

# Master of Business Administration (MBA)

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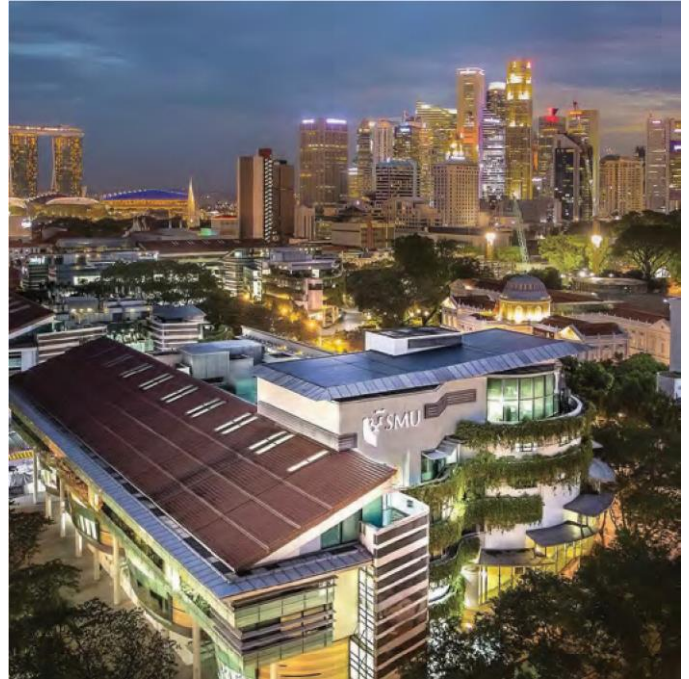
LEE KONG CHIAN  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

# 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 mediumsized 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 Economics, School of Information Systems, 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.

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.



## About the Lee Kong Chian School of Business



Entrepreneurship.

SMU commenced its curriculum in 2000 with the School of Business, which welcomed its pioneer cohort of students in August 2000. In 2004, the Lee Foundation contributed S\$50 million to SMU in honour of the late Dr Lee Kong Chian, a well-known Southeast Asian businessman, philanthropist and community leader. In recognition of the Lee Foundation’s generosity, SMU named in perpetuity the School of Business, the building and the university-wide scholars programme after Dr Lee Kong Chian.

Today, the Lee Kong Chian School of Business is a dynamic Asian business school with more than 4,000 students and over a hundred full-time faculty members with doctorate degrees from renowned universities such as Cornell, Harvard, INSEAD, London Business School, Wharton, Oxford, Stanford and Yale. The school offers undergraduate, master’s and doctoral programmes and is affiliated with a number of research centres such as the Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics, the Centre for Marketing Excellence and the Institute for Innovation and

### School Rankings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Triple Accredited Business School in Singapore (AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS)
- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> Business School in Asia-Pacific (2018 Financial Times Asia-Pacific Business School Rankings)
- Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Asia and 33<sup>rd</sup> worldwide (University of Texas Dallas rankings based on research contributions for the period 2013 – 2017)
- Ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> for Executive MBA, 43<sup>rd</sup> for MBA, 3<sup>rd</sup> for MSc in Wealth Management, and 45<sup>th</sup> in MSc in Applied Finance by the FT (Financial Times) Rankings

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## MBA Elective Offerings

2024

Applied Corporate Finance

Advanced Marketing Strategy

Business Analytics for Decision Making

Business Narratives

Change Management

Consumer Behaviour

Design Thinking

Digital Engagement

Digital Marketing Strategy

Entrepreneurial Finance

Entrepreneurship and Business Planning

ESG in the Financial Services Industry

Financial Analytics and Innovation

Financial Risk Management

Global Economy - Issues and Challenges

Hedge Funds

Human Capital Analytics & Research Management Insights

Leadership Communication

Machine Learning for Decision Making

Managing Corporate Reputation and Communication

Managing Innovation and Growth

Managing Teams

Mergers and Acquisitions

Negotiating in Business

Pricing

Risk Management in Global Supply Chains

Service and Operations

Supply Chain Strategy &amp; Management

Sustainable Operations

Sustainability in Business Families

Talent Management

*Modules offered are subject to change.*

*Please note that we will try our best to allocate you to the chosen courses within capacity. We will inform you if it is not possible.*

### Work Load

Each module comprises of ongoing assessment, group work, final projects, presentations, assignments and/or exams.

### Class format

Seminars, presentations, group work and case studies.

Courses are 8 sessions over 8 weeks. Each session is 3 hours 45 minutes.

### Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all courses.

### Participation

Students are encouraged to be active participants; all classes will include a participation grade (up to 30% of the total grade).

### Language Requirements

English is the main communication medium in SMU and Singapore. TOEFL/ IELTS is required if the medium of instruction of your undergraduate studies is not in English. It must be taken within the last 2 years at the time of submitting your application.

The competitive score for TOEFL would be 600 points for the paper test and 100 points for the computer-based test. The competitive score for IELTS is 7 points.



### Nominations and Applications

All visiting students must be nominated by their home university. Once nominated, students will receive further information on how to apply online and to select their electives after the nomination deadline.

## Elective Term and Nomination Timeline

<b>May 2025 Term</b>	2 Jun - 3 Aug 2025
<b>Aug 2025 Term</b>	18 Aug - 19 Oct 2025
<b>Oct 2025 Term</b>	27 Oct – 28 Dec 2025
<b>Jan 2026 Term</b>	12 Jan – 15 Mar 2026
<b>Mar 2026 Term</b>	23 Mar – 24 May 2026
<b>May 2026 Term</b>	1 Jun – 2 Aug 2026

The nomination timeline is 15 Mar 2025 for May – Oct 2025 terms

The nomination timeline is 31 Oct 2025 for Jan – May 2026 terms

## Grading Scale

SMU has a 4-point grading system. The following grade notations are used in calculating the Grade Point Average (GPA), which is the quotient of total grade points divided by total course units attempted.

Letter Grade	Grade Point	Corresponding Mark Range
A+	4.3	86 and above
A	4.0	83 to 85
A-	3.7	80 to 82
B+	3.3	77 to 79
B	3.0	74 to 76
B-	2.7	70 to 73
C+	2.3	66 to 69
C	2.0	63 to 65
C-	1.7	60 to 62
D+	1.3	53 to 59
D	1.0	50 to 52
F	0.0	49 and below

# Studying in Singapore

## Visa

International students without a valid Employment Pass or Dependant's Pass must possess a valid Student Pass to be able to study at SMU. The SMU MBA Programme Office will assist in the application of student passes for all international students coming to SMU.

## Accommodation

Students are required to arrange their own accommodation. SMU is located in the heart of Singapore, close to amenities, two major train stations and private housing options. Limited off-campus accommodation is also available for those seeking a more affordable alternative. For more information, please refer to <https://www.smu.edu.sg/campus-life/facilities-leasing/student-facilities/student-housing>



## Health insurance

Health and Accident Insurance is mandatory for all matriculated international exchange students studying at the Singapore Management University. The MBA Programme Office will arrange student insurance coverage for all international exchange students. International exchange students will need to ensure that they have adequate travel insurance for their outbound travel from their home country to Singapore.

## On Campus

The following on-campus facilities and services are available to students:

- Student Locker
- Study Rooms
- Gymnasium & Fitness Centre
- Sports Hall
- Swimming Pool
- Libraries
- IT Services
- Student Wellness Centre

*Certain facilities and services are chargeable at a fee. Students should seek clarification prior to use.*

# Questions or concerns?

Don't hesitate to contact the SMU MBA Programme Office at [mba.office@smu.edu.sg](mailto:mba.office@smu.edu.sg).

We look forward to seeing you on campus!



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