

A SPECIAL FEATURE BY SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

SMU INTRODUCES A NEW CORE CURRICULUM TO CULTIVATE FUTURE-READY GRADUATES

The scale and complexity of the challenges facing the world today is unprecedented.

The explosion of new technologies, the disruption economy and the increasing integration of different disciplines and discoveries is creating change at a bewildering pace. This revolution is profoundly changing the way we live, work and relate to one another. In this world, simple one-dimensional solutions just don't cut it anymore.

Now imagine a core holistic undergraduate experience that nurtures students with the depth, breadth and flexibility to answer precisely the challenges of this revolutionary time. At SMU, that experience has arrived with the new Core Curriculum, a common interdisciplinary and intellectual experience that every SMU student must go through.



SMU's distinctive pedagogies

A cornerstone of the Core Curriculum is collaborative, interactive learning exemplified by active learning, faculty-student interaction and the exchange of ideas. Another hallmark is experiential learning characterised by project-based learning, tackling of real problems and mentoring by faculty members and industry partners.

Together, these pedagogies develop graduates into creative critical thinkers who excel at complex problem solving and people management. There are the attributes ranked most vital in the workplace, according to a survey by the World Economic Forum.

Getting students to think about

big questions

The Big Questions module was introduced to encourage students to think across disciplines and to think big, outside of traditional boxes. In this module, students ask big questions about life issues like poverty, suffering, inequality, and globalisation. Through this, they deepen their understanding and knowledge of the world, and cultivate emotional intelligence and decision-making skills which are critical soft and hard skills needed for the 21st century workplace.

Out-of-the-box thinking through

multidisciplinary curriculum

Through multidisciplinary learning, students are encouraged to think from diverse perspectives and to develop their cognitive flexibility, particularly in the areas of emotional intelligence, judgement and decision making, as part of building their readiness to handle multifaceted careers. For instance, SMU's new Bachelor of Science (Computing & Law) degree cultivates students to be IT-savvy legal professionals who are adept at bridging technology with the law.

A NEW GENERATION OF GRADUATES: IMAGINATIVE, OPEN, CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND FLEXIBLE

SMU's bold new Core Curriculum will cultivate individuals with the tools necessary to thrive in any environment, along with the openness of mind and clarity of vision to thrive in the 21st century. The SMU graduate will be technically competent, culturally aware, and socially conscious.

The Core Curriculum is crucial because it empowers students to master the changing dynamics of the future workplace.

“The Core Curriculum will nurture the social intelligence and ethical compass of our students, who will be able to deploy their hard skills with greater mastery and subtlety: confident in situations they can anticipate, and adaptive and agile in situations they cannot.”

Professor Elvin Lim
Dean, Office of Core Curriculum

THREE CORE LEARNING PATHS

The Core Curriculum* delivers a common SMU intellectual experience through three learning paths: Capabilities, Communities and Civilisations. Core courses like Management Communication, Science, Environment and Empire, and Big Questions: Happiness and Suffering, have been created to foster strategic thinkers, lifelong learners, team players and global citizens.



CAPABILITIES

empowers students with the competencies necessary to thrive in an increasingly complex work environment.



COMMUNITIES

invites students to understand the specific economic, technological, and cultural milieus in which our actions are embedded and implicated.



CIVILISATIONS

inspires students to critically address the big questions of life and humanity and to understand their place and responsibility as global citizens.

* Compulsory for freshmen starting August 2019

THE SMU DIFFERENCE



Guaranteed 2nd major
Unrestricted double degrees or second major options from over 200 double degree and second major combinations.



100% global exposure
All SMU students participate in a global exposure programme, benefiting from SMU's ties with over 260 universities across 180 cities in 48 countries.



Rich internship opportunities.
All SMU students complete at least one internship before graduation. Get the chance to try out different industries to gauge your interest and aptitude before you graduate.



Give back through community service.
All SMU undergraduates are required to complete a minimum of 80 hours of community service. Our students give back an average of 145 hours of community service before graduating.

THE NEW SMU GRADUATE

Thinks deeply and broadly

Has an independent mind

Creates value at home and abroad

Is dependable in deeds

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