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SMU elevates learning with global city campus and vibrant student life

Strategic proximity to the CBD, state-of-the-art university infrastructure, and cutting-edge research and learning facilities are some of the reasons that make SMU a leading global university

Singapore Management University is the first and only autonomous university situated at the heart of the Central Business District. The central location of the campus places it within strategic proximity to museums, art galleries, shopping places, restaurants, public transportation and parks - giving students access to a diverse range of leisure and cultural activities. Complete with open courtyards and free-flowing walkways that integrate the school with activities of the city, the campus reflects and supports the interactive and broadbased pedagogy SMU adopts.

The campus and facilities are designed to encourage critical thinking, leadership, innovation and communication. It is a fertile ground for learning.

An underground concourse with cafés and retail outlets connects SMU directly to the Bras Basah MRT station, forming the central arena for public activities, encouraging valuable interaction.

A vibrant campus life raises leaders and inspires social change

SMU has more than 120 co-curricular activities (CCAs) spanning recreational and competitive sports or arts, to special interest which includes debating, animal welfare advocacy and community service. In December 2014, eight SMU students who were part of Team Singapore bagged six medals at the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar - two Gold, one Silver and three Bronze. SMU dance groups Caderas Latinas, Eurhythmix and INDANCITY also competed in the Barcelona Dance Grand Prix, with each team winning the first prize.

"SMU has provided me with the platform, freedom and opportunity to explore my interests and challenge my boundaries. Working in the school gym allowed me to apply my passion for working out in a practical way. It also gave me a way to supplement my family income and financial independence," said Wayne Kaiends Kang, year two student, double degree in Business Management and Social Science. Kang is currently an SMU Ambassador and gym trainer at the SMU Gymnasium and Fitness Centre

At SMU, students have the freedom to initiate new CCAs and plenty of opportunity to enjoy a rich and fulfiling student life. Students will find it a rewarding experience balancing their studies and CCA pursuits.

Surrounded by museums, educational institutions, art galleries and retail outlets, we have a unique modern city campus that's also connected to the origins of this important historical district. Professor Arnoud De Meyer, President of SMU

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STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES MAXIMISE STUDENTS' LEARNING AND INTERACTION

New School of Law building SMU's new School of Law building has made it to the list of 50 Most Impressive Law School Buildings in the World by Best Choice Schools. The building their learning potential. has been designed with sustainable convenient access to real-world court

proceedings, key business partners

and prestigious law firms in the CBD

experience working with companies, bridging theory with practice, receiving mentorship from both faculty and industry professionals and maximising and variety of its learning spaces. Students

SMU-X is supported by state-offeatures that will bring maximum energy the-art facilities at the SMU Labs. savings. It also respects the urban fabric Open 24 hours daily, the SMU Labs is of the Civic District and builds upon a co-working environment designed to the porosity of the city campus - as a suit the 'millennial student' who is 24/7 public link between Armenian comfortable with technology and where Stre t and Stamford Green - to promote faculty, students and staff can interact, engagement with the community. In collaborate, work and relax. SMU Labs addition, students will get to enjoy is home to our latest spaces such as the White Boom for ideation, the casual Huddle Room for discussions and the One Button Studio for recording videos and presentations

In response to SMU students' evolving needs and higher expectations, measures were taken to enhance the number, quality can now enjoy working in an even more comfortable and inviting environment that inspires learning, reflection and creativity. This has led to increased satisfaction and appreciation of the library and its facilities. The Library now provides 24/7 Learning Commons and dynamic work spaces that are open all year round. Some notable enhancements in facilities include



seminars, the Learning Labs can be booked by faculty or be used by students for learning activities



Collaborative space at a Learning Lal

Investment Studio

With high-end finance databases such as Bloomberg and Eikon under one roof, complete with large collaboration tables and sophisticated video projection equipment, group discussions are brought to a whole

Where sustainability and community enriches learning Through SMU GROW - an on-campus

urban farming initiative - students are nvited to examine firsthand how food

production and consumption can impact the community and wider environment. More than farming, SMU GROW expands learning beyond the classroom and adds a new dimension to SMU's holistic. broad-based education.



rofessor Arnoud De Meyer and Mayor for Centra Singapore Di Denise Phua join hands in planting the seeds for SMU GROW.



SMU Labs

and MBFC area

Keeping up with rapidly changing industry demands and the need for innovative solutions, SMU has established its latest innovative, project-based and experience-based learning programme, SMU-X, SMU-X courses are aimed at facilitating a change in mindset - from being teaching-focused to learning-focused. Students can look forward to an enriching



nnovative learning at SMU Labs

Li Ka Shing Library

The world-class Li Ka Shing Library continues to reflect high service quality and performance standards in the 2015 LibQual survey - a global library benchmarking survey that measures the performance of a library against similar institutions. In fact, the 2015 survey results show an improvement in the Library's performance as compared to its 2013 results.



The newly renovated Li Ka Shing Library

Hive Space

This new technology-enabled learning space in the Learning Commons hosts collaborative learning workshops and seminars. It is also open to students for other learning activities.

Graduate Lounge

Graduate stud nts now have a dedicated collaborative and quiet learning space at the Graduate Lounge.

Learning Labs on level 5 Another technology-enabled learning space

for collaborative learning, workshops and campus at admissions.smu.edu.sg



High-end databases at the Investment Studio.

short video feature of SMU's vibrant

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