The mission of VIU is to promote the exchange of ideas and knowledge by offering advanced training and research. Each year VIU welcomes professors, researchers and over two hundred students of different nationalities who live together, study and carry out research on its campus. Moreover, VIU brings to the city of Venice and its mainland a prolific range of academic and scientific activities focused mainly on globalization, innovation, environmental sustainability and cultural heritage.

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, communicating and working with people from other cultures.

VIU's School of Humanities and Social Sciences provides a response in this direction, promoting academic cooperation among partner universities from around the world. The School provides students with an intense educational experience in Venice, in multicultural contexts, where global and comparative approaches are privileged, integrating the study of human heritage, creativity and imagination with the study of social relations and institutions.

Activities of the School:

- Globalization Program
- Internships
- VIULECTURES
- VIULIFE and Co-curricular program
- Intensive Seminars (LMU)
- Summer Schools (Duke & BC)