

Masters of Laws

- ▶ LL.M. in Judicial Studies
- ▶ LL.M. in Cross-border Business and Finance Law in Asia
- ▶ Dual LL.M. in Commercial Law (Singapore & London)



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SCHOOL OF LAW

Message from the Dean, Yong Pung How School of Law



Law, whether as a discipline or a profession, is in a state of flux. While there are those who see only uncertainty underlying this change, we here at SMU Yong Pung How School of Law see opportunities. Whether the focus is on the rendering advice on cross-border deals or disputes, understanding the principles and norms that animate commercial relationships or on improving the delivery and quality of justice, our faculty members provide thought leadership. This is why we have curated three specialised tracks within our Master of Laws programme aimed at nurturing intellectual curiosity and creativity, while at the same time meeting the demands and standards set at leading law firms as well as in the region's judicial institutions.

In addition to being taught by our highly-qualified and experienced faculty members, you will benefit from our partnerships with renowned institutions within and outside Singapore that give you unique opportunities to learn from and interact with those shaping the law of tomorrow.

I look forward to welcoming you to the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law.

Goh Yihan

Dean, Yong Pung How School of Law
Singapore Management University

The SMU Yong Pung How School of Law

The SMU Yong Pung How School of Law began in 2000 as the Law Department within the Lee Kong Chian School of Business; headed then by Professor Andrew Phang (presently Judge of Appeal). In 2007, with Professor Michael Furmston at the helm, the department became a full-fledged law school and welcomed its first batch of students to its LL.B. and J.D. programmes. Professor Yeo Tiong Min, Singapore's first Honorary Senior Counsel, took over as dean in 2012. The current dean is Associate Professor Goh Yihan, who is the youngest dean to have been appointed at SMU.

SMU Yong Pung How School of Law has since expanded its academic offerings to include, among others, J.D. and LL.M. degrees as well as a suite of seminars for legal practitioners to obtain their CPD points under its SMU Law Academy. It houses leading research centres in the form of the Centre for Commercial Law in Asia (CCLA), the Centre for AI and Data Governance (CAIDG), the Centre for Computational Law (CCLAW), and the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA). In 2017, it acquired its own premises along Armenian Street and now boasts various state-of-the-art facilities such as the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library and the David Marshall Moot Court.



Programme Structure

	JUDICIAL STUDIES TRACK	CROSS-BORDER BUSINESS AND FINANCE LAW IN ASIA TRACK	DUAL LL.M. IN COMMERCIAL LAW (SINGAPORE & LONDON) TRACK
ACADEMIC YEAR	August to April (1 yr full-time / 2 yrs extended duration)	August to April (1 yr full-time / 2 yrs part-time)	January to April the following year (16 months full-time)
NO. OF CREDIT UNITS	9.5 credit units	9.5 credit units	7.5 SMU credit units + 135 QMUL credits
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	Good first degree in Law (LL.B. or J.D. or their equivalent).	Good first degree in Law (LL.B. or J.D. or their equivalent). Non-law graduates may be considered on the basis of substantial relevant professional experience in law-related positions.	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	<p>Proof of English language proficiency is required for all international applicants except those from English-medium institutions in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, Philippines, United Kingdom and the United States.</p> <p>The minimum English proficiency test requirements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS: 7.0 • TOEFL: 100 • UKVI: 4 <p>TOEFL/IELTS scores are valid for two (2) years from the test date and applicants should ensure their scores remain valid at the beginning of the application period for the LL.M. track applied for. Applicants intending to take the TOEFL/IELTS test are advised to schedule their test sufficiently early to ensure that their score reports are available before the closing date for the submission of supporting documents. Only official score reports are accepted.</p>		
COURSE FEES	Please refer to the website for up-to-date information on course and application fees.		
SCHOLARSHIPS	Please refer to our website for details on scholarships available.		
APPLICATION PROCESS	<p>All applications must be submitted online and supporting documents mailed to SMU LL.M. programme office.</p> <p>Shortlisted applicants will be required to take a written test and participate in an interview.</p>		

Enrolling in the SMU Juris Doctor Programme

Graduates of all tracks of the SMU LL.M. programme may wish to continue their studies at the Yong Pung How School of Law to obtain a Juris Doctor degree that can qualify its holder for admission to the Singapore Bar. Graduates that are accepted into the Juris Doctor programme within 3 years of successfully completing their LL.M. studies will receive up to 5 credit units worth of exemptions, a 10% alumni discount, plus a discount on tuition fee. Outstanding LL.M. alumni may also have their applications fast-tracked.

SMU – Right in the Heart of Asia’s Hub, Singapore

In the dynamic, cosmopolitan hub that is Singapore, you will find a vibrant city-state that pulses with the diversity of both East and West. Situated at the cross-roads of the world, Singapore is home to multinational companies and thousands of small and medium-sized enterprises flourishing in a smart city renowned for its business excellence and connectivity. With its strong infrastructure, political stability and respect for intellectual property rights, this City in a Garden offers you unique opportunities to develop as a global citizen.

Tapping into the energy of the city is a university with a difference — the **Singapore Management University**. Our six schools: the School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Computing and Information Systems, School of Economics, Yong Pung How School of Law, and School of Social Sciences form the country’s only city campus, perfectly sited to foster strategic links with businesses and the community.

Modelled after the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, SMU generates leading-edge research with global impact and produces broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for a knowledge-based economy. Discover a multi-faceted lifestyle right here at SMU, in the heart of Singapore.



The SMU Masters Advantage



GLOBAL RECOGNITION

SMU is globally recognised as one of the best specialised universities in Asia and the world. Its research rankings, programme rankings, accreditations and professional recognition are testament to its achievements and standing.



INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

SMU’s interactive, seminar-style pedagogy brings you stimulating, multidisciplinary learning under the mentorship of the thought leaders and subject experts who make up our faculty. You will hone your analytical skills, teamwork and communication skills.



INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

Stay relevant with courses that combine cutting-edge research and up-to-date knowledge with best business practices. SMU’s Postgraduate Professional Development course and award-winning Asian case studies help you approach topics from different practical perspectives for greater insights.



NETWORKING AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SMU has a diverse student population from many different countries, bringing equally diverse personal and professional experience into your network. Take advantage of comprehensive guidance from our dedicated career services to aid your career transition or advancement.



CITY CAMPUS

SMU is nestled within the arts and heritage precinct, right next to the Central Business District, with unrivalled connectivity for public transport and multiple amenities around campus. Discover how life beyond the classroom is as enriching as within.

LL.M. in Judicial Studies

Curriculum

COMMON CORE (3 credit units)			
Asian and Global Trends in Information Technology Law	Advanced Law of Obligations	Mediation / Financial Regulation in Asia	
TRACK CORE (3 credit units)			
Judgecraft	Judicial Executive Programme	Judicial Dissertation	
ELECTIVES (2 credit units)			
ADVANCED LEGAL COURSES	LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS	ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE	CONTEXTUAL JUDGING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Conflict of Laws International Business Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Thinking for Opportunity Recognition & Innovation Strategic Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Accounting Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioural Economics Economic Growth in Asia

Note: The list of electives is indicative and subject to availability. Course offerings are confirmed a year prior to the start of the programme. Full details are available on www.smu.edu.sg/lm

Programme Structure

1-YEAR FULL-TIME			2-YEAR EXTENDED DURATION		
PRE-TERM	TERM 1	TERM 2	YEAR 1		
AUGUST (1 WEEK)	AUG - DEC (14 WEEKS)	JAN - APR (14 WEEKS)	PRE-TERM	TERM 1	TERM 2
AUGUST (1 WEEK)	AUG - DEC (14 WEEKS)	JAN - APR (14 WEEKS)	AUGUST (1 WEEK)	AUG - DEC (14 WEEKS)	JAN - APR (14 WEEKS)
Orientation Legal Writing Workshop* Common Law Workshop*	3 credit units of core modules 1 credit unit of electives	3 credit units of core modules 1 credit unit of electives	Orientation Legal Writing Workshop* Common Law Workshop*	3 credit units of core modules 1 credit unit of electives	Leave of Absence
* Candidates with a civil law background must attend the common law workshop and legal writing workshop.			YEAR 2		
			TERM 1	TERM 2	
			AUG - DEC (14 WEEKS)	JAN - APR (14 WEEKS)	
			Leave of Absence	3 credit units of core modules 1 credit unit of electives	



Scientific. Artful. Judicious. Timely.



Advance your adjudication and administration abilities

- 6 core modules, including on judicial decision-making, judicial stress management and judicial philosophy
- 2 interdisciplinary electives
- 1-Year (Full-Time)
- 2-Year (Extended Duration)



Immerse yourself in the workings of the Singapore judiciary

- Internship opportunities to shadow sitting senior judges
- Attend fireside chats organised by the Singapore Judicial College
- Experienced judges (co)teach core courses and share first-hand accounts of their time in the courts
- Network with fellow judicial officers from around the region



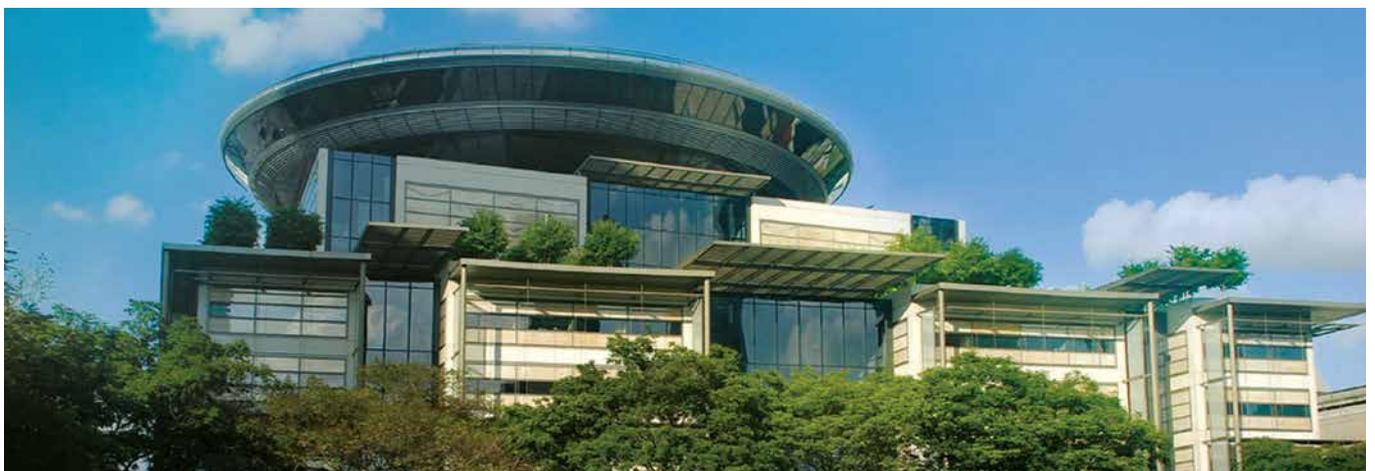
Develop pertinent soft and extra-legal skillsets

- Seminar-style pedagogy with interactive class discussion
- Practice-oriented content and ample use of court-centric case studies
- Specialised extra-legal courses on management strategies, accounting fundamentals and insights from social science



“ This programme, the first-of-its-kind in the region, has been designed specifically for serving judges and judicial aspirants. The diverse curriculum is jointly developed and will be taught by professors from the Singapore Management University and experienced Singapore judges. Candidates can expect the academic rigour of higher learning coupled with practical judge-craft. The teaching faculty will be supported by the Singapore Judicial College, which has established a reputation for its practical programmes, which focus on enhancing problem-solving skills. Graduates of this programme will enjoy the privilege of being amongst the first members of a new and growing worldwide alumni of judges. ”

The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon
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