

**Globalization Program –Spring 2016
Research Internships and Worldwide Mobility
Call for Applications**



Scholarships, international mobility, research internships and advanced courses within the Globalization Program of Venice International University (VIU)

The **Globalization Program** brings together talented, motivated students from the 14 member Universities, which are part of the VIU *consortium*, in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment.

The program is open to undergraduate and master's students from the member universities. Each semester 120-140 students come to Venice to take part in VIU's Globalization Program. The courses are English-taught by professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit. Attendance is compulsory in all courses.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving. Students of the Globalization Program are thus better prepared for graduate and professional study and for careers in new and emerging fields.

Who can register for the Globalization Program

Students registered in any degree programs at one of VIU's member universities are eligible to apply for the Globalization Program.

Exchange students at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Università Iuav di Venezia and Università degli Studi di Padova are also eligible to apply.

The application procedures differ depending on the student home university. Please check VIU website at <http://www.univiu.org/shss/globalization-program/admissions> for further information.

Courses available within the Globalization Program

A set of core courses is available every semester, focusing on three themes:

A. ITALY - courses that showcase Venetian and Italian life, culture, art and history.

1. History of Venice
2. Italian Contemporary History in Films
3. Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice
4. Italian Fashion Design

B. CULTURES OF THE WORLD - courses that examine the cultures of the world; courses that make the most of the intercultural classroom.

5. Intercultural Communication
6. Gender Studies

7. Comparing East and West

C. GLOBAL CHALLENGES - courses that address current, global issues, preferably from an interdisciplinary perspective.

8. Identity, Heritage and Globalization
9. Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights
10. Global governance for peace and security, cooperation and development

Two specialization tracks are also offered, one in the Fall and one in the Spring.



- **ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE (Fall semesters only)**

11. Economics and Management of the Arts
12. Digital Tools for the Humanities
13. Preservation of World Heritage Sites
14. Curatorship

- **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Spring semesters only)**

11. Globalization, Environment and Sustainable Development
12. Coastal Wetlands, Lagoons and Estuaries: Environmental Monitoring and Management
13. Cities, Global Change and Sustainable Development
14. Globalization and Competitiveness: Global Value Chains

ADDITIONAL COURSES OFFERED during the Spring 2016 semester

1.	The infinite unveiled to the gaze: forms of representation between Orient and Occident	Agostino De Rosa	Università Iuav di Venezia
2.	The Artful Things of Climate Change	Min Hyoung Song	Boston College
3.	Cities after 9/11	Min Hyoung Song	Boston College
	Introduction to World Oil and Gas Markets	Jack Sharples Irina Mironova	European University at Saint Petersburg
4.	Introduction to Energy Politics	Jack Sharples Irina Mironova	European University at Saint Petersburg
5.	The Aesthetics of Privacy: Reading and Writing under Conditions of Globalization	Klaus Benesch	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
6.	Print Culture and Readers in Modern Japan	Atsuhiko Wada	Waseda University
7.	Nationalism and Ethnonationalism in a Globalized World	Martina Avanza	Université de Lausanne
8.	The Family - A Safe Heaven or a Battle Field	Zahava Solomon	Tel Aviv University
9.	In the shadow of terror: Can good things come out of bad experiences?	Zahava Solomon	Tel Aviv University
10.	Management of the Industrial and Crafts Heritage	Giovanni Luigi Fontana Andrea Caracausi	Università degli Studi di Padova

Who can apply for the Research Internships and Worldwide Mobility opportunities within the framework of the Globalization Program

Students enrolled in any of the member universities in the second year of their Master's degree (laurea magistrale), who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis in themes related to the Globalization Program can apply for the research internships and mobility opportunities offered to the students in the Globalization Program. After the semester of courses at VIU, selected applicants are awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their final Master's thesis at one of VIU's member universities or affiliated institutions.

Students interested in applying for the Research Internships and Mobility program must register for at least two courses at VIU.



A second call for applications for **Internships in Italy** will be published during the semester. The call is addressed to undergraduate and Master's students from any of the member universities, including exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Luav and Padova, who are attending the semester at VIU (at least three courses) and who wish to do an internship in a host organization in Italy following the semester. Students applying for one call are automatically excluded from the other.

Research Internships and Worldwide Mobility

The research internships and the worldwide mobility are for two to four months and start and end dates are fixed in collaboration with the host organization and depending on the research projects that the students will pursue. They are usually completed by the end of December of the same academic year (December 2016 for Spring 2016 students). Any exception must be justified by academic or research reasons and approved by the selection committee.

Some examples of the host institutions in the previous years:

Tongji University, Shanghai, China

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

United Nations Environmental Project (UNEP) Bangkok, Thailand

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Duke University, Durham (NC), USA

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

Boston College, Chestnut Hill (MA), USA

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Observatori de la Urbanització, Barcelona, Spain

A candidate may also request to go to a host institutions outside the VIU network (full list of VIU Members available here <http://www.univiu.org/what-is-viu/viu-members>). If the selection committee approves, VIU will work towards establishing a connection with the new institution. The active participation of the student candidate and the thesis supervisor is expected and necessary during the negotiation process. The candidate should consider that VIU cannot guarantee a positive outcome.

Scholarships

Students selected for the research internships and worldwide mobility will be awarded a scholarship which will partially cover travel and living costs. Some internship positions without scholarship might be available depending on the number of applicants and the quality of the research projects submitted.

The amount of the scholarship is calculated considering the estimated travel expenses and living costs of the country of destination, according to the following table:

USA	€ 1,500
China	€ 1,200
Israel	€ 1,000
Germany	€ 700
Russia	€ 700
Spain	€ 500

Other destinations will be determined based on the estimated costs of mobility.



Maria Weber Scholarship

The Maria Weber Scholarship was established in 2010 and is awarded in the Spring semester to a student with the best dissertation proposal on a theme related to China. The amount of the scholarship is € 2,000.

The selected student travels to China to do research for his/her master's dissertation at one of the Chinese member universities of VIU.

The selection committee is composed of the following members:

1. Prof. Marco Croci
2. Prof. Guglielmo Weber, Università degli Studi di Padova
3. Prof. Agar Brugiavini, Dean of Venice International University

Selection Committee

Candidates will be selected at the end of the semester at VIU by a committee that will take into account the recommendations of the Professors teaching courses.

The selection committee will be composed of:

- Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Agar Brugiavini
- Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Luca Pes
- Academic advisor of the Mobility Program (Spring), Prof. Ilda Mannino

The selection of the candidates and the award of the scholarships will be based on a ranking. The score achieved by each student will be the result of the sum of the following:

1) Research project (up to 60% of the final score)

- academic quality of the candidate
- quality of the project
- adherence of the theme addressed in the project to Globalization Program themes
- matching of the research project with the possible destinations

2) Grade obtained in the courses taken at VIU (up to 30% of the final score)

The grade will be the result of the arithmetical mean of the two best final grades achieved by the student

3) Participation in the co-curricular activities (up to 10% of the final score)

Participation in at least five co-curricular activities is a prerequisite

Academic activities: February 15 –May 27, 2016

Research Internships and Mobility: September – December 2016

Deadline for applications: February 15, 2016

Students registered for the Globalization Program who wish to compete for the Research Internships and Mobility opportunities must register for and complete at least two courses within the Globalization Program courses offered during the Spring 2016 semester. By mid-term (April 1, 2016) they must submit a draft research proposal to be pursued during the research internships and mobility phase, which should include indication of the selected destination and preferred period (max. 5 pages).

By the end of classes (May 19, 2016) they must submit the final research project that will be examined and evaluated by the selection committee.

Each candidate should have a supervisor to the research activities in his home University. VIU Professors may in some cases act as co-supervisors.

Within a month of handing in the final research projects, the selection committee will communicate the results.

Candidates will be informed by e-mail.



For further information:

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