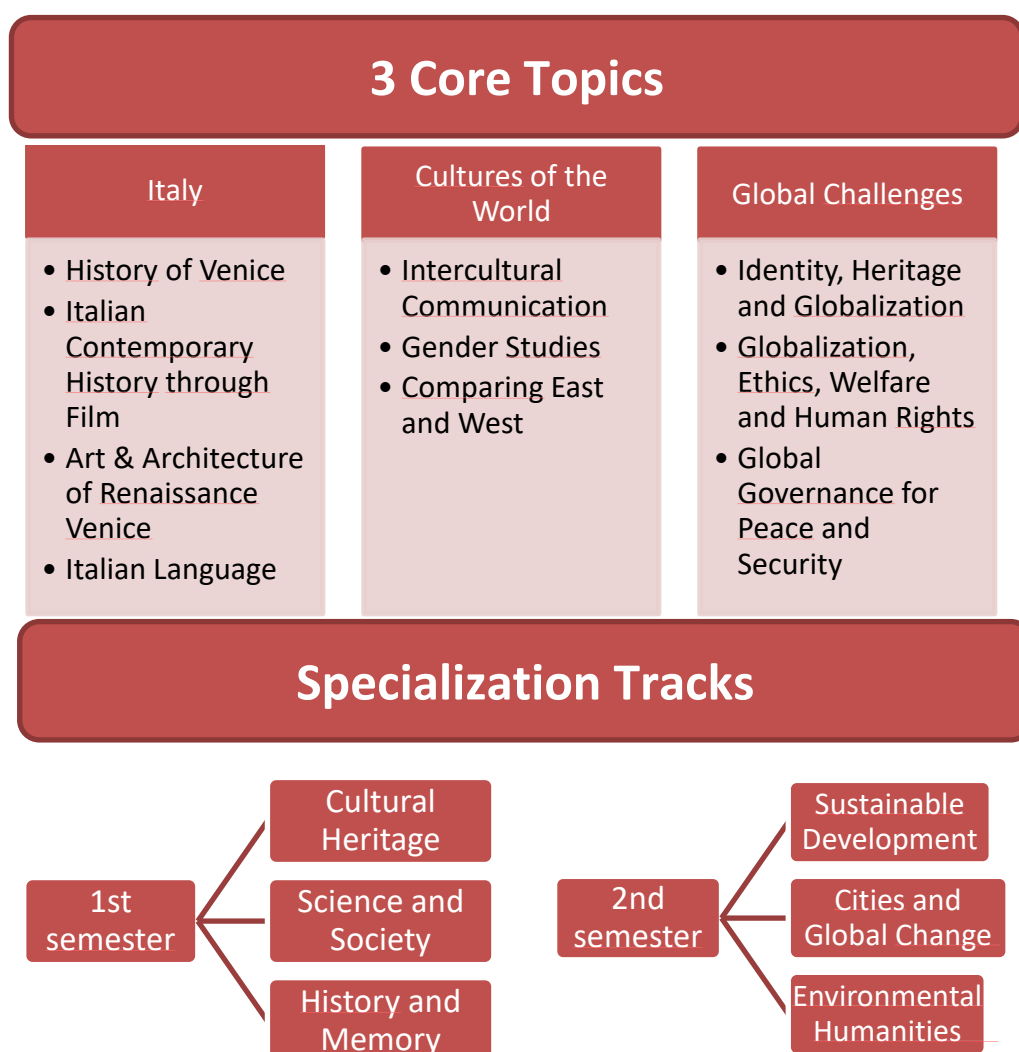
Venice International University wishes to invite applications from tenured professors (or equivalent as defined by the home university) at one of the member universities (www.univiu.org/about-viu/members) or experienced scholars in employment¹ at the Italian National Research Council or National Institute of Astrophysics (Italy), who wish to teach at VIU during a semester of the Globalization Program at Venice International University.



www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program

Globalization Program Curriculum

Courses on the three core topics are on offer every semester. There are six specialization tracks with three available in alternate semesters.



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

- The titles of the core courses are fixed. Additional courses in the core topics are not envisaged.
- Candidates can choose the course titles for proposals for the specialization tracks.
- 3-5 courses will be offered in each track.
- Consult appendix 2 for abstracts, suggested topics of interest and examples of course titles.





Professors representing the following members will teach two courses during a semester at VIU:

- Boston College
- Duke University
- European University at St. Petersburg
- Ludwig Maximilians Universität
- Rice University
- Sabanci University
- Stellenbosch University
- Tel Aviv University
- Tsinghua University
- Tor Vergata University of Rome*
- University of Bordeaux
- University of Exeter
- University of Lausanne
- Waseda University

- Candidates may submit proposals for either core courses or specialization track courses.
- A minimum of three proposals must be submitted. Each course proposal must identify for which core course title, or specialization track it is intended. The Academic Council will select two of the three proposals.
- Candidates cannot submit two proposals for the same core course.
- Joint submission of proposals by two or more professors from a member university are admissible.
- One candidate (or candidates if team teaching) per university will be approved per semester.
- Verify in this call (tables p. 4-6) if courses offered by your university have already been approved for a given semester.
- Review Appendix 3 for list of courses that have already been approved by the Academic Council.
- Candidates are encouraged to engage with their representative on the Academic Council before drafting a proposal.

*Professors from Tor Vergata may also apply to teach one course only.

Professors representing the following members will teach one course during a semester at VIU:

- Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Iuav University of Venice
- IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia
- University of Milano-Bicocca
- University of Padua
- National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
- National Institute of Astrophysics (INAF)

- Candidates may submit proposals for either core courses or specialization track courses.
- Candidates may submit one or more proposals. Each course proposal must identify for which core course title, or specialization track it is intended.
- Joint submissions of proposals by two or more professors from the same member institution or from different member institutions are admissible.
- A maximum of two courses per member institution will be approved per semester.
- Verify in this call (tables p. 4-6) if courses offered by your university have already been approved for a given semester.

- Candidates are encouraged to engage with their representative on the Academic Council before drafting a proposal.

Academic Calendar:

<https://univiu.org/study/globalization-program/academic-calendar>

Professors must be available for the full semester, including orientation and exam weeks. Each course has two classes per week – on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Up to 4 courses in the program may be arranged with an intensive schedule with one 3-hour class per week. This option is available on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons only and is reserved for professors with other teaching commitments in their home university. Requests for this arrangement must be included in the cover letter of the application.

Refer to Appendix 1_Guidelines for Professors for more details.



Venice International University is seeking proposals for the following:

Consult the course outlines suggested in Appendix 2. Consult the list of courses that have already been approved in Appendix 3.

Academic Year 2026-2027

2nd semester (February-May 2027)	Open to eligible professors from these members:
Core Courses: ▪ Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice Specialization tracks: ▪ Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (D4 Track) ▪ Cities and Global Change (D5 Track) ▪ Environmental Humanities (D6 Track)	Ca' Foscari University of Venice Duke University European University in Saint Petersburg IUSS Pavia Ludwig Maximilians Universität National Research Council of Italy National Institute of Astrophysics Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Milan-Bicocca Tor Vergata University of Rome

Academic Year 2027-2028



1st semester (September-December 2027)	Open to eligible professors from these members:
Core courses: ▪ Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice Specialization tracks: ▪ Economics, Management and Digital Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage (D.1 Track) ▪ Science and Society (D.2 Track) ▪ History and Memory (D.3 Track)	Ca' Foscari University of Venice European University in Saint Petersburg Iuav University of Venice IUSS Pavia National Institute of Astrophysics National Research Council of Italy Rice University Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tor Vergata University of Rome Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Milan-Bicocca University of Padova
2nd semester (February-May 2028)	Open to eligible professors from these members:
Core courses: ▪ Intercultural Communication ▪ Gender Studies ▪ Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights Specialization tracks: ▪ Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (D4 Track) ▪ Cities and Global Change (D5 Track) ▪ Environmental Humanities (D6 Track)	Ca' Foscari University of Venice European University in Saint Petersburg Iuav University of Venice IUSS Pavia National Institute of Astrophysics National Research Council of Italy Rice University Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tor Vergata University of Rome Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Milan-Bicocca University of Padova

Academic Year 2028-2029



1st semester (September-December 2028)	Open to eligible professors from these members:
Core courses: ▪ Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice ▪ Intercultural Communication ▪ Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights ▪ Global Governance for Peace and Security, Cooperation and Development Specialization tracks: ▪ Economics, Management and Digital Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage (D.1 Track) ▪ Science and Society (D.2 Track) ▪ History and Memory (D.3 Track)	Ca' Foscari University of Venice European University in Saint Petersburg Iuav University of Venice IUSS Pavia Ludwig Maximilians Universität National Institute of Astrophysics National Research Council of Italy Rice University Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tel Aviv University Tor Vergata University of Rome Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Milan-Bicocca University of Padova Waseda University
2nd semester (February-May 2029)	Open to eligible professors from these members
▪ Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice ▪ Intercultural Communication ▪ Gender Studies ▪ Identity, Heritage and Globalization ▪ Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights Specialization tracks: ▪ Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (D4 Track) ▪ Cities and Global Change (D5 Track) ▪ Environmental Humanities (D6 Track) ▪	Boston College Ca' Foscari University of Venice European University in Saint Petersburg Iuav University of Venice IUSS Pavia Ludwig Maximilians Universität National Institute of Astrophysics National Research Council of Italy Rice University Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tel Aviv University Tor Vergata University of Rome Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Milan-Bicocca University of Padova Waseda University



Academic Year 2029-2030

1st semester (September-December 2029)	Open to eligible professors from these members:
Core courses: ▪ Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice ▪ Intercultural Communication ▪ Gender Studies ▪ Comparing East and West ▪ Identity, Heritage and Globalization ▪ Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights ▪ Global Governance for Peace and Security, Cooperation and Development Specialization tracks: ▪ Economics, Management and Digital Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage (D.1 Track) ▪ Science and Society (D.2 Track) ▪ History and Memory (D.3 Track)	Ca' Foscari University of Venice Duke University European University in Saint Petersburg Iuav University of Venice IUSS Pavia Ludwig Maximilians Universität National Institute of Astrophysics National Research Council of Italy Rice University Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tel Aviv University Tor Vergata University of Rome Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Exeter University of Lausanne University of Milan-Bicocca University of Padova Waseda University
2nd semester (February-May 2030)	Open to eligible professors from these members:
▪ Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice ▪ Intercultural Communication ▪ Gender Studies ▪ Comparing East and West ▪ Identity, Heritage and Globalization ▪ Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights ▪ Global Governance for Peace and Security, Cooperation and Development Specialization tracks: ▪ Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (D4 Track) ▪ Cities and Global Change (D5 Track) ▪ Environmental Humanities (D6 Track)	Boston College Ca' Foscari University of Venice European University in Saint Petersburg Iuav University of Venice IUSS Pavia Ludwig Maximilians Universität National Institute of Astrophysics National Research Council of Italy Rice University Sabanci University Stellenbosch University Tel Aviv University Tor Vergata University of Rome Tsinghua University University of Bordeaux University of Exeter University of Lausanne University of Milan-Bicocca University of Padova Waseda University

Submitting Proposals

Course proposals, a *curriculum vitae* and a cover letter should be submitted via email to the candidate's university representative on the VIU Academic Council (see page 4)² 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)	Learning outcomes of the course
c)	Bibliography - all reading materials should be in English
d)	indication of preferred semester(s)
e)	Identification of which core course or specialization track
f)	Teaching and assessment methods, including the percentage of the overall grade assigned to each assessment
g)	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.

In the cover letter candidates should also include information on their commitments, if any, at the home University during the semester of application.

Applicants are advised to consider the guidelines, the course abstracts and the list of courses provided in:

- Appendix 1_VIU Globalization Program and Guidelines for Professors
- Appendix 2_VIU Globalization Program Structure and Course Abstracts
- Appendix 3_VIU Globalization Program Courses Approved 2027-2029

All course proposals and materials must be in English and in electronic format.

Deadline: September 30, 2026

The VIU Academic Council will meet in October 2026 to discuss the proposals. Selected professors will be notified by their university representatives shortly thereafter.

A full syllabus for the approved course, including a weekly breakdown of classes and readings, must be submitted at least six months prior to the beginning of the semester of teaching.

² 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, who will teach one course:

(Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Iuav University of Venice, IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia*, University of Milano-Bicocca*, University of Padua, Tor Vergata University of Rome or CNR-National Research Council of Italy*, INAF-National Institute of Astrophysics*).

Professors teaching one 40-hour course in the Globalization Program of Venice International University will be paid €3,000 (three thousand euro) gross. The necessary tax deductions will be applied at source.

In the event that the teaching load is shared among two or more professors, the sum will be shared proportionally.



*A reimbursement of travel expenses is also available to those travelling from institutions in Italy outside of the Veneto region.

Remuneration of Professors representing any of the following member universities, who will teach two courses:

(Boston College; Duke University; European University at St. Petersburg; Ludwig Maximilians Universität; Rice University, Sabancı University; Stellenbosch University, Tel Aviv University; Tsinghua University; Tor Vergata University of Rome; University of Bordeaux; University of Exeter; University of Lausanne; Waseda University):

Professors teaching two 40-hour courses in the Globalization Program of Venice International University will receive a Travel and Housing Allowance of €8,500 (eight thousand five hundred euro) gross, to contribute to travel, housing and auxiliary costs. According to the guidelines established by the VIU Board of Directors, this sum is gross and all inclusive. The allowance is granted to one Professor from each of the above-mentioned member universities teaching at least two courses (40 hours each) during the Globalization Program. In the event that the teaching load is shared among two or more professors, the sum will be shared proportionally.

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 and therefore receive the gross sum.

University Representatives on VIU Academic Council and Contact Persons in Member Universities:

Boston College:

Prof. Eileen Sweeney, eileen.sweeney@bc.edu

Mr. Larry Pickener, pickener@bc.edu

Ca' Foscari University of Venice:

Prof. Alessio Cotugno, alessio.cotugno@unive.it

CNR-National Research Council of Italy:

TBD (contact dean@univiu.org for expressions of interest)



Duke University:

Prof. Stephen Nowicki, snowicki@duke.edu

Ms. Mariah Henderson, mariah.henderson@duke.edu

European University at Saint Petersburg:

Prof. Natalia Mazur, nmazur@eu.spb.ru

Ms. Olga Makaraova, omakarova@eu.spb.ru

INAF – National Institute of Astrophysics

TBD (contact dean@univiu.org for expressions of interest)

Iuav University of Venice:

Prof. Maria Chiara Tosi, mnrtso@iuav.it

IUSS Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia:

Prof. Annalisa Bonfiglio, annalisa.bonfiglio@iusspavia.it

Ludwig Maximilians Universität:

Prof. Hans van Ess, ess@lmu.de

Ms. Guje Kroh, Sekretariat@ostasien.fak12.uni-muenchen.de

Rice University

Prof. Caroline Levander, clevande@rice.edu

Sabancı University:

Prof. C m Guneri, cem.guneri@sabanciuniv.edu

Ms. Evrim G ng r Devocio lu, evrim.gungor@sabanciuniv.edu

Stellenbosch University:

Mr. Robert Kotze, RK@sun.ac.za

Mr. Kirwan Adams, kirwan@sun.ac.za

Tel Aviv University:

Prof. Kinneret Lahad, lahadk@tauex.tau.ac.il

Ms. Sharon Zif Kafri, sharonziv@tauex.tau.ac.il; outexchange@tauex.tau.ac.il

Tor Vergata University of Rome
Prof. Bianca Sulpasso, bianca.sulpasso@uniroma2.it
Ms. Mirabela Salavastru, mirabela.salavastru@uniroma2.it

Tsinghua University:
Prof. XU Ming desewx@tsinghua.edu.cn
Ms. Aina Jiang, jiangaina@tsinghua.edu.cn

University of Bordeaux
TBD ad interim contact Prof. Jessica Fouilloux-Thomasset, jessica.fouilloux-thomasset@u-bordeaux.fr
Ms. Anne Blassiau, anne.blassiau@u-bordeaux.fr



University of Exeter:
Prof. Kate Hext, K.Hext@exeter.ac.uk
Mr. Stuart Westhead, S.Westhead@exeter.ac.uk

University of Lausanne
Prof. Pierre-Alexandre Bart, Pierre-Alexandre.Bart@unil.ch
Mr. Emmanuel Cenuse, emmanuel.cenuse@unil.ch

University of Milano-Bicocca
Prof. Lucia Visconti Parisio, lucia.parisio@unimib.it
Ms. Dora Longoni, dora.longoni@unimib.it

University of Padua:
Prof. Massimiliano Zattin, massimiliano.zattin@unipd.it
Ms. Alessandra Gallerano, alessandra.gallerano@unipd.it

Waseda University:
Prof. Maji Rhee, majirhee@waseda.jp
Ms. Natsumi ITO, itonatsumi@waseda.jp

For further information:

Venice International University
Globalization Program office
Isola di San Servolo, Venice 30133, Italy
gpoffice@univiu.org,
t. +39 041 2719 511