

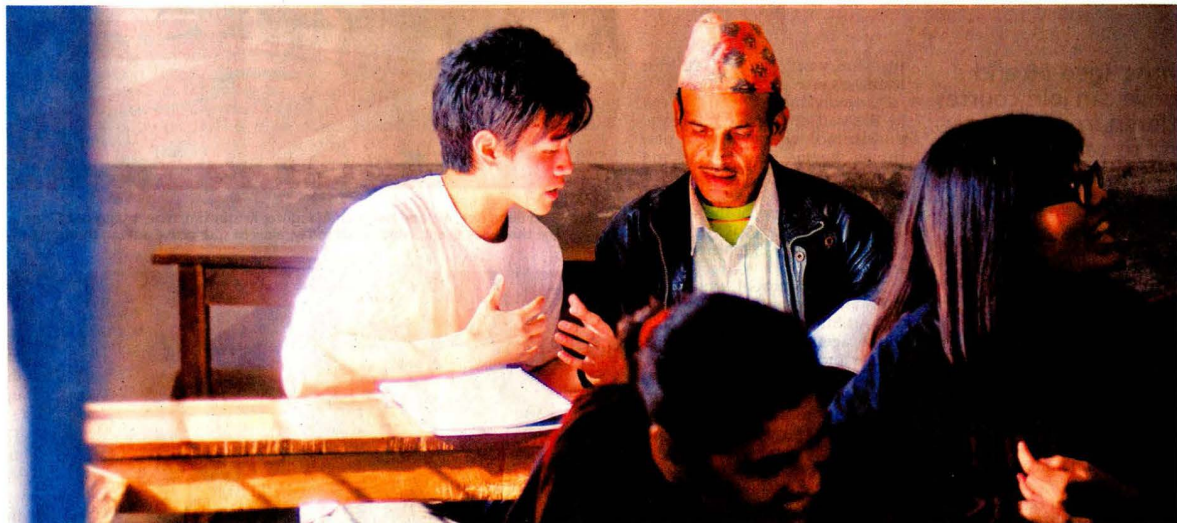
A SPECIAL FEATURE BY SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

SMU prepares students to lead in a complex, globalised world

A pioneering holistic curriculum, connections with over 200 top university partners worldwide and innovative course offerings produce future-ready graduates

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SMU aims to have 100% of our students experience some form of global exposure. We believe that the world classroom enriches and redefines experiential learning and students become better global citizens through an SMU education.

– Professor Arnoud De Meyer, SMU President



An SMU student teaches English to a local from a rural community.

Photo credit: Flo Yeow, member of Project Namaste

Singapore Management University is the leading university to champion global exposure as an integral part of its curriculum. As the world becomes more complex and connected, it is vital for students to be globally aware, culturally sensitive and adaptable so as to navigate future challenges. What better way to learn and cultivate these skills

than through studying and working in a different country?

Over the past 15 years, SMU has established valuable partner collaborations with more than 200 leading university partners across 50 countries. Over 86% of SMU students experience the world through global exposure programmes. Many are often so enriched that they opt to go on a

second programme. Mohamed Safiullah, a year three student from the School of Information Systems is one such example. “Going on two study missions gave me the opportunity to glean from the best. I had the chance to visit Google and Twitch at Silicon Valley, and even met with the companies that worked on BitCoin in London. This experience

was invaluable. It gave me exclusive, firsthand knowledge of the disrupting trends in the finance industry,” he enthused.

Innovative international course offerings cultivate a global mindset in students

In addition to global exposure programmes, SMU gives students the

opportunity to choose broader, more ‘internationalised’ courses through its innovative course offerings – many of which are not readily offered in other local universities. Courses such as Art History, Ethnocentricity and Anthropology, among others, foster a deeper cultural, social and political understanding and sensitivity to world affairs in students.

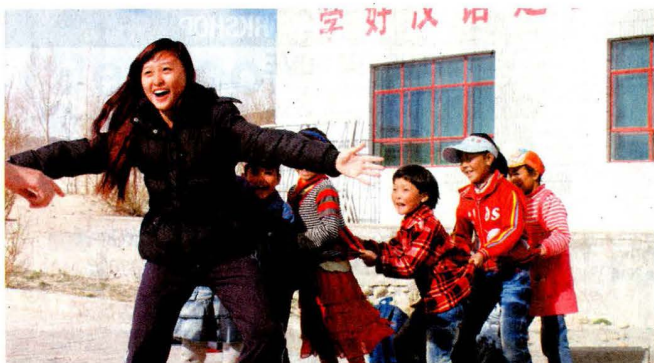
8 GLOBAL EXPOSURE PROGRAMMES, NUMEROUS GLOBAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

1. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

SMU students have plenty of opportunities to broaden their horizons at a top partner university such as The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, among many others. They learn to live and work independently, and develop confidence and a global network of friends.

2. OVERSEAS STUDY MISSION AT MNCS

Overseas study missions provide students real, current insight into industries related to their field of study through meetings and visits with companies outside of Singapore. Students get to travel to Argentina, Chile, China, Germany, Qatar, Russia, Spain, UAE, USA and Vietnam – to meet with CEOs, learn about their companies and how they operate, establish new contacts and possibly secure internships or full-time employment.



A student relishes a game of ‘eagle and mother hen’ with children from suburban China.

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My overseas internship at Forbes Media LLC in New York City was one of the most inspiring experiences in my life. I learnt to stand on my own feet, take initiative and be bold to ask questions. It’s important to go out and experience the world and chase your dreams with an open mind.

– Michelle Ong, year four student, School of Social Sciences

3. THEMIS PROGRAMME

Singapore Management University is the first Asian university to join the ranks of top European Universities as part of the THEMIS network, alongside Università Bocconi (Milan, Italy), Esade (Barcelona, Spain), and Freie Universität (Berlin, Germany), among others. Only five outstanding SMU Law students are selected to participate in the programme through a highly competitive process annually. Each candidate can embark on an international exchange at a partner university, participate in international internships and attend specialised THEMIS seminars. More importantly, they will gain a competitive advantage in their future legal careers.

4. SUMMER STUDY PROGRAMME

This programme gives students the opportunity to enrich their cultural and academic experience at a top university while living in a different country over summer. Students can choose to embark on a four-week summer study programme at two partner universities, University of British Columbia or University of St. Gallen in May/June.

5. OVERSEAS INTERNSHIP

Through overseas internships, students experience firsthand how industries and businesses operate in other markets and practise what they’ve learnt in a real-world setting. They also establish connections that could lead to full-time employment opportunities. Over 50% of SMU students do between two to six internships before graduation and one in 10 travels overseas to gain valuable experience.



Students cultivate a worldview and experience independent learning overseas during exchange.

6. GLOBAL SUMMER PROGRAMME

This intensive four-week Asian-focused initiative allows students – both locally and internationally – to enrich their experience beyond academic theory and classroom learning in Singapore. In addition to getting up-close with movers and shakers in the industry, students have the opportunity to take on cutting-edge courses which allow them to practise what they’ve learnt in real-life case studies. They can also choose to embark on a week-long overseas learning journey in a neighbouring Asian city.

7. SINO-SINGAPORE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The SINO-Singapore Exchange Programme in China is the only Government-to-Government Tertiary Exchange Programme between Singapore and China. It aims to cultivate in Singaporean students a global perspective and understanding of China and its potential. Only a select, outstanding few have the privilege of being among the 50 university students chosen to participate annually.

8. OVERSEAS COMMUNITY PROJECT

Community service is an important aspect of the SMU pedagogy. Overseas community projects expose students to valuable social, political and economic insights outside of their home country, and sharpen their sense of social responsibility. To date, SMU students have made global impact through 169 overseas projects undertaken across 18 countries.



How have SMU students been impacted by their global learning experiences? Scan to view a video and learn more.

Find out about the global learning opportunities awaiting you with SMU’s global exposure programmes at smu.sg/admissionsge