Teaching at VIU



VIU provides a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment for students and professors of the member universities. Both students and professors come from different cultural backgrounds (with up to 20 nationalities represented in a semester) and from different academic traditions (e.g. some are accustomed to class discussions, others to lectures), and come from a range of disciplines (many come from Liberal Arts schools, others are studying for more discipline-oriented degrees such as economics, history, anthropology or environmental studies). Some students avail of the opportunity to study at VIU in order to take course that are not strictly in their field of study. Students in the program attend one or two semesters at Venice International University as part of their undergraduate or master's degree at one of the member universities.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking, and creative problem solving. Students exposed to interdisciplinary approaches can think analytically and can creatively embrace new ideas. In addition, the intercultural nature of the program, with each student bringing her/his own personal experience to discussions, means that students are exposed to perspectives different from their own, and consequently experience the benefits of embracing difference. Students of the Globalization Program are thus more prepared for graduate and professional study and for careers in new and emerging fields.

**Program Regulations** for courses of the Globalization Program