

Shaping the Future of Law

Study at the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law



Yong Pung How
School of
Law



UNDERGRADUATE

DEAN'S MESSAGE

The world faces disruptive change from many sources. So does the legal industry, which has had to cope with globalisation, technological developments, and challenges to ethical principles. The pace of change will become even more rapid, and its impact even more widespread.

We at SMU are ready to confront this future. We are committed to nurturing legal professionals with the unique knowledge and skill sets that are needed in a complex, dynamic and volatile environment, while remaining firmly grounded in ethical principles. Our students learn to see law in its broader business, social, economic, and political contexts, and couple that knowledge with practical skills, real-world experience, and a heart of service.

Through vibrant discussions in small classes led by expert faculty, you will learn to think on your feet and develop research, teamwork, and communication skills. Our modular inter-disciplinary curriculum will let you pursue an interest in a cutting-edge field through one of our new specialisation tracks, or take up other opportunities to broaden and deepen your education. You will also learn beyond Singapore through courses by visiting scholars, exchange programmes, study missions, and mooted and other competitions.

Your education will be firmly grounded in real-world practice, thanks to our network of partners in the worlds of legal practice, business, and governance. You will learn beyond the classroom through our internship programme and skills-based and experiential SMU-X courses. In your final year, through our new capstone programme, you will consolidate your knowledge and further appreciate the challenges and responsibilities of legal practice.

Further, through our pioneering pro bono programme, you will use your knowledge and skills to serve society and promote equitable access to justice. You will see law as a calling, and not only as a profession.

At the completion of your legal education, you will join a growing network of more than a thousand SMU alumni who have taken up a diverse range of roles and serve society in various ways with confidence and competence.

Studying law is challenging, but you will not be alone. You will be guided by faculty members, senior students, our network of alumni, and our partners in the profession.

If you would like to face and harness the future of law and thrive in it, please join us.

Professor Lee Pey Woon
Dean, SMU Yong Pung How School of Law

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WHY THE YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW?

AN ALL-ROUNDED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR BUDDING LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



EXPERT FACULTY



You will be taught by highly qualified and accomplished faculty members who have postgraduate degrees from world-renowned universities and a wealth of practical experience from past and present leadership roles. You will benefit from their diverse backgrounds, cutting-edge research, and roles in authoring works which are leading authorities in their fields.



FORWARD-LOOKING EDUCATION



Our carefully designed curriculum and unique seminar-style teaching will develop you into a highly adaptable individual with the necessary expertise and practical skills to face the modern legal and business world. You will learn to apply time-honoured legal principles to solve new problems such as those arising from emerging technologies.



GLOBAL EXPOSURE



Through our network of partnerships with law schools and various organisations worldwide, see how law works across borders through the international exchange programme, overseas internships, and law study missions. Debate the law and build connections through our signature International Moots programme.



IN THE HEART OF ACTION



Our state-of-the-art building and dynamic city campus make for a vibrant student life and provide ample opportunities for first-hand active learning. Our strategic proximity to the courts, Parliament, and the CBD allows you to witness how laws are made, how disputes are adjudicated, how laws affect businesses, and to learn experientially through internships with top law firms and other institutions.



PROMISING CAREER PATHS



Our students have close to full employment soon after graduation and higher average starting salaries than peers from other universities. You will be highly sought after and well-equipped to serve society, whether as a lawyer in private practice, in public service, or in another industry.



I teach constitutional & administrative law and legal theory & philosophy at the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law. These subjects raise questions that students have always been fascinated about—what does the rule of law mean? Why do we obey law? It is always rewarding to see students learn new perspectives by which to think about these important questions.

As an alumnus of the Yong Pung How School of Law, I have experienced firsthand how the school's interactive seminar-style pedagogy helps make learning an engaging and fun experience for students. My own classes are always a lively affair incorporating discussions of law and current affairs. It is a pleasure to hear the insights of our bright and motivated students.

Kenny Chng

Associate Professor of Law
Yong Pung How Fellow; Lee Kong Chian Fellow; Deputy Director, SMU Law Academy
SMU Excellent Teacher Award 2023
SMU Yong Pung How School of Law Most Outstanding Teacher Award 2020 and 2022
Dean's Teaching Excellence Award 2017 and 2022



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LAW

In this rapidly changing world, lawyers encounter complex problems that cut across multiple disciplines and borders. Beyond traditional litigation practice, lawyers offer a range of other services, from advising on complex cross-border transactions and mediating family disputes to structuring state power and wealth management planning. Therefore, it is important to understand the law against the broader business, social, economic, institutional and political contexts.

Against this backdrop, our law curriculum is carefully designed to provide a firm theoretical foundation while being multi- and interdisciplinary, flexible and practice-oriented.

Our curriculum is constantly updated with input from the legal industry. The law modules are supplemented by the SMU Core Curriculum and relevant modules from the other schools. Beyond the basic curriculum, students can pursue our new LLB tracks or take a second degree or major from another school.

In small classes of up to 45, students gain confidence through vibrant seminar-style discussions, group presentations and written research assignments. Beyond traditional classroom activities, you will learn through hands-on work and closely supervised practical assignments in skills-based courses. Our signature SMU-X courses take experiential learning to the next level through supervised projects addressing real-world problems.

Further, you will see law in action through 10 weeks of law internship, 80 hours of community service, of which a minimum of 20 hours must be pro bono work. These are mandatory graduation requirements not only because of the obvious benefits of experiential learning but also because we want to instil the value of lawyering for good.

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) CURRICULUM

CORE CURRICULUM

6 Course Units

LAW CORE

16 Course Units

LAW MAJOR ELECTIVES

9 Course Units

LAW CAPSTONE

1 Course Unit

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES

2 Course Units

FREE ELECTIVES

Up to 2 Course Units

CORE CURRICULUM ELECTIVES (6 CUs)

The SMU Core Curriculum is a holistic programme that initiates undergraduates into a journey toward intellectual dynamism and self-actualisation. It is based on the following three pillars:

CAPABILITIES (2 CUs)

The Capabilities pillar equips students with 21st century skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digitised and data-driven working environment.

Modes of Thinking (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Critical Thinking in the Real World
- Computational Thinking
- Managing in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex & Ambiguous (VUCA) Context

Managing (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Spreadsheet Modelling & Analytics
- Management Communication
- Working & Managing in a Digital World
- Business, Government & Society
- Collaborative Governance
- Leadership & Team Building

Internship (Non-credit bearing)

COMMUNITIES (2 CUs)

The Communities pillar trains students to understand the economic, technological and cultural systems that shape our interactions with our communities.

Technology, Science, & Society (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Digital Cultures
- Science, Environment & Empire
- Climate, History & Society
- AI & Humanity
- Technological Solutions to Urban Challenges
- Climate Change: Global & Local Solutions
- Biotechnology in a Global Society

Cultures of the Modern World (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Economics & Society
- Urban Cultures
- Finding Home in a Globalised World
- Singapore: Imagining the Next 50 Years
- Politics of South-East Asia
- Scratches on their Minds: Images of Asia in Hollywood
- Sustainable Cities
- Foreign Languages

Community Service (Non-credit bearing)

CIVILISATIONS (2 CUs)

The Civilisations pillar immerses students in the fundamental debates that cut across time and space, preparing them to engage in critical dialogue between multiple and competing traditions of thought and problem-solving.

- Ethics & Social Responsibility (1 CU)
- Big Questions (1 CU)

LAW CORE (16 CUs)

Gain a solid foundation of legal knowledge and skills.

- Commercial Conflict of Laws
- Comparative Legal Systems (0.5 CU)
- Constitutional & Administrative Law (1.5 CU)
- Contract Law 1
- Contract Law 2
- Corporate Law (1.5 CU)
- Criminal Law (1.25 CU)
- Law of Equity & Trusts (1.5 CU)
- Law of Evidence
- Law of Property (1.25 CU)
- Law of Torts (1.5 CU)
- Legal Research & Writing I
- Legal Research & Writing II (0.5 CU)
- Legal Theory & Philosophy
- The Singapore Legal System (0.5CU)

LAW MAJOR ELECTIVES (9 CUs)

Broaden or deepen your knowledge, whether about the law of Singapore or beyond.

- Private Law & Commercial Practice
 - Comparative Arbitration in East Asia
 - Commercial Law in Asia*
 - Commercial Remedies in Litigation
 - Legal & Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions*
 - Principles of the Law of Restitution

Dispute Resolution

- Civil Litigation Pre-Trial Advocacy
- International Commercial Arbitration*
- International Investment Law & Dispute Resolution*
- International Mediation Law & Practice* (SMU-X)[^]
- Introduction to Civil Procedure
- Pre-trial Practice in Civil Litigation
- Professional Mediation Skills (SMU-X)[^]
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre & Institutional Arbitration (SMU-X)[^]

Global Exposure & Experiential Learning

- Community Based Projects in the Real World (SMU-X)
- International Moots 1 (SMU-X)**
- International Moots 2 (SMU-X)**
- Overseas Project Experience (Asia)** (SMU-XO)
- Overseas Project Experience (Non-Asia)** (SMU-XO)
- State Courts Clerkship Programme[^]

Intellectual Property

- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property*
- Intellectual Assets & the Law in Asian Economies
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law & Competition Law at Interplay

International Investment & Trade

- Maritime & Admiralty Law in International Commerce
- Law of International Trade
- World Trade Organisation: Law & Policy

Law & Business

- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Comparative Secured Transactions Law
- Consumer Law in Australasia*
- Employment Law & Regulations in Singapore
- Entrepreneurship in Singapore - From Cradle to Grave
- International Construction Law
- Singapore Competition Policy & Law

Law in a Digital World

- Artificial Intelligence Law, Policy & Ethics
- Computational Thinking & Legal Technology[#]
- FinTech: Law & Policy[#]
- Introduction to LLM, GPT & Legal Technologies
- IT & the Law
- Law and Technology
- Privacy & Data Protection Law

Beyond the Law

- Advanced Legal Writing: Student Publishing (SMU-X)[^]
- Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics & Law*[#]
- Jurisprudence: Modern & Critical Theories of Law
- Understanding Law in Context

Local & International Regulatory & Public Interest

- Family Law
- Financial & Securities Regulation
- International Anti-Corruption Compliance Law & Practice[#]
- International Law in Practice
- Medical Law & Health Policy
- Public International Law
- Topics in Financial Crime

Sustainability

- Governing for Sustainable Futures
- Introduction to Sustainability Law
- Sustainable Ocean Law & Governance[#]

LAW CAPSTONE (1 CU)

Think beyond traditional boundaries, put together multiple areas of law, and solve practical problems.

- Corporate Deals (SMU-X)
- Digital Innovation for Access to Justice (SMU-X)[#]
- Dispute Resolution Advocacy (SMU-X)
- International Energy Disputes (SMU-X)[^]
- Law & Digital Commerce (SMU-X)[^]
- Law of Mergers & Acquisitions (SMU-X)
- The Law of Finance of Corporate Transactions (SMU-X)

* denotes courses with an international and/or comparative focus

denotes courses with an inter-disciplinary focus

[^] denotes courses with an experiential focus

(SMU-X) denotes courses with experiential elements

(SMU-XO) denotes experiential courses with an overseas component.

These electives are offered in the current academic year and may vary from year to year.

Additional Graduation Requirements - Digital Technology/Data Analytics (D/D), Sustainability, and Singapore and Asia Studies

Students can meet each graduation requirement by enrolling in specific courses, or, in select Schools, through programme or major core courses where the relevant content has already been integrated to meet the graduation requirement.

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES (2 CUs)

Pick up non-legal knowledge and skills which we believe are vital for the modern lawyer to have.

- Business Data Management
- Data Management
- Digital Intelligence for Lawyers
- Finance for Law
- Financial Accounting for Law
- Economics & Society
- Introduction to Political & Policy Studies
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Programming
- Introductory Statistics
- Law & Psychology
- Programming Fundamentals
- Understanding Societies

LLB TRACKS

Building upon the foundational courses in the existing LLB curriculum, students may choose to pursue one of three tracks—Corporate Transactions, Law and Technology, and Dispute Resolution—to gain greater disciplinary knowledge, industry awareness and practical skillsets to be better prepared for a career in these selected fields. Each track consists of 5 electives taken from three specifically curated baskets. Of course, students are also free to not pursue a track, and instead customise their own curriculum by choosing from our wide range of electives.

LAW CAPSTONE

All LLB students are required to complete a Law Capstone to graduate. Unlike regular electives that focus on a narrower range of topics, the Law Capstone adds the polishing touch by making students work on industry-endorsed projects that cut across traditional boundaries. Every Law Capstone is also an SMU-X course, which means that students learn experientially with guidance from industry mentors.

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS

Introduces students to the role of corporate transactional lawyers in the world of business, in facilitating mergers and acquisitions, business restructuring, project financing, joint ventures, and others.

Track Electives (Select 3)

- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Corporate Compliance and Risk Management (LLM)
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Corporate & Securities Laws in China & the US: A Comparison
- Entrepreneurship in Singapore - From Cradle to Grave
- Financial & Securities Regulation
- International & Comparative Insolvency Law
- Law of Real Estate Securitisation (LLM)
- Legal & Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions

Law-related Elective (Select 1)

- Finance for Law (LKCSB)
- Financial Accounting (LKCSB)
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- Finance (LKCSB)

Law Capstone (Select 1)

- Corporate Deals
- Law of Mergers & Acquisitions (SMU-X)
- The Law & Finance of Corporate Transactions (SMU-X)

LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

Exposes students to the intersection between law and technology, in particular how laws respond to technological advancements and how technology can be harnessed to enhance the practice of law.

Track Electives (Select 3)

- AI, Law & Ethics (LLM)
- Artificial Intelligence Law, Policy & Ethics
- Blockchain & Governance (LLM)
- Computational Thinking & Legal Technology
- FinTech: Law & Policy
- Infocomm Technology & the Law
- Intellectual Assets & the Law in Asian Economies
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law & Competition Law at Interplay
- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property Rights
- Introduction to Large Language Models, GPT & Legal Technology
- Law & Technology
- Legal Design
- Legal Innovation & Technology
- Privacy & Data Protection Law

Law-related Elective (Select 1)

- Business Data Management (SCIS)
- Digital Intelligence for Lawyers
- Introduction to Programming (SCIS)
- Programming Fundamentals (SCIS)

Law Capstone (Select 1)

- Digital Innovation for Access to Justice (SMU-X)
- Law & the Digital Commerce (SMU-X)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Provides a comparative overview of the various dispute resolution mechanisms—litigation, arbitration, mediation, and negotiation—so that the most suitable method (or a combination) is used to advance a client's interest.

Track Electives (Select 3)

- Civil Litigation Pre-trial Advocacy
- Comparative Arbitration in East Asia
- Dealmaking & Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption
- Evidence, Litigation, & the Criminal Process
- International Moots 1
- International Moots 2
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Mediation Law & Practice
- Introduction to Civil Procedure
- Pre-trial Practice in Civil Litigation
- Professional Mediation Skills
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) & Institutional Arbitration
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and Institutional Arbitration: Law and Practice (SMU-X)

Law-related Elective (Select 1)

- Introduction to Psychology (SOSS)
- Law & Psychology

Law Capstone

- Dispute Resolution Advocacy (SMU-X)
- International Energy Disputes

AN OVERVIEW OF A TYPICAL BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) STUDY PLAN

CORE COURSES (PRE-ASSIGNED)

LAW ELECTIVES

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES

SMU CORE CURRICULUM

Study plans may vary for individual students, depending on their choice of elective modules and/or secondary majors/degrees.

The current study plan reflects the existing curriculum and serves to provide students an idea of the mix of modules that they will take throughout their 4 years of study.

Note that in view of curriculum developments, this study plan may be subject to change.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Law 1 • Criminal Law • Legal Research & Writing 1 • The Singapore Legal System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law of Property • Comparative Legal Systems
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law-related Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law-related Elective
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#]
VACATION	Community Service [^]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [^]
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Law 2 • Law of Torts • Legal Research & Writing 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional & Administrative Law • Corporate Law
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law-related Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law-related Elective
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#]
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service [^]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [^]

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Theory & Philosophy • Law of Evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 X Law Electives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X Law Electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#] 	
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [^]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [^]
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Conflict of Laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law of Equity & Trusts • Law Capstone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X Law Electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X Law Electives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[#]
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [^]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [^]

Students are required to complete 6 Course Units of SMU Core Curriculum Courses and 2 Course Units of Free Electives. These courses may be taken during any term throughout the programme, subject to an individual student's workload and time-table. [^] SMU students are required to complete 80 hours of community service, of which a minimum of 20 hours of SILE-approved pro bono work is compulsory for Law students.

• Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses are co-taught by SMU faculty and faculty from overseas partner universities.

• SMU-X courses are inter-disciplinary courses that emphasise experiential learning through solving real-live problems.

• SMU-XO courses are SMU-X courses incorporating an overseas visit.

GLOBAL EXPOSURE

SMU students are guaranteed to broaden their horizons through at least one global experience, such as an international exchange, an overseas internship, a law study mission, or even an international competition.

The Americas

Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Peru and the United States of America

Europe

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

Middle East and Africa

Israel and South Africa

Asia Pacific and Central Asia

Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

We are the first Asian law school to be part of the THEMIS network, which allows outstanding undergraduates from our school to go on exchange and undertake master's level courses in selected partner institutions.

LAW STUDY MISSION

Through Law Study Mission courses, students gain a deeper understanding of other countries' legal systems, business environments, and cultures through organised tours to law firms, legal institutions, governmental agencies and businesses.

TEACHING EXPERTISE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Besides virtual exchange programmes and international competitions, we have also pioneered, in collaboration with partner universities, courses taught jointly by instructors from both institutions. In such a course, students from both institutions learn together and interact in a virtual setting.



My SMU Global Exposure Experience SINGAPORE – SHENZHEN – THE HAGUE – MANNHEIM

by Jordan Chia, Year 4 LLB Student

Shenzhen – under the SMU-X Overseas Project Experience

The Hague – under the SMU-X International Moots 2

Mannheim – under the International Student Exchange Programme



What made you decide on an exchange programme in Germany?

I was interested in seeing how Germany operates being part of the larger European Union framework – which contains supranational law which bind the individual states. The University of Mannheim is a University that is extremely accommodating to International students like myself.

I also did some light research on the customs and norms of Germany – in order to understand how to assimilate into the culture. But nothing beats living there, which I was bound to for the next 4 months.

What classes did you undertake while at University of Mannheim?

I took the opportunity to understand more about EU law as well as international law while I was there. Specifically, I pursued European Tax Law, EU Market Freedoms, E-Commerce and Internet, Comparative Law: European Legal Traditions as well as International Arbitration. These modules gave me an insight into how the EU functions as well as the interaction between EU law and cross-border disputes. The insights and the German perspective on these issues were eye-opening.

How did you prepare for your exchange?

Being far from home for such a long time – I knew I would miss it. So I stocked up on many local spice packets and flavours to bring over to Mannheim! These were also good cultural exchange points to share with the people I met there.

What were your key cultural and social takeaways from your exchange?

The most jarring fact was that there is no speed limit on the German highways. If you think you are going extremely fast – look to your left and there are 10 cars faster than you...

On a more serious note, In my time in Germany, I was also able to meet people from all walks of life and different backgrounds. However, the things that bonds everyone are a good time and sincerity. We may all look different, and have a vastly different world view – but with mutual respect and sincerity, we are able to have conversations and a good time.

Our differences may appear vast, but our humanity is one and the same. It was a privilege to be able to meet each and everyone of these people – whom I am proud to call my friends.

How has this and other SMU Global Exposure experiences benefited you?

Apart from my experience at Mannheim, I had the immense privilege of undertaking 2 other global exposures in my time in SMU.

OPE Shenzhen – Going to China was a truly inspiring experience. Being Chinese, it is my motherland. My roots. My heritage. My culture. It was exciting to enter the great Chinese nation and to see for myself the buzz around this booming nation. What better place to see it than in one of the four big cities of China – Shenzhen.

We had the immense privilege of visiting giants. This comprised Tencent, Huawei, Shenzhen Stock Exchange, Shenzhen University, Shenzhen Qianhai Cooperation Zone People's Court and two prominent law firms. These industry visits, in a country with such immense growth, gave us an invaluable insight into the workings of greatness.

SMU X- International Moots 2 (The Hague) – Going to The Hague was a privilege I do not take lightly. I was there as part of a contingent representing SMU in the International Criminal Court Moot Competition. This was part of the Mooting programme in SMU which allows us to compete with the rest of the world in a battle of wits and words.

Being able to go up against the brightest legal minds in this arena from almost 100 teams representing close to 50 different countries – it was a privilege which I do not take lightly. Being able to experience how different people approach the same problem we have been dealing with, how they devise creative arguments and how they interact with each other and the bench, gave us all an unforgettable experience.



PRO BONO

At the Yong Pung How School of Law, students perform legal community service pro bono publico (for the public good). Through our pro bono programme, students learn that the practice of law is a calling that brings with it opportunities to serve the community using their skills and knowledge. They appreciate the differences between theory and practice, and develop knowledge, skills, ethics, and professionalism to become lawyers better at serving both their clients and society more broadly.

INTERNSHIPS

Through internships, students learn about the practical workings of the legal system from a variety of perspectives. Students can intern at law firms and legal departments of corporations, banks, and so on, or with agencies such as ministries, the Attorney-General's Chambers, or the State Courts – or any combination of these.

**SCAN TO
VIEW OUR
INTERNSHIP
PARTNERS**

I am privileged to serve as a Student Leader overseeing the smooth operation of the SMU Pro Bono Centre (SMU PBC)'s legal clinic. The role is filled with much learning and enrichment. Interacting closely with applicants for legal help, volunteer lawyers, SMU PBC staff, and fellow student volunteers has enabled me to gain a sound understanding of the key administrative work that is vital to the operation of the legal clinic.

There is no shortage of pro bono opportunities to suit any students' interests. I am fortunate to have explored many different pro bono placements and initiatives thus far. These include serving as a student volunteer at Pro Bono SG and the Community Justice Centre. I have also had the privilege of serving as a Legal Fellow at Justice Without Borders, an NGO focused on facilitating access to justice for regional migrant worker communities.

What are your memorable moments from the pro bono activities you've done so far?

I worked with a fellow student, under the supervision of SMU PBC's advisors, to provide a Legal Awareness Talk on the Mental Capacity Act, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Deputyship to doctors at KK Women's and Children's Hospital. We addressed practical realities that doctors face when they sometimes encounter legal challenges in assisting patients who may lack mental capacity.

I felt myself making a genuine difference in improving the lives of the wider community in my capacity as a law student. This had been one of the pro bono placements that signalled a turning point for me in my attitude towards advancing access to justice, and is an experience I am very grateful for.

Any advice to incoming freshmen looking to undertake pro bono activities?

Explore the myriad of opportunities during your time at YPHSL. Whether you are participating in pre-existing placements, or even initiating your own projects you are passionate about, the SMU PBC staff are very passionate and genuine about the pro bono cause, and are extremely supportive of students in their ambitions to advance access to justice. Explore with an open mind and compassionate heart, and enjoy the process!

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Natalia Mai Do Ngoc
Final Year LLB Student

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THE IAN R TAYLOR INTERNATIONAL MOOTS PROGRAMME & ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITIONS

Our students have unparalleled opportunities to participate in regional and international competitions, and have consistently produced world-class results. Under the Ian R Taylor International Moots Programme—which is also supported by leading firms WongPartnership and Providence Law Asia – around 100 students a year are able to participate in moot court (a simulation of court or arbitration proceedings) and alternative dispute resolution competitions. Recent achievements include:



JESSUP MOOT

(International Law)

Reached the world championship final in 2013, 2014, and 2022

The Jessup Moot is the world's largest, oldest, and most prestigious moot



VIS MOOT

(International Commercial Arbitration)

Reached the world championship final in 2015, 2016, and 2021

The Vis Moot is the world's biggest arbitration moot



VIS EAST MOOT

(International Commercial Arbitration)

Won the world championship final in 2015 and 2022

SMU holds the tournament record for most wins in the Vis East



PRICE MOOT

(Media Law)

Won the world championship final in 2010, 2016, 2017, and 2020

SMU is the first ever university to successfully defend the Price Moot championship



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT MOOT

Won the world championship final in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2021

Held at The Hague, this is the world's largest moot on international criminal law



FRANKFURT MOOT

Won the world championship final in 2017 and 2022

This is the oldest moot on international investment protection



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PODIUM FINISHES IN INTERNATIONAL MOOTS SINCE 2010



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WORLDWIDE IN MOOT COURT BY NICA.TEAM IN 2016 AND 2022



CONSENSUAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITION VIENNA

Reached the world championship final in 2022 and won in 2023

This is a competition in which students simulate resolving legal problems through negotiation and mediation



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES (NUJS) MEDIATION COMPETITION

(Negotiation Segment)
Won in 2021

This is one of the most prestigious mediation competitions in India



HSF-DELHI NEGOTIATION

Won in 2023

This is one of the most prestigious negotiation competitions in India



LEX INFINITUM MEDIATION

(Negotiation Segment)
Won in 2023

This competition attracts some of the top law schools in the world

IN THE HEART OF ACTION

Beyond work, our location between Fort Canning Park, Orchard Road and the Central Business District provides our students ready access to plenty of good food, fun and opportunities for experiential learning.



A NEW CHAPTER

New students begin their exciting journey by participating in an orientation camp which is all about fun and making new friends. To help ease students in their transition to university life, all first-year students are assigned to members of the faculty, whom they may reach out to for academic advice. There is also a buddy system where first-year students are paired with second-year students. Throughout the term, students can expect to participate in a broad range of activities from formal talks to fun festive celebrations.



LAW CLUBS

SMU Law students may choose to join a number of student-run law clubs. The SMU Law Society, fondly known as The Bar, is the representative body for students and organises a variety of events. There are also nine sub-clubs, each of which provides the opportunity to pursue more specific areas of interest.

**SMU Law Society 'The Bar' • Corporate & Commercial Law Club • SMU Sports & Recreation Club – SPARC
SMU Law International Relations Club • SMU Lexicon • Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice Club • Moot Court Club
Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT) Club • SMU Law Outreach Club • SMU Mediation & Negotiation Club**

A SECURE & PROMISING CAREER PATHWAY AWAITS

The achievement of our graduates is the best testament to the effectiveness and quality of the education we provide here at the Yong Pung How School of Law. Since our first cohort of students graduated 12 years ago, many alumni have gone on to make their mark in the legal profession, industry and academia. Alumni from our pioneer cohorts have been appointed partners in esteemed law firms, while others have struck out on their own to establish their own private practices (such as BlackOak LLC and Breakpoint LLC) and legal tech start-ups (such as INTELLEX and Regall).

We are proud to say that our young graduates have continuously punched well above their weight – they are highly sought after, well-placed, and competitively remunerated. Year after year, our graduates are significantly represented on the prestigious Justices' Law Clerk programme in the Supreme Court. A number of our graduates have gone on to pursue postgraduate studies in world-renowned institutions such as Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge.



Our graduates have consistently attained close to full employment soon after graduation, with some of the highest starting salaries. The 2022 Graduate Employment Survey published by the Ministry of Education in February 2023 shows that our graduates from the Class of 2021, who have recently completed their Bar exams and training contract, enjoyed an overall employment rate of 94.1%, drawing a mean gross salary of up to \$6,429. This is a testament to the quality of our graduates and shows that our education approach fits market demands.



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OUR ALUMNI

Many alumni now also volunteer with POLARIS, a mentorship programme for our students. Even after our students graduate, we continue to regard them as part of our family and do our best to stay connected. The SMU Yong Pung How School of Law is proud to have an extensive and supportive alumni network that spans across various industries.

With an alumni network numbering more than a thousand people and growing steadily, current students benefit from networking and job opportunities. Despite hectic schedules, many of our alumni readily return to volunteer in school events, such as sessions where they share their experience and provide tips to current students. More than 200 alumni also regularly help out with our International Moots Programme through judging, coaching, and vetting written work. This way, knowledge is passed down the generations, giving our students an edge in competitions.



DIOR LIN '11

graduated with a double degree in law and business management. She is now a partner in Linklaters, a Magic Circle firm. There, she specialises in advising banks and credit funds on financing and structured lending, and regularly acts for major financial institutions.



NICHOLAS SENG '12

is associate general counsel at Meta, focusing on cybersecurity and investigations. His legal career has been rich and varied, including stints as a state counsel, prosecutor, litigator, and arbitration practitioner.



DEYA DUBEY '14

is a partner at the Energy, Projects, and Construction Practice at WongPartnership, one of the major law firms in Singapore. He is also one of the world's most successful moot coaches, having coached SMU teams to six championship finals at the Vis Moots, which are the largest competitions for international commercial arbitration.



NANTHINI VIJAYAKUMAR '15

is a director at TSMP. A decorated mooter and moot coach, she now splits her time between complex commercial disputes and pro bono matters under the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme.



CHOW ZI EN '17

is a State Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers. Her career has taken her to the US (World Bank) and UK (7 King's Bench Walk) and during her LLM in New York, she worked as a Human Rights Scholar for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice.



NGUYEN SINH VUONG '19

has been a trailblazer for the Vietnamese community in many ways. Shortly after graduating as valedictorian, he was accepted into the LLM programme at Harvard University. There, he also served as an editor for the Harvard International Law Journal.



CHANG WEN YEE '22

was part of the team that led SMU to its third championship final appearance in the Jessup Moot, the world's most prestigious international moot competition. She was also ranked second worldwide for Best Oralist. She is now a Justices' Law Clerk with the Supreme Court. The JLC scheme is only open to the very best law students; JLCs assist judges with research relating to complex or novel cases.

To learn more about the stories of our alumni and their exciting endeavours, **check out our alumni newsletters!**

“WHAT MAKES AN SMU EDUCATION VITAL, EXCEPTIONAL AND BREATHTAKING?”

WE LET YOU INTEGRATE LEARNING ACROSS DISCIPLINES SO YOU WILL BE PREPARED FOR A COMPLEX, GLOBALISED WORLD

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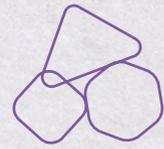
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LEE KONG CHIAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DIGITAL BUSINESS (2ND MAJOR)

COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT WITH TRACK IN DATA, DESIGN, & COMMUNICATION



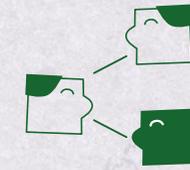
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DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS (2ND MAJOR)



SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (SOFTWARE ENGINEERING)

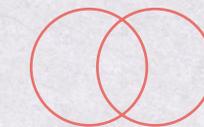


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SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

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- Financial Forensics (to be taken as a 2nd major)

LEE KONG CHIAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- Communication Management
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- Finance with track in International Trading
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- Finance with Private Banking Work-Study Degree
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- Marketing with track in Marketing Analytics
- Operations Management
- Operations Management with track in Operations Analytics
- Operations Management with track in Maritime Business & Operations
- Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources
- Quantitative Finance
- Strategic Management
- Digital Business (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Sustainability Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

BSc (INFORMATION SYSTEMS) DEGREE INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAJOR:

Students can take 1 to 2 tracks from:

- Business Analytics
- Financial Technology
- Product Development
- Smart-City Management and Technology

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Students can take 1 to 2 tracks from:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Cyber-Physical Systems

BSc (COMPUTING & LAW) DEGREE

BSc (SOFTWARE ENGINEERING) DEGREE

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For BSc (Information Systems), BSc (Computer Science), BSc (Computing & Law) and BSc (Software Engineering) students only:

- IT Solution Management

For BSc (Information Systems), BSc (Computing & Law) and BSc (Software Engineering) students only:

- Computing Studies with specialisation in one of the following:
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Cybersecurity
 - Cyber-Physical Systems

For BSc (Computer Science), BSc (Computing & Law) and BSc (Software Engineering) students only:

- Technology for Business Solutions with specialisation in one of the following:
 - Business Analytics
 - Financial Technology
 - Product Development
 - Smart-City Management and Technology

For students from other schools within SMU:

- Technology for Business

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

- Economics
- Economics with track in Quantitative Economics
- Economics with track in Real Estate
- Actuarial Science (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Actuarial Science with Industry Integration Track (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Health Economics & Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Data Science and Analytics (to be taken as a 2nd major)

YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW

- Law
- Legal Studies (2nd major for non-Law students)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Politics, Law and Economics (to be taken as a 1st major only)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Global Asia (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Public Policy and Public Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
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