GLOBAL UNIVERSITY IN SINGAPORE

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Inbound Student Programmes
As Singapore’s only university in the city, we must endeavour to have a reverberating voice in the community, to contribute thought leadership and ideas, as well as to be a place in the city where compelling and relevant ideas are being discussed and debated.

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Professor Lily Kong
President, SMU
SMU Campus Green is a lush outdoor amphitheatre interlaced with shaded paths, and throughout the term you will see students soaking up the sun here. Patron's Day, a campus-wide celebration of SMU's birthday, is held at Campus Green every January.

SMU Connexion is a new development which provides an environment that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship among SMU students and alumni, and with the larger community. The building features active learning classrooms, brainstorming hubs, collaborative zones, a dining commons, integrated learning studios, a makerspace, and student lounges, and an ‘Innovation Bridge’ with incubation space for start-ups.

SMU Administration Building is where SMU’s leadership, the Offices of the President and Provost, are housed. The International Office is also housed in this building. Activities for inbound students from various SMU programmes and events at the Johnson Lounge.

School of Accountancy (SoA) is at the forefront of industry developments in the accounting and business fields.

School of Information Systems (SIS) is internationally renowned for its innovative research and education on Information Systems Technology and Information Systems Management. It is also known for its leading-edge but practical approach to IT solutions.

Lee Kong Chian School of Business (LKCBS) is one of the top Asian business schools worldwide. LKCSB values greater integrative capacity for members and engagement with the community.

School of Law (SoL) fosters intellectual curiosity and creativity to nurture lawyers who lead and serve the community with distinction.

SMU is home to six schools specialising in Accountancy, Business, Economics, Information Systems, Law and Social Sciences.

Our on-campus institutes, Centres, Labs and Initiatives, and Academic Support Units facilitate SMU’s contributions to thought leadership and societal change. Find out more about them at www.smu.edu.sg/schools-institutes

Singapore’s vibrant civic, cultural and arts communities are all within walking distance.

1. Fort Canning Park
2. National Museum of Singapore
3. Singapore Art Museum
4. National Library
5. Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay
6. National Art Gallery
7. Supreme Court
8. Central Business District

Kwa Geok Choo Law Library is located adjacent to the School of Law building and Fort Canning Park, being in a distinct architectural form that is representative of law. The Kwa Geok Choo Law Library has the capacity to hold 16,000 print volumes and is able to accommodate seating for more than 500 users. It offers students a conducive atmosphere for study, with self-service kiosks, study booths, 38 project rooms equipped with LCD panels and interactive whiteboards, and areas for group and individual study.

Li Ka Shing Library comprises 8,800 square metres of public space with 1,800 seats at 21 study areas, learning spaces with flexible interior design, technology support, instructional and collaboration area, Learning Commons (open 24/7), study booths, 38 project rooms (222 seats), reading areas, and an investment studio with specialised financial software.

SMU is committed to sustainability, and the entire SMU campus has achieved 100% Green Mark Platinum status.
CITY UNIVERSITY, GLOBAL FOCUS

Established in 2000, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its teaching excellence and world-class research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance.

*Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2020
**QS Masters in Business Analytics Rankings 2020
***FT Global MBA 2020 Ranking
^Based on 24 leading business school journals By University of Texas, Dallas Top 100
^^University of Texas, Dallas Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings Based on Research

View detailed global rankings at www.smu.edu.sg
Make an international impact

As a global city university, SMU provides students with a unique opportunity to experience life in the very heart of Singapore. The strategic location of its modern campus enables students to attend and participate in a wide array of stimulating events, from dialogues with distinguished speakers to international forums and alliances.

The university’s multi-cultural and international faculty and student body expose students to differing perspectives, equipping them with the information and inspiration to reimagine a better future for the world.

5 societal challenges addressed by SMU

• Economies and Financial Markets
• Social Fabric and Quality of Life
• Boundaries and Borders
• Sustainability
• Innovation and Technology

Find out more about the impact made by SMU’s internationally lauded faculty at [www.smu.edu.sg/research](http://www.smu.edu.sg/research)

10,000 students including 900 inbound students annually, representing 50 nationalities

40% international faculty, representing 29 nationalities

I learnt a great deal about how business and particularly the focus of my degree can be expanded internationally. The insight from professors on the positioning of Singapore in the international market was extremely interesting and beneficial.

Ellen KELLY
University College Dublin
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (ISEP)

ISEP provides opportunities for students from our partner universities to spend one or two terms at SMU. Find out more about ISEP at [www.smu.edu.sg/global/study-in-smu](http://www.smu.edu.sg/global/study-in-smu)

THE VISITING STUDENT PROGRAMME (VSP)

VSP offers a one-term learning experience at SMU to students from universities without a student exchange agreement with SMU, for which a programme fee applies. Find out more about VSP at [www.smu.edu.sg/global/visiting-student-programme](http://www.smu.edu.sg/global/visiting-student-programme)

Make your studies count

Exchange students may enrol for a minimum course load of two SMU credits, up to a maximum of four SMU credits, per term. Each full-course credit at SMU carries a weightage of one credit, and consists of three contact hours per week over a period of 13 teaching weeks (39 contact hours). You are encouraged to consult your home university's administrators on the transfer of course credits.

Learn in a highly interactive environment

SMU's case-based learning approach is part of our interactive pedagogical learning, which includes seminar-style learning, debates, question and answer, as well as participatory and active learning approaches. SMU's three-pronged pedagogical approach—Technology-enhanced Learning; Interactive Learning; Experiential Learning, enables sharp thinkers to pick up in-demand soft skills to become successful communicators and presenters.

5 reasons to choose SMU

- **Broaden** your perspectives through exposure to diverse points of view.
- **Benefit** academically from small class sizes and seminar-style teaching.
- **Boost** your confidence to work in cross-cultural teams.
- **Build** your network of contacts in a sought-after Asian destination.
- **Base** yourself at our lush and light-filled city campus in the heart of Singapore.
Tackle real-world challenges

Enrol for SMU-X courses, which provide opportunities for in-class learning with faculty while collaborating on projects with corporates, non-profit and government organisations. Find out more at https://x.smu.edu.sg

You can also leverage SMU’s numerous global engagements such as the Ho Rih Hwa Leadership Lecture Series. Find out more at https://hrh.smu.edu.sg/

Attend international events

Make the most of your exchange by plugging into Singapore’s vibrant innovation scene. We host a calendar of world-renowned exhibitions, festivals and events that bring together global experts focused on shaping the future of their industries.

Explore the diversity of Asia

Singapore is the perfect base from which to explore all of Southeast Asia and beyond. The award-winning Singapore Changi Airport is Asia’s most connected international airport.

“By placing weightage on class participation and presentations, SMU has helped me think quicker on my feet and be confident of speaking my thoughts to the class, in a clear yet precise manner.”

Kaustav GHOSH
University of New South Wales

Singapore, Passion Made Possible.
Find out more about Singapore at www.visitsingapore.com/en/
CHART YOUR JOURNEY

Use this timeline as a guide for planning your study term at SMU.

1 SELECT
SMU as host university for your study abroad.

Eligibility
• Applicants must have completed at least two terms of undergraduate studies.
• Applicants must continue to be a registered undergraduate in their home university throughout the period of study at SMU.
• Applicants must fulfill the English language proficiency requirement by SMU.

ISEP: Only students who are officially nominated by their home university will receive application instructions from SMU.

VSP: For application details, visit www.smu.edu.sg/global/visiting-student-programme

2 SUBMIT
Your online application to SMU together with copies of your:
• Passport
• Academic transcript
• English Proficiency Certificate
• Profile photograph

Application Cycles:
• Term One (Fall) – April
• Term Two (Spring) – September

3 RECEIVE
SMU’s Letter of Acceptance together with instructions on the application for the Student’s Pass (student visa).

4 APPLY
SMU’s Letter of Acceptance together with instructions on the application for the Student’s Pass.

Student’s Pass and Immigration
• The Student’s Pass enables international students to live and study in Singapore, as well as serves as a multiple-entry visa into Singapore.
• Student’s Pass holders (exchange/visiting students) are strictly not permitted to undertake any form of internship or work (paid or unpaid) during their term of studies in Singapore.
• The cost of the Student’s Pass ranges from S$90 to S$120.
• For information on immigration matters that may affect your stay in Singapore, visit www.ica.gov.sg

5 FIND
Accommodation in Singapore. International students are responsible for the arrangements and lease of their accommodation.

• SMU’s unique location in the city offers plenty of accommodation options within walking distance to SMU, and is conveniently accessible to amenities and transportation networks.
• SMU only offers limited accommodation options through private hostel operators.

6 ENROL
For your courses at SMU. Find course information at https://inet.smu.edu.sg/sites/courses

Course Enrolment
• Medium of instruction: English
• Only undergraduate courses are applicable
• Minimum course load: Two credits
• Maximum course load: Four credits
• Course enrolment is carried out via a bidding exercise in July (Term One) and December (Term Two)

7 FAMILIARISE
Yourself with the SMU campus during Orientation Week.

Orientation and Campus Life
The Orientation Week is held one week before the start of the academic term and attendance is mandatory.
• Activities include the completion of formalities for the Student’s Pass, Orientation Briefing, Welcome Lunch and Campus Tour.
• SMU also hosts a Buddy and Host Programme to help international students settle into life at SMU and in Singapore.

8 IMMERSE
Yourself in student life activities and seize the opportunities to learn, grow and connect at SMU. SMU offers a vibrant and wholesome campus life experience with a wide range of student activities for international students to participate in.

LIVING EXPENSES
Some common monthly living expenses are listed for reference. Actual expenses will differ depending on the choice of accommodation and lifestyle of each individual.
• Accommodation: S$900 – S$1,500 (subject to type of accommodation)
• Food: S$300 – S$500
• Local transportation: S$100 – S$150
• Telecommunications: S$30 – S$50
• Books and stationery: S$30 – S$100
• Miscellaneous expenses: S$100 – S$300

HEALTH AND SAFETY
It is mandatory for all students to purchase the SMU Medical Insurance. The cost for this insurance is included in the SMU Miscellaneous Fee.
• The SMU Medical Insurance coverage is applicable within Singapore only
• Coverage does not include personal travel/leisure trips out of Singapore. Students are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance at their own cost and discretion.

International SOS (ISS)
SMU has engaged the services of International SOS to offer 24/7 emergency assistance to our students locally or while overseas. Students are strongly encouraged to download the ISOS mobile app.

BENEFIT
Fully from your time at SMU by following these simple tips.
• Be flexible in your study plans and do not be afraid to deviate a little from what you are doing back home. Detours can take you to amazing places!
• Step out of your comfort zone and make new friends from different cultures. By getting to know new people, you get to know new sides of yourself.
• Embrace SMU’s vibrant student life and join in the social and sporting activities. At SMU, there is much more to student life than studying.
• Explore Singapore. SMU’s campus is located right in the heart of the city, and nowhere in Singapore is more than 45 minutes away by car.
• Speak up and share your knowledge and experiences with your peers. It often takes just one person to break the ice and get the conversation flowing.
CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS

We also offer another exciting and experiential learning programme with a shorter duration in the summer, for students to sample the overseas study and living experience at our global university.

Global Summer Programme (GSP)

The annual four-week GSP, which takes place in July, offers students new insights and perspectives on trends and developments in Asia. It includes opportunities to interact with industry leaders who have an interest in the region, through lively dialogues and engaging networking sessions.

Find more about GSP at www.smu.edu.sg/global/summer-programme

The Asian insights I gained during my summer study at SMU have given me new perspectives on deciding my future career.

Xiong QIAOQIN
Tsinghua University

The courses were unique and relevant, the facilities state-of-the-art, and the professors were outstanding. There’s so much to learn from them and from my fellow students from around the world.

Justine TAMANO
University of the Philippines Diliman
FURTHER YOUR AMBITIONS

SMU International Office (IO) is committed to providing you with experiential learning opportunities to further your ambitions at SMU, a truly global city university.

If you have any questions about our programmes, please do not hesitate to drop us an email.
For International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP)/Visiting Student Programme (VSP), write to isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg
For SMU Global Summer Programme (GSP), write to smusummer@smu.edu.sg

SMU welcomes students from all around the world and you will get many new friends from different backgrounds. My experience has helped me become more open-minded and understanding towards other people, cultures and values.

Anna Ellen Svensson
Lund University

About the SMU International Office
The Office forges partnerships between SMU and leading universities to bring together students and faculty for academic programmes, research and service to create meaningful impact in Asia and around the world.

Thank you to all the students who generously contributed to this brochure.