Exchange Scheme with Singapore Management University - Law Students only

Where is SMU?

Purpose-built over 4.5 hectares of prime Singapore land, SMU’s campus is the first of its kind – designed, integrated and constructed in the heart of a fully developed cityscape. Situated in the central business district of Singapore, SMU is close to the major landmarks of the city and currently home to around 10,000 students.

Who can go?

- **Two** places will be made available to Law students only in 2020/21.
- If you are interested in this opportunity you should speak to Richard Nolan, richard.nolan@york.ac.uk in the Law School.

Courses

- All **one-credit courses** at SMU last for an entire term (13 weeks), with the rest (0.5-credit courses) being held over a period of half a term or for the full term.
- Classes run intensively from Week 1 onwards.
- Contact hours per undergraduate course: **1 credit course = 39 contact hours per semester**
  **0.5 credit course = 18 contact hours per semester** (6 to 12 hours per week of self-study or preparation time)
- Number of credits per undergraduate course: Either 0.5 or 1 credit per course
- Workload per semester for exchange students: Between 4 and 5 credits. York law students may be permitted to take 3 credits per semester but must get written confirmation prior beginning their studies at SMU.
- Teaching methods: Presentation, projects, class participation and examinations
- Detailed information on academic topics: smu.edu.sg/programmes/exchange-programme/incoming-students
- A list of courses available for exchange students will be sent to applicants about two weeks before course registration. There is no guarantee on course availability.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Students will be assessed on a pass/fail basis. See department for further details.

Costs

*Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.*

- **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to SMU and in 2018/19 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- **Visas**: None refundable fee of $30 (Singapore $) on application and a $60 (Singapore $) charged on completion.
• **Health and Counselling fee:** It is **compulsory** for all incoming exchange students to purchase the **Student Personal Accident Policy and Medical Insurance** as recommended by SMU. Cost for this insurance is included as part of the miscellaneous fees.

• **One-time non-refundable miscellaneous fees:** Approximately **S$250** (IT fees, sports facilities, student card, medical and health insurance etc).

• **Insurance details for 2018/19** can be found here as a guide: [smu.edu.sg/campus-life/student-services/student-insurance-coverage](http://smu.edu.sg/campus-life/student-services/student-insurance-coverage)

• Please consult your insurance agent in your home country for additional insurance coverage.

• **Additional costs to consider:** flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, and money for additional travel/activities).

• Exchange students can expect to spend approximately **S$750 –S$2000** per month on living expenses (including housing rental). A breakdown of general costs can be found [here](http://smu.edu.sg/campus-life/student-services/student-insurance-coverage) under ‘Living expenses’.

**Financial Assistance**

• **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to **£6000** available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: [york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/](http://york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/)

**Visa**

*Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.*

• As a student participating in SMU for an exchange programme, exchange students are required to apply for a **Student Pass** prior to arrival in Singapore.

• The **SMU Office of Global Learning** will apply the student’s pass on their behalf before their arrival. Please refer to the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority’s website ([ica.gov.sg](http://ica.gov.sg)) for more information about visas and immigration matters.

• Upon arrival in Singapore, students will be granted a **Social Visit Pass** stamp in their passport or Disembarkation/Embarkation card. This allows them to stay for at least 30 days in Singapore. Before expiry of the entry visa, they must collect their student pass from the immigration office.

**What’s it like to study there?**

“I have established a strong friendship group who will remain for next semester too. I have got an extended group of friends that include many locals through a friend from York who lives in Singapore and that has helped me find good places to eat, go out and enjoy. I have definitely become more independent as well as courageous and brave, especially when I came to Singapore only knowing Henry, but choosing to live with 5 strangers in our own apartment.”

“Singapore is a diverse and beautiful country. There are so many places to go, things to do and experiences to have. It is also incredibly well connected to close-by countries which means that trips abroad are easy to organise and not too expensive to do. There are so many different cuisines to try and a mall on every corner should you need to shop! The university is modern and fun, the resources are great and it’s only a short walk from where I am staying which is handy.”

**Jordan, Law Student, Year Abroad 2017/18**
Where will I live?

- SMU does not arrange accommodation for international exchange students.
- Off-Campus Housing: The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the Singapore government body which regulates private housing, has strict guidelines on short-term rentals. Short-term rentals with lease periods of less than six months are not allowed.
- Below you will find information on the SMU Hostel and hostels in the SMU vicinity:
  - Yo:Ha@Pearl’s Hill
  - Dwell Student Living
  - Homestead Halls

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at SMU

- Ms Chong Poh Yee – Programme Manager – United Kingdom, Email: pychong@smu.edu.sg
- Mailing Address: Singapore Management University, Administration Building (Office of Global Learning), 81 Victoria Street, Level 10, Singapore 188065
- Generic Email for SMU Incoming Students: isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg

Useful web links

- SMU Main Website
- SMU Incoming Students
- Singapore Visa Application
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Singapore Tourist Information
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site

Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.
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Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.