The Universities that form VIU range from the Far East (China, Korea and Japan) to the Far West (USA and Canada) passing through the Mediterranean and Europe (Israel, Russia, Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Slovenia and Italy).
The Globalization Program

The program brings together talented, motivated students from the member universities in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment. Each term 150+ students from the member universities come to Venice to take part in VIU’s Globalization Program. Students can attend one or two semesters as part of their (Bachelor or Master) degree program in the home university. They choose from a course offering of 20+ courses which are English-taught by visiting professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving. A set of core courses is available each term, focusing on three themes: 

- Italy 
- Cultures of the World 
- Global Challenges

Two specialization tracks are offered, providing courses focusing on:

- Economics, Management and Digital Technologies applied to Cultural Heritage (Fall only)
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (Spring only)

Internships and Worldwide mobility

Students of the Globalization Program can apply for internships to gain work experience in prestigious host institutions in Italy, or to pursue research for their master’s thesis at one of the member universities worldwide. The internships are supported by scholarships.

Intensive Graduate Activities

The VIU Graduate Activities are a new area recently developed by the partners at VIU and which support students in acquiring new knowledge, skills and transversal competences:

International PhD Academy

This is an intensive training program for PhD candidates from the member universities of VIU. The Academy is a 5-7 day activity, which includes a scientific program and a parallel program of training and workshops that will provide PhD candidates with a range of skills that will be useful in developing their research and academic careers.

Graduate Seminars

Thematic intensive seminars, on a focused topic, approached from a multidisciplinary perspective. The seminars are driven by interdepartmental cooperation, and it is expected that they will give rise to medium- and long-term projects involving the participating departments.

Summer Schools

Intensive taught programs for graduate students and post-doc researchers. Professors from at least two member universities participate in the development and scientific coordination. The Summer Schools are also open to students from non-member universities.

TEDIS Program on Innovation

Research and higher education in the fields of enterprise competitiveness and local development within globalization processes of world economy and enterprise internationalization. TEDIS also promotes and hosts initiatives which provide a meeting platform for target groups of researchers, institutions, and policy-makers connected to the main research focus areas: e-government, Creativity and Design, Transport and logistics, Enterprise Internationalization.

Ten Program on Sustainability

Capacity building, stakeholder engagement, research and dissemination in the field of Sustainable Development with particular attention to emerging economies where target groups consist mainly of policy officers and decision-makers, professionals in the public and private sectors, scientists and researchers. Green & Circular Economy, Environmental Management & Security, Science Communication & Education are the focus areas of the TEN Program, approached through a participatory and learning-by-doing methodology with the objective of activating competencies and building communities around discussion topics, providing an international platform for different stakeholders.

Academy

Research and capacity-building activities with the goal of furthering the understanding of the ageing process from an interdisciplinary perspective, referring to the various domains such as economics, health sciences and sociology, in order to identify critical areas that affect health and social care of older people and address the challenges of demographic and societal changes in Europe and in the rest of the World. Target groups include experts and stakeholders, including PhD candidates, university researchers and professors, medical and social care professionals.

Venice International University

Founded in 1995, VIU is something unique in the international academic panorama: a group of universities from all over the world sharing a common campus on the Island of San Servolo in the Venice lagoon.

The member universities devise study programs to prepare their students to face today’s global challenges: Sustainable Development, Climate Change; Environmental Security; Ageing; Urban Growth; Innovation and Technology; Global Ethics and Human Rights; Cultural Heritage are central topics of VIU programs.

VIU fulfills its role as a consortium by providing an innovative platform for transnational education, in which the interdisciplinary and comparative methods adopted enable students of all levels to consider multi-faceted problems through innovative approaches.

VIU offers its support for research programs involving the various universities that form its network, and develops specific programs for advanced training.