

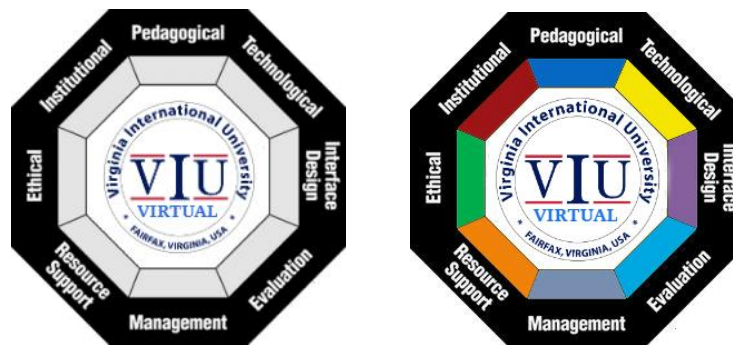
Virginia International University (VIU): Virtual

Making Sense in the Digital World

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Due to recent visa restrictions by the US government, some US universities such as VIU with a mission to educate students from all over the world have been tremendously affected by low enrollments. The proposed **VIU Virtual** will be dedicated to provide completely stand-alone well-designed, learner-centered, affordable, efficient, easily accessible, flexible, and facilitated learning environments through a highly qualified, and equally diverse faculty and staff of VIU. To implement VIU Virtual, a strategic plan for VIU Virtual will be developed by addressing critical factors including, but not limited to: Needs assessment, market research, best practices, best suited VIU programs for online delivery research, SCORM compliant LMS and global infrastructure for course delivery, planning for initiating mandatory online supplemental of all VIU face-to-face courses, quality course design, copyright and legal issues, DETC accreditation, international accreditation, digital library, online registration system, technical support, instructor training for online teaching, budget and return-on-investment analysis, partnership with accredited universities overseas, credit transfers, learners' assessment, graduation and diploma, etc.

Many brick-and-mortar universities are struggling to shift to this new paradigm to facilitate students with the flexibility of any time-anywhere learning. One of the major causes for dropping-out of online courses is contributed to *poorly designed courses*. To improve students' high retention, VIU Virtual courses will be developed by responding to most frequently asked questions in online education today "What does it take to provide the most meaningful learning environments for globally diverse students?" Every module of VIU Virtual courses will be developed by addressing various critical issues encompassing the eight dimensions of online education.ⁱ



Deliverable: Strategic Plan for VIU Virtual

Duration: 2 weeks

Resources: Interviews with VIU administrators, teaching faculty and staff, and access to LMS and sample online courses. Total Cost: Negotiable

ⁱ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eight_dimensional_e-learning_framework