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Learn, live and work around the world with SMU

Students immerse in a holistic learning environment with 100% opportunities for global exposure



Hafiz Kasman, (front row, middle) on his Overseas Community Service Programme in Nasait, India.

SINGAPORE Management University (SMU) believes in cultivating well-rounded students. Global exposure is a key priority, and partnerships with some of the best universities in the world have led to numerous opportunities for SMU students to study abroad.

Hafiz Kasman, a final-year business management student, is one of the many who understand the importance of a holistic learning experience and has since travelled across four continents around the world. The desire to expand his worldview led him to embark on an SMU overseas exchange programme to Monterrey, Mexico. He reflects thoughtfully on his cross-cultural interactions. "While I have learnt much about the richness of a deep-rooted culture and enjoyed the unending hospitality of the locals, I also came to understand the challenges certain communities have had to face in a developing region, like government stability and general transparency. It was then that I came to truly appreciate what we have back home."

Picking up essential skills through real-world experiences

In 2016, Hafiz represented SMU at the International Asia-Pacific Association For International Education (IAPACE) Annual Conference and Exhibition in Melbourne, Australia - a platform where he had the opportunity to network with like-minded students, policy-makers and education

experts from around the world. He also embarked on a six-month internship with a clean energy firm, where he travelled to Myanmar to execute a project. Experiences like these are highly valuable as they allow students to apply what they learn in class in real-world settings, while picking up skills like client liaison and crisis-management.

At SMU, internships are a graduation requirement for students. They are given opportunities to fulfil this requirement locally or internationally, and must complete a minimum of 10 weeks' approved internship. In the 2016 Graduate Employment Survey, more than 78% of SMU students did two or more internships during their period of study. These experiences, combined with career guidance support by Fringing Youth - a programme that helps the students with self-discovery and career planning, and gives students access to enrichment workshops, career coaches, and more - boost their employability, with 94% of students getting employed before graduation in the 2016 Graduate Employment Survey.

Students take time to give back to society

While SMU students have to put in at least 80 hours of community service as part of their graduation requirement, many graduates over the years have gone above and beyond. In 2016, graduates clocked an average of 133 hours each. Like internships, students have options to carry out community service locally or



Hafiz Kasman, a final-year undergraduate, on SMU's role in nurturing well-rounded, socially conscious students.

internationally. They have travelled across 17 countries in total, with footprints extending as far as Africa and Fiji.

"We leveraged on our skill sets as business students to teach young adults in Nasait, India, to think more about entrepreneurship and get their hands dirty in creating small businesses," recounts Hafiz of his Overseas Community Service Programme. He adds, "The biggest takeaway was how much I learned from the community we were in. I was inspired by their fervent drive to learn despite the difficulties they faced. For example, some students took through

Being in multicultural Singapore, it's easy for us to mistake the presence of diversity for the aptitude to truly appreciate, understand and embrace it. Fostering cultural intelligence requires time, effort, and the willingness to question our own assumptions. I'm truly grateful that this is a priority at SMU.

From dance floors to open seas, students fuel their passions and conquer all

More than 120 clubs enrich student life at the University



Amanda Ng, national sailor and member of the SMU Sailing team.

STUDENT life in SMU is nothing short of dynamic. To complement their academic endeavours, students can choose from over 120 different clubs in areas like arts, sports and adventure and community

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For Amanda Ng, an accountancy undergraduate, windsurfer and national sailor with SMU Sailing, her passion for the

sport has trained her to be flexible, resilient and to never give up.

It hasn't always been smooth sailing for Amanda who missed out on qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games in 2010 and London Olympics in 2012, as well as adjusting to a new sailing partner. However, her undying perseverance to achieve the Olympic dream just off when she qualified for the 2016 Olympic Games at Rio de Janeiro Brazil.

Amanda shares, "Whatever you're pursuing, whether sports, the arts, or something you're passionate about, believe in yourself because you'll never know what you're capable of, unless you give it your 100%. That worked for me."

Experiences like these are highly memorable for students and add colour to life at SMU. At the same time, they help students develop essential leadership and collaborative skills for a meaningful university experience and prepare them well for life after graduation.

Lessons in Life, for life



Breaking the ice during Freshmen Team Building with SMU LIFE Lessons.

STUDENTS are offered avenues to reflect on their learning with SMU LIFE Lessons, a structured educational programme beyond the curriculum, to focus on character building and the development of personal values. Through community service projects, awareness drives and other co-curricular experiences, students are invited to engage in reflective practices such as journaling and generative conversations, to help them gain a deeper understanding of themselves, their peers and the larger communities within which they reside, as well as realise the meaningful impact they can make in their lives.

Thriving in a community-focused global city campus

SMU's central location connects students to a wealth of experiences



SMU is the only city campus to have a brain station (Brain Beach MRT Station) right at its doorstep.

THE strategic location of the SMU campus facilitates students' learning directly from the professional community at their doorstep. Invited speakers from business, industry and public sector easily conduct talks at SMU, allowing students to enrich their learning experience with valuable networking opportunities and real-world experiences, thus boosting their employability.

Nestled in the heart of the city, students will also thrive from the bustling energy. From culture exhibitions, art festivals to annual conferences, there is no end to the plethora of activities that students can support or engage

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Students find strength in diversity

AS a forward-thinking university, SMU is committed to foster an inclusive culture that celebrates diversity. SMU provides support, resources and opportunities to ensure that all students, regardless of their backgrounds and demographics, are able to thrive to the fullest extent of their capabilities. Throughout each academic year, there are multiple platforms such as dialogues, panel discussions, and workshops that help students reflect on social issues, encourage inter- and multicultural interactions and strengthen bonds to create a welcoming environment where every member of the community can fulfil their fullest potential.

SMU is also committed to ensuring that the city campus remains accessible for persons with disabilities and proactively supports efforts to expand accessibility and reduce access physical, social and psychological barriers. In honour of three-time Paralympic gold medalist, Yip Pin Xiu's excellence in sports and the values that she stands for, SMU launched the Yip Pin Xiu Scholarship, its first sports scholarship last year. The scholarship delivers on SMU's promise of a holistic education and hopes to attract and support students with sports excellence at the international level.



Yip Pin Xiu, Paralympic medalist and final-year Social Sciences undergraduate

Always something to look forward to at SMU

JAN	U-Arts Season	Walki!	Starry Nite	Freshmen Team Building	Commencement	Vivace	Convocation	Career Fair	DEC
<p>SMU Patron's Day Kick off the year with one of the largest and most vibrant campus events to commemorate the founding of SMU! Good food, drinks and entertainment galore!</p>	<p>U-Arts Season Celebrate SMU's vibrant arts scene with performances, concerts and exhibitions by students and celebrity artists. The season begins every January and August, and is held throughout the semester.</p>	<p>Walki! A student-led initiative by SMU Sport Union, students can compete in sports events or just chill with friends by the beach at Walki!, Semestral.</p>	<p>Starry Nite To cap the end of each semester, students are invited to make new friends with popular tunes at a rock concert showcasing student musicians.</p>	<p>Freshmen Team Building The largest school-wide camp, Freshmen get to make new friends from all six schools, meet senior camp facilitators, and just have fun!</p>	<p>Commencement A joyous celebration for students (and their families) who completed their undergraduate and postgraduate studies, all they advance to the next chapter in life.</p>	<p>Vivace Students discover their passions as they explore different Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) fields through booths and performances at SMU's very own CCA Fair.</p>	<p>Convocation SMU freshmen get a special welcome ceremony with their family and friends.</p>	<p>Career Fair A biannual fair that connects SMU and SMOs from various industries and government organisations. It is the perfect platform for students to network and interact with prospective employers.</p>	