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Where's

Singapore?



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While the earliest known historical records of Singapore are shrouded in time, a third century Chinese account describes it as "Pu-loo-chung", referring to "Pulau Ujong" which means the "island at the end of a peninsula" in the Malay language. Later, the city was known as **Temasek** ("Sea Town"), when the first settlements were established from AD 1298-1299.

During the 14th century, this small but strategically-located island earned a new name. According to legend, Sang Nila Utama, a Prince from Palembang (the capital of Srivijaya), was out on a hunting trip when he caught sight of an animal he had never seen before. Taking it to be a good sign, he founded a city where the animal had been spotted, naming it **"The Lion City" or Singapura**, from the Sanskrit words "simha" (lion) and "pura" (city).



About

Singapore

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Modern Singapore was founded in the 19th century, thanks to politics, trade and a man known as Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles.

During this time, the British empire was eyeing a port of call in this region to base its merchant fleet, and to forestall any advance made by the Dutch. Singapore, already an up-and-coming trading post along the Malacca Straits, seemed ideal.

Raffles, then the Lieutenant-Governor of Bencoolen (now Bengkulu) in Sumatra, landed in Singapore on 29 January 1819. Recognising the immense potential of the swamp-covered island, he helped negotiate a treaty with the local rulers and established Singapore as a trading station. The city quickly grew as an entrepot trade hub, attracting immigrants from China, India, the Malay Archipelago and beyond.

Singapore's prosperity suffered a major blow during World War II. When war ended, the island was handed over to the British Military Administration, which remained in power until the dissolution of the Straits Settlement comprising Penang, Melaka and Singapore.

In April 1946, Singapore became a British Crown Colony.

In 1959, the growth of nationalism led to self-government, and the country's first general election.

In 1963, Malaysia was formed, comprising of the Federation of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak and North Borneo (now Sabah). The move was meant to foster closer ties.

However, Singapore's merger proved unsuccessful, and less than two years later on **9 August 1965, it left Malaysia to become an independent and sovereign democratic nation.**

Singapore today



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Visit the the Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay, or the iconic Merlion at Marina Bay, as well as numerous other world-class tourist attractions during your stay!



Singapore is one of the world's busiest ports – this is the view from the 50th level skybridge at the Pinnacle, Singapore's first 50-storey public housing.



Singapore's hawker culture is on the Unesco Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. But most important - the yummy food you will try!



Did you know that Singapore is the leading country in Southeast Asia in terms of total fintech investment dollars as well as consumer adoption?



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



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



SMU AT A GLANCE

**12th amongst
specialist
universities of
the world**

*Quacquarelli Symonds
World University
Rankings 2021*

**15th Best
Young
University in
the world**

*Quacquarelli Symonds
World University
Rankings 2021*

**99th
*Quacquarelli
Symonds Asia
University
Rankings 2021***

SMU AT A GLANCE

Home to around 10,000 undergraduates and postgraduates, SMU comprises of six schools:

- School of Accountancy
- Lee Kong Chian School of Business
- School of Economics
- School of Computing and Information Systems
- Yong Pung How School of Law
- School of 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.



SMU AT A GLANCE

Singapore's vibrant civic, cultural and arts communities are all within walking distance:

- Fort Canning Park
- National Museum of Singapore
- Singapore Art Museum
- National Library
- Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay
- National Art Gallery
- Supreme Court
- Central Business District

Explore our campus at
<https://www.smu.edu.sg/files/virtual-campustour/index.htm>



SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

**1st in
Accounting
Research in
Asia and 3rd
Worldwide**

*Brigham Young
University Accounting
Research Rankings*

**Most
Outstanding
Higher
Education
Institute of the
Year**

*by the Institute of
Chartered
Accountants in
England and Wales
(ICAEW)*

Lee Kong Chian SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**1st Triple
Accredited
Business
School in
Singapore**

*(AACSB, AMBA,
EQUIS)*

**38th Globally
for Business
and
Management
Studies**

*Quacquarelli Symonds
World University Rankings
by Subject*

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

1st In Asia
Top 10
Worldwide
for
Econometrics
Research

*Tilburg University Economics
Schools' Research Ranking
based on contributions from
2015 to 2019*

76th
Globally for
Social
Sciences
and
Management

*Quacquarelli Symonds World
University Rankings by Subject*

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

2nd in Asia
for Master of
IT in
Business

*Quacquarelli Symonds
Masters in Business
Analytics Rankings 2021*

22nd
Worldwide
for Masters
of IT in
Business

*Quacquarelli Symonds
World Masters in
Business Analytics
Rankings 2021*

Yong Pung How SCHOOL OF LAW

28-time
International
Moots
Champion
between
2011-2020

Leading Research
through

- Centre for Commercial Law in Asia
- Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy
- Centre for AI and Data Governance
- Centre for Computational Law

SMU CONNEXION

Tackle real –
world
challenges with
SMU-X, SMU's
interdisciplinary
and experiential
learning
framework

Gain
entrepreneurial
insights at **The
Greenhouse**,
SMU's
downtown
innovation
facility

CITY UNIVERSITY, GLOBAL FOCUS



SMU's diverse international community creates a learning experience that transcends borders and bridges global views

39%
international faculty,
representing 26
different nationalities

900
inbound exchange
students annually,
representing 50
different nationalities

58%
international postgraduate
students [non-
Singapore citizen
from 50 countries]

8%
international undergraduate
students [non-
Singapore citizens]
from 28 countries



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



Our Programmes

- **International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP)**
- **Visiting Student Programme (VSP)**



ISEP

- **Apply through home university**

VSP

- **For students from universities that do not have exchange agreements with SMU**
- **Tuition fee is billed per Course, minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 Courses**

General Information

- The medium of instruction at SMU is English
- Each term lasts 16 weeks, including a week-long mid-term break and two weeks of revision and examinations. Term 1 usually starts mid-August and Term 2 from second week of January
- 1.0 SMU credit consists of 39 contact hours per term
- Course assessment includes, but is not limited to class attendance, class participation, individual and group projects, presentations, mid-term tests and final examinations

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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 fulfil the English language proficiency requirement by SMU:
 - **Paper-based TOEFL** - Min. of 5.5 (Test of Written) & 50 (Reading). Minimum score – 583
 - **Internet-based TOEFL** - Min. of 22 (Reading) & 22 (Writing). Minimum score – 93
 - **International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)** - Min. of 7.0 (Reading) and 6.5 (Writing)
 - **C1 Advanced** - Min. score of 185, with at least 185 (Reading) and 176 (Writing)

Application Process

SELECT SMU as host university for your study abroad

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

VSP: Apply directly at www.smu.edu.sg/global/visiting-student-programme

SUBMIT your online application to SMU together with copies of

- Passport
- Academic transcript
- English Proficiency Certificate
- Profile photograph

Application Cycles:

- Term One (Fall) – April
- Term Two (Spring) – September

BUDGET for your living expenses

- 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

Actual expenses will differ depending on the choice of accommodation and lifestyle of each individual

Application Process

APPLY for your student pass with SMU's Letter of Acceptance

- Student's Pass holders 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 additional information on immigration matters that may affect your stay in Singapore, eg. Entry Visa application, visit www.ica.gov.sg
- A one-time Miscellaneous Fee of S\$250, which includes student insurance, will be charged during Matriculation

FIND accommodation in Singapore

- 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
- Accommodation: S\$900 – S\$1,500 monthly (subject to type of accommodation)

Application Process

Enrol for your Courses at SMU

- Find course information at <https://inet.smu.edu.sg/sites/courses>
- Only undergraduate courses are applicable
- Course enrolment is carried out via a bidding exercise in July (Term One) and December (Term Two)
- 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!

SEIZE the opportunities to learn, grow and connect at SMU

- Plan your arrival - Orientation is held one week before the start of the term and attendance is mandatory as activities include the Completion of Formalities for the Student's Pass
- SMU offers a vibrant and wholesome campus life experience with a wide range of student activities – step out of your comfort zone!

Explore SMU's Clubs

- Arts and Culture
- Sports and Adventure
- Special Interests



Make new
friends
from
different
cultures



If you are considering shorter programmes

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 out more at
<https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/summer-programme>



FAQ

Q. When will the study term's final course list be available?

A. The final list will be available approximately four to six weeks before course bidding.

Q. What should I do if the course outline for next term is still unavailable?

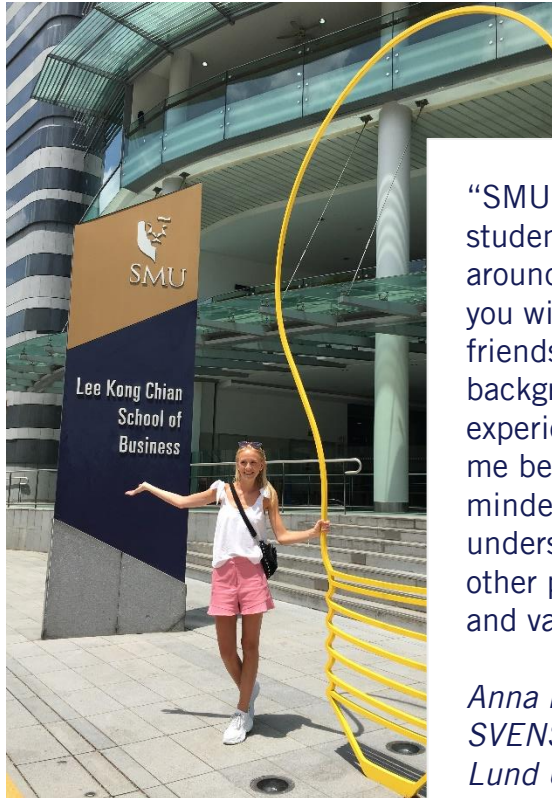
A. You may check the course outline from the previous year for the corresponding term in the SMU Course Catalogue and use that as a reference.

Q. Does SMU support students with different needs?

A. You may email isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg explaining your requirements so that we may respond according to your specific needs.

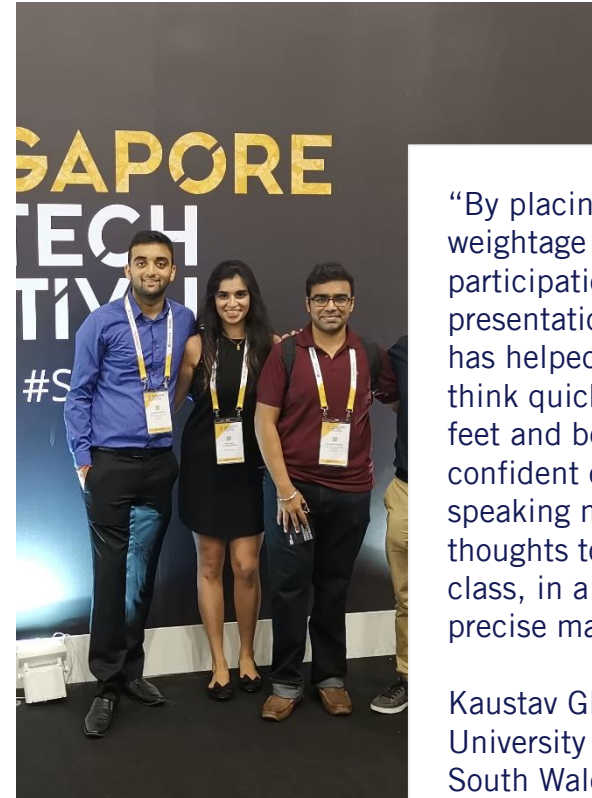
STUDY IN SMU

Embark on a learning adventure to discover Singapore, Asia and yourself



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

*Anna Ellen
SVENSSON
Lund University*



“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

**We look
forward to
seeing you
at SMU!**

