

# STUDY AT THE SMU SCHOOL OF LAW



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LAW



Undergraduate



# DEAN'S MESSAGE

In the past few years, we have been confronted with great uncertainty that has compelled the legal industry to make drastic changes. Even prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, the legal profession has been grappling with disruptions to the legal industry occasioned by the exponential explosion of technologies that have fundamentally changed the ways we live, work and interact. The use of technology in the legal industry is reshaping the role of human legal professionals, and the pandemic has only accelerated the shift toward digital legal practice. Today, court hearings are being conducted remotely, and technological tools are being used to automate routine work. In the near future, technology will play an even greater role in assisting lawyers, allied legal professionals, and even governments in decision-making. The future of tomorrow's law graduate will be very different from what it used to be.

In the midst of this uncertainty, we at the SMU School of Law see only opportunities. We want to play a direct role in shaping the future of law. We believe in training our students to be nimble, imaginative and equipped to serve society amidst future challenges. Our curriculum is designed to lay a firm foundation in legal reasoning, ethics and other critical skills that will enable our students to adapt to novel contexts. Furthermore, a newly designed curriculum for incoming students will encourage lateral thinking and problem-solving across a range of legal disciplines as well as provide them with opportunities to focus on specific areas of legal practice.

Our robust curriculum would not have been possible without the dedication and illustrious contributions of our faculty to the legal sector. Many members of our faculty have been regularly appointed as *amici curiae* by the Singapore courts to provide independent expert opinions on novel points of law. We have won large competitive grants that allowed us to establish research centres such as the Centre for AI and Data Governance in 2018 and the Computational Law Centre in 2020. Our research expertise is intentionally brought into the classroom so that our students are given a closer glimpse and even participate in ground-breaking legal discourse.

Last year, we responded swiftly and creatively to the needs presented by COVID-19. The SMU Law Academy organised a webinar series for lawyers to address key commercial and legal issues, while our Pro Bono Centre launched an online portal to educate the public on legal issues arising from the virus outbreak. The school also convened a virtual academic conference themed "Global Public-Private Law Approaches to COVID-19" and tapped on the expertise of 26 colleagues to publish an [electronic book](#) examining critical legal issues from multiple scholarly perspectives. Collectively, our school has demonstrated its ability to embrace challenges and newfound opportunities.

The achievement of our graduates is the best testament to the effectiveness of our unique approach to legal education. They are highly sought after, well-placed, and competitively remunerated. Year after year they are significantly represented on the prestigious Justices' Law Clerk programme in the Supreme Court. Within just thirteen years and with only ten cohorts of working graduates, many alumni have gone on to make their mark in the profession, industry and academia. More than 20 alumni were appointed as partners in law firms just last year. Quite a few have even struck out on their own to set up their own private practice and legal-tech start-ups. With an alumni network numbering more than a thousand people and growing steadily,



"Our holistic approach to legal education prepares our students for the new world. Our small class seminars encourage independent thinking and knowledge creation. This is why our graduates are highly sought after, well placed and competitively remunerated."

students may expect to benefit from networking and career opportunities. We have absolute confidence in preparing our students to shape the future of law and legal practice.

Our vision is that of a better world attained by the study and practice of law. We aspire to build bridges not only between theory and reality and across disciplines, but also between the past and the future. As a young law school, we are energetic and look forward to embracing and shaping the future. If you are resolutely determined to make a lawyer of yourself, and excited about what the future holds, we welcome you to join us.

**Professor Goh Yihan S.C.**  
Dean, SMU School of Law

# WHY SMU SCHOOL OF LAW?

## EXPERT FACULTY



Our faculty is highly qualified and accomplished, having obtained postgraduate degrees from world-renowned universities and bringing with them a wealth of practical experience from past employment in varying leadership roles. In our teaching, we draw on our diverse backgrounds, our cutting-edge research, and our roles in authoring works which are regarded as leading authorities in their fields.



## FORWARD-LOOKING EDUCATION



Through our carefully designed curriculum and unique seminar-style teaching, you will not just become an expert in the law, but also develop into a highly adaptable individual with the necessary knowledge and practical skills to meet the demands of the modern legal and business world. You will understand both time-honoured foundational legal principles and learn to apply them to solve new problems such as those arising from emerging technologies.



## GLOBAL EXPOSURE



Through our network of partnerships with law schools and various organisations worldwide, see how law works across borders through the international exchange programme, overseas internships, and law study missions. Debate the law and build connections through our signature International Moots programme.



## IN THE HEART OF ACTION



Our state-of-the-art building and dynamic city campus make for a vibrant student life outside studies and provide ample opportunities for first-hand active learning. Our strategic proximity to the courts, Parliament, and the CBD allows you to witness how laws are made, how legal disputes are adjudicated, and how laws affect businesses, and to learn experientially through internships with top city law firms.



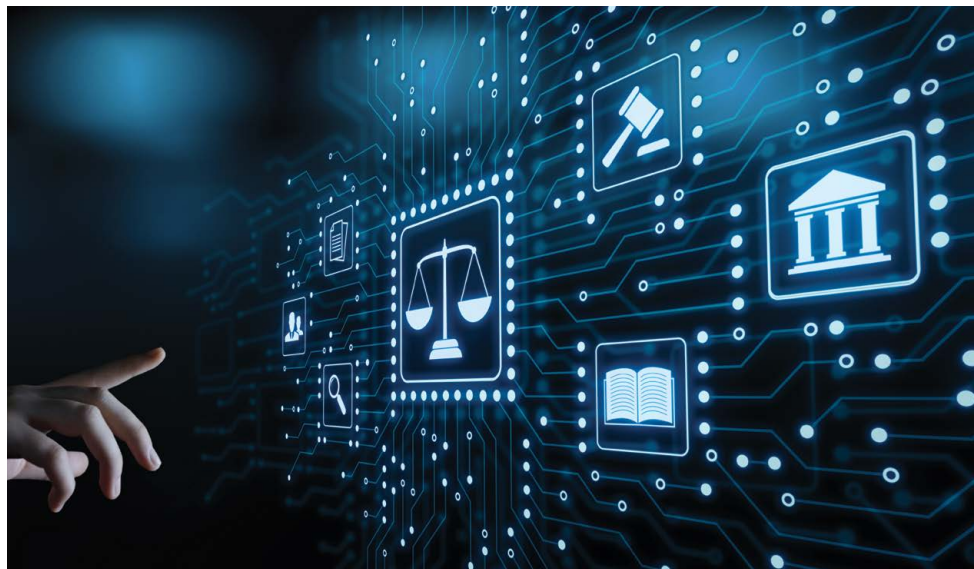
## PROMISING CAREER PATHS



Our students have close to full employment soon after graduation and higher average starting salaries than peers from other universities. You will be highly sought after and well-equipped to serve society, whether as a lawyer in private practice, in public service, or in another industry.



# THE FUTURE OF LEGAL PRACTICE



Given the rapidly changing world, the new problems that lawyers encounter are likely to be more complex and cut across multiple disciplines. Therefore, it is no longer sufficient for lawyers to be well-versed only in the law. The realities of legal practice now require every competent lawyer to have a keen awareness of the impact of globalisation, commercialisation, and technological disruption. These powerful forces will change the face of the legal industry.

At the SMU School of Law, we equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and values that will prepare them for the future of legal practice. Our goal is to nurture tomorrow's lawyers who are intellectually agile, capable of responding to situations we have never seen before.



## GLOBALISATION

With enhanced global connectivity, legal issues that lawyers encounter today are increasingly cross-jurisdictional. A competent lawyer must be acquainted with legal standards across jurisdictions. This inevitably also requires sensitivity to cultural diversity.



## COMMERCIALISATION

The commercialisation of legal services may sometimes mislead one into thinking of success solely in monetary terms. A successful legal practice is much more than that. The practice of law is, and has always been, a noble calling centred around excellence, honour, and public service.



## TECHNOLOGICAL DISRUPTION

It is inevitable that machines, which become more sophisticated by the day, will eventually replace humans in the performance of certain tasks. For human lawyers to remain relevant, it is vital to identify areas where the human touch continues to be important.

As a pioneering law school established precisely to challenge the status quo, our goal at the SMU School of Law is to prepare you for success in this rapidly changing legal landscape.

In 2020, we launched a law and technology primer, titled "Law 2.0: Emerging Technologies and their Legal Implications", to equip our students with essential background knowledge on emerging technologies and their legal implications. We hope to encourage our students to think broadly and deeply about the impact of technology when approaching traditional legal issues in their existing courses. This is part of our ongoing process of modernising our curriculum.



To find out more about all the exciting initiatives and research that the School has been working on, please feel free to browse our recent Annual Report by clicking on the cover on the right.



# EXPERT FACULTY



## WORLD-CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Our diverse faculty comprises global thought leaders who were educated in world-renowned universities such as the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and Harvard University. All our 43 full-time faculty have postgraduate degrees, with one third holding PhD qualifications.

## PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

In both research and teaching, we draw on our diverse backgrounds and experience to ensure the relevance of what we do. Some of our full-time faculty members continue to practise law, undertake consultancy work, and hold important leadership positions outside of the school. We also draw upon the practical experience of adjunct lecturers who are mostly practising lawyers.

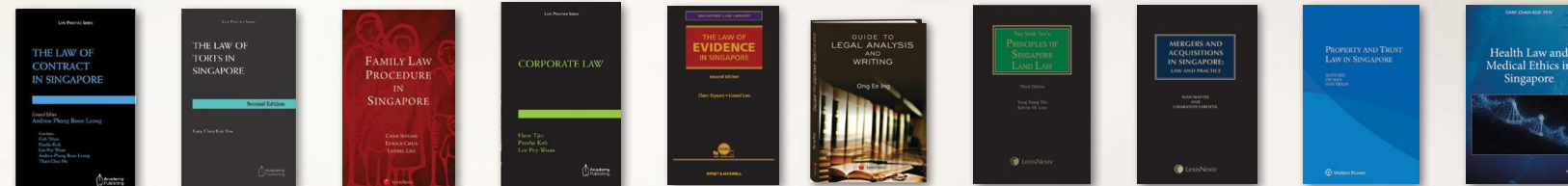
## RECOGNISED EXPERTS

Our faculty conduct cutting edge research which shape the law. Our research work have been widely cited by the courts and in important treatises. A number of us have even been appointed by the highest court as *amici curiae* ('friends of the court') to share our views on difficult issues of law. As a student, you will learn from those who have helped shape the very law they teach.

## AUTHORS OF THE LAW

Our faculty have written many of Singapore's leading law textbooks. Not only do they help students navigate the complexities of the law, these books are also regarded by practising lawyers and the courts alike as leading authorities in their fields.

## LEADING TEXTBOOKS WHICH OUR FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE WRITTEN OR CONTRIBUTED TO INCLUDE





# FORWARD-LOOKING EDUCATION

Our holistic pedagogy ensures our students graduate as dynamic, articulate, and analytically agile individuals ready to thrive in the dynamic legal landscape.

## MODERN CURRICULUM

In the face of the rapidly evolving world, we are committed to modernising our curriculum to meet future challenges. In view of how technology has become increasingly intertwined with our daily lives, a significant part of our curriculum focuses on the intersection between law and technology. In this regard, we draw on the expertise of our research centres which conduct cutting-edge research on these topics. To ensure that our curriculum is practically relevant, we have established a Practice Advisory Panel consisting of distinguished lawyers from which we seek input when crafting our curriculum.

## SOCRATIC METHOD

Legal reasoning goes beyond identifying what the law says to exploring its underlying rationales, tensions, and alternative solutions. We firmly believe that learning through discussion is the best way of training your analytical skills. We keep our class sizes small with one instructor leading no more than 45 students to maximise learning experience.

## REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

Internships are critical in exposing students to the practical workings of the legal system in a wide range of environments. Our students are required to complete at least 10 weeks of internships before graduation. They may choose to intern with law firms, legal departments, and government bodies we have partnered with. Our vast network even makes it possible for students to intern overseas.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE

While the main focus of our curriculum is the law, it is supplemented by the SMU Core Curriculum which exposes our students to topics beyond law. Our students may also choose to pursue either a double degree or a second major. The close collaboration among all six schools within SMU allows students to tailor their courses to suit their needs.

## CULTIVATING MULTIPLE SKILLSETS

You will gain confidence through participation in vibrant class discussions, group presentations and written research assignments. Beyond conventional written work, you will have the opportunity to learn through hands-on work and closely supervised practical assignments in a number of skills-based courses. In SMU-X courses, experiential learning is taken to the next level as students engage in supervised real-life projects.

## CULTIVATING A HEART TO SERVE

Ultimately, we believe that law is more than a practice, it is a calling. As a student, you will learn the importance of law as a noble calling through giving back to society. Our students are required to complete at least 80 hours of community service before graduation, of which a minimum of 20 hours take the form of pro bono work. Our students contribute to the ideal of equal access to justice through the campus legal clinics run by our own Pro Bono Centre and through collaborations with the Law Society of Singapore, the Community Justice Centre at the State Courts, and other institutions.

“SMU has a strong understanding of what works best for student learning. The pedagogy intuitively complements self-directed learning with the right amount of professor assistance and practise through projects and tests. In the tune of “See one; Do one; Teach one”, seminars are lively sessions where we learn from professors, test our understanding and speak up. Group projects help us deep dive into specific topics and practise our knowledge. Presentations are student-driven where we teach each other valuable lessons. Years of this pedagogy cultivate a thinker that can both independently pick up knowledge and also democratically share it with for communal gain.”

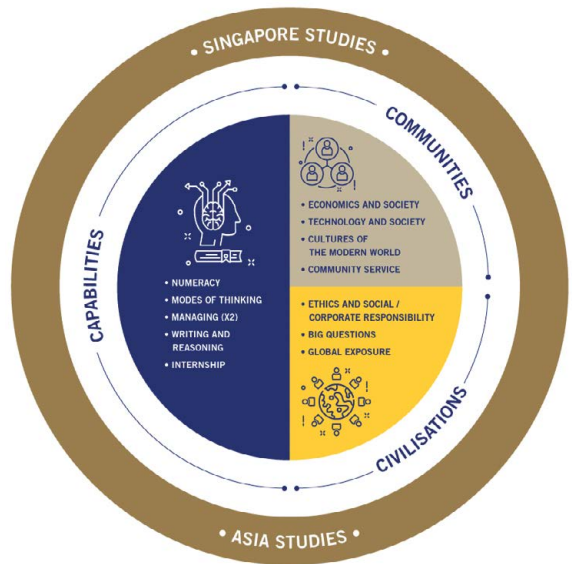
*Abirami T*  
Final Year LLB Student





# CORE CURRICULUM

The SMU Core Curriculum is a menu of six carefully selected course units (CUs) to initiate undergraduates into their journey to become holistic SMU graduates. The Core Curriculum also serves as a means for students across all disciplines to bond through a common intellectual experience. It stands on three pillars of learning, or inter-related paths of development: Capabilities, Communities and Civilisations.



Capabilities

Students will also complete an internship, either locally or overseas. Develop specific competencies and skills that are necessary to dexterously operate in an increasingly complex, digitised and data-driven working environment.



Communities

Students will also complete a community service project, either locally or overseas. Promote understanding of the economic, technological, and cultural systems that structure our interactions with our communities.



Civilisations

Students will also complete a Global Exposure Experience. Engage in critical dialogue and problem solving through immersion into fundamental and perennial debates that cut across time and space:

- Happiness & Suffering
- Wealth & Poverty
- War & Peace
- Global & Local

## AN OVERVIEW OF A TYPICAL BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) STUDY PLAN

School of Law students will fulfill the following requirements of the SMU Core Curriculum:

- Capabilities:
- Managing
  - Modes of Thinking
  - Internship (non-credit bearing);

- Communities:
- Cultures of the Modern World
  - Technology and Society
  - Community Service (non-credit bearing);

- Civilisations:
- Big Questions
  - Ethics and Social Responsibility
  - Global Exposure (non-credit bearing).

In addition, all SMU students will fulfill requirements in Singapore Studies and Asia Studies, through a range of pre-identified courses and activities that also count towards the Core Curriculum, disciplinary curriculum, or co-curricular activities.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contract Law 1</li><li>• Criminal Law</li><li>• Legal Research &amp; Writing 1</li><li>• The Singapore Legal System</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law of Business Organisations</li><li>• Law of Property</li><li>• Comparative Legal Systems</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives #</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law-related Elective</li><li>• SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives #</li></ul>
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service ^	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contract Law 2</li><li>• Law of Torts</li><li>• Legal Research &amp; Writing 2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional &amp; Administrative Law</li><li>• Corporate Law</li></ul>
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CORE COURSES (PRE-ASSIGNED) LAW ELECTIVES LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES SMU CORE CURRICULUM

Study plans may vary for individual students, depending on their choice of elective modules and/or secondary majors/degrees.

The current study plan reflects the existing curriculum and serves to provide students an idea of the mix of modules that they will take throughout their 4 years of study. Note that in view of curriculum developments, this study plan may be subject to change.

# BACHELOR OF LAWS CURRICULUM

Core Curriculum  
(6 Course Units)



Law Core (17.5 Course Units)

Acquire the necessary building blocks for a solid legal education.



Law Major Electives  
(8.5 Course Units)

Broaden or deepen your legal knowledge by diving into specific areas of the law.



Law-Related Electives  
(2.0 Course Units)

Learn about other disciplines that are complementary to the study of law.



Free Electives  
(Up to 2.0 Course Units)

Learn freely through courses offered at any of SMU's six schools.

Law Major Electives  
(8.5CUs)\*\*

\*\*These electives are offered in the current academic year and may vary from year to year.

Commercial & Corporate

- Commercial Remedies in Litigation
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Financial and Securities Regulation
- Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asian Economies
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law and Competition Law at Interplay
- International and Comparative Insolvency Law
- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property Rights
- International Construction Law
- International and Comparative Secured Transactions Law
- Law of Mergers and Acquisitions
- Maritime and Admiralty Law

Law & Technology

- Computational Thinking and Legal Technology
- Digital Innovation for Access to Justice (SMU-X)
- Digital Intelligence for Lawyers
- FinTech Law
- Information Technology and the Law
- Law for Tech and Pandemics
- Law and Digital Commerce (SMU-X)
- Legal Design
- Privacy & Data Protection Law

- Using Dystopian Films to Regulate against a Dystopian Future (COIL)

Dispute Resolution

- Deal-making and Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Mediation Law and Practice (SMU-X)
- Professional Mediation Skills
- The Settlement of Inter-State Disputes
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre and Institutional Arbitration

Public & Regulatory

- Compliance and Risk Management for Lawyers
- Law and Regulation
- Medical Law and Health Policy
- Topics in Financial Crime

Experiential & Practical

- Deal-making in Practice
- Entrepreneurship in Singapore - From Cradle to Grave
- Evidence, Litigation and the Criminal Process
- International Moots 1 (SMU-X)
- International Moots 2 (SMU-X)
- Introduction to Civil Procedure
- Law Study Mission to Asia (SMU-XO)
- Pre-trial Practice in Civil Litigation
- State Courts Clerkship Programme

International

- China's Belt and Road Initiative - Practical Legal and Commercial Aspects of Cross-Border Projects on the New Silk Route

- International Investment Law
- International Investment Law and the Belt and Road Initiative
- Legal Issues in US-China Economic Relations (COIL)
- Public International Law
- Trade and Investment Law
- WTO: Law and Policy

Interdisciplinary

- Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law
- Law and Psychology

Others

- Family Law
- Jurisprudence: Modern and Critical Theories of Law
- Principles of the Law of Restitution

Law-related  
Electives (2 CUs)

- Economics and Society
- Finance for Law
- Financial Accounting for Law
- Introduction to Political and Policy Studies
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introductory Statistics
- Understanding Societies

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Theory &amp; Philosophy</li><li>• Law of Evidence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 X Law Electives</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 X Law Electives</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives #</li></ul>
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VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corporate Law</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law Of Equity &amp; Trusts</li><li>• Ethics &amp; Social Responsibility</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 X Law Electives</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 X Law Electives</li></ul>
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# Students are required to complete 6 Course Units of SMU Core Curriculum Courses and 2 Course Units of Free Electives. These courses may be taken during any term throughout the programme, subject to an individual student's workload and time-table. ^ SMU students are required to complete 80 hours of community service, of which a minimum of 20 hours of SILE-approved pro bono work is compulsory for Law students.

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses are co-taught by SMU faculty and faculty from overseas partner universities.

SMU-X courses are interdisciplinary courses that emphasise experiential learning through solving real-live problems.

SMU-XO courses are SMU-X courses incorporating an overseas visit.

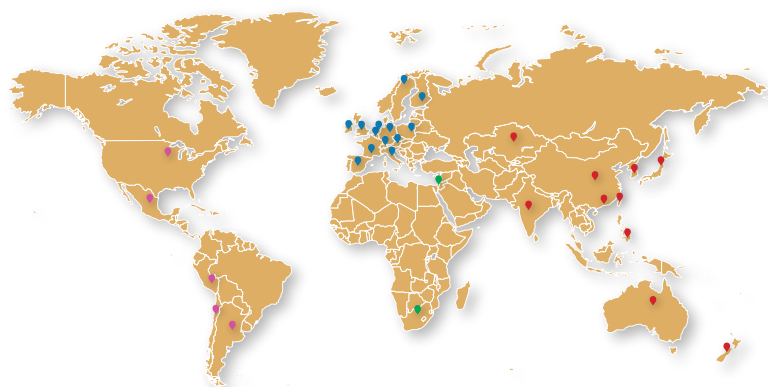


# GLOBAL EXPOSURE

As a student, you can expect to experience some form of global exposure by participating in an international exchange, an overseas internship, a law study mission, or even an overseas competition. This allows you to broaden your horizons in the face of internationalisation and globalisation.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

We partner 80 universities across the globe in direct law-to-law and university-wide exchange programmes. We are the pioneering Asian law school together with several European law schools in running the prestigious THEMIS exchange programme, which allows outstanding undergraduates from our school to go on exchange and undertake master's level courses in selected partner institutions.



### The Americas

Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Peru and the United States of America

### Middle East and Africa

Israel and South Africa

### Europe

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

### Asia Pacific and Central Asia

Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan



Number of exchange partners **80 and growing**

Percentage of law students who went on exchange **>55%**

## LAW STUDY MISSION

Our Law Study Mission course provides opportunities for our students to gain a deeper understanding of the legal system, business and culture of selected foreign countries. When visiting the selected country, students will participate in organised tours to law firms, legal institutions, governmental agencies and businesses.

By harnessing technology, we manage to bring the world closer to us, and us closer to the world. Besides virtual exchange programmes and international competitions, we have also pioneered, in collaboration with partner universities, courses taught jointly by instructors from both institutions. In such a course, students from both institutions learn together and interact in a virtual setting.

# INTERNATIONAL MOOT AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITIONS

As a student, you will have the opportunity to participate in our leading International Moots Programme. Mooting is a simulation of the resolution of a dispute before a tribunal. Although our IM Programme was only launched in 2010/11, our students have regularly placed in the top 3 worldwide in the most prestigious international moot competitions (known as "grand slam moots"). In International Alternative Dispute Resolution competitions, our students have also left their mark, having achieved podium finishes in the Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition (Vienna), the International Chamber of Commerce Asia-Pacific Mediation Competition and the Advocate Maximus competitions.

**76**  
Top-3 finishes in international moots between 2010-2019

**150+**  
Prizes and best memos between 2010-2019

**22**  
Top-3 finishes in Grand Slam Moots between 2010-2019

**4**  
Best track record in Grand Slam Moots

**2**  
The only university to ever defend a Grand Slam title twice

**5**  
World record for most wins in a season in 2015 and 2017

**9**  
World record for most finals in a season in 2016

**300**  
Alumni coaches and judges







## IN THE HEART OF ACTION

Beyond work, our location between Fort Canning Park, Orchard Road and the Central Business District provides our students ready access to plenty of good food, fun and opportunities for experiential learning.

## A NEW CHAPTER

New students begin their exciting journey by participating in an orientation camp which is all about fun and making new friends. To help ease students in their transition to university life, all first-year students are assigned to members of the faculty, whom they may reach out to for academic advice. There is also a buddy system where first-year students are paired with second-year students. Throughout the term, students can expect to participate in a broad range of activities from formal talks to fun festive celebrations.

## LAW CLUBS

At the SMU School of Law, our students may choose to join a number of student-run law clubs. The SMU Law Society, fondly known as The Bar, is the representative body for students and organises a variety of events. There are also nine sub-clubs, each of which provides the opportunity to pursue more specific areas of interest.



Student Clubs (Left to Right)  
 Row 1: • SMU Law Society 'The Bar' • Corporate & Commercial Law Club  
 • SMU Law Athletes • SMU Law International Relations Club  
 • Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT) Club • Moot Court Club  
 Row 2: • SMU Lexicon • Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice Club  
 • SMU Law Outreach Club • SMU Mediation & Negotiation Club



"Beyond the classroom, the SMU School of Law provides opportunities for students to grow holistically through participating in student clubs. During my time in the SMU Law Outreach Club, I was fortunate to be able to gain genuine friendships and learn how to be a caring leader with foresight. One of my favourite projects was hosting the Interaction Day for the elderly at Lions Befrienders as part of the annual Golden Years Project, a project co-organised with NUS to educate the elderly on arranging for lasting powers of attorney. I was tasked to liaise with the volunteers and Lions Befrienders staff, as well as ensure that the elderly were engaged and well taken care of. At the end of the day, the smiles on their faces made the arduous planning worth it. This project not only showed me how my legal knowledge could be used for a good cause, but it also reminded me of the privilege and opportunity I have to do good in the future as a member of the legal profession."

*Darius Tan*  
 Year 3 LLB Student





## ALUMNI RELATIONS

Even after our students graduate, we continue to regard them as part of our family and do our best to stay connected. The SMU School of Law is proud to have an extensive and supportive alumni network that spans across various industries.

With an alumni network numbering more than a thousand people and growing steadily, current students benefit from networking and job opportunities. Despite hectic schedules, many of our alumni readily return to volunteer in school events, such as our yearly Open House, sharing sessions, and admissions interviews. More than 200 alumni also regularly help out with our International Moots Programme through judging, coaching, and vetting written work. This way, knowledge is passed down the generations, giving our students an edge in competitions.



Our fresh graduates enjoyed an overall employment rate of up to

**97%**



Our graduates draw a mean gross monthly salary of

**\$5,141**

## A SECURE & PROMISING CAREER PATHWAY AWAITS

The achievement of our graduates is the best testament to the quality of the education we provide. We are proud to say that our young graduates have punched well above their weight.

A number of our graduates have gone on to pursue postgraduate studies in world-renowned institutions such as Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge. Many of them have gone on to make their mark in the profession, industry and academia. Some have even struck out on their own to establish their own private practices (such as BlackOak LLC and Breakpoint LLC) and legal tech start-ups (such as INTELLEX and Regall LT).

Our graduates are highly sought after, having close to full employment soon after graduation, with one of the highest starting salaries. Based on the 2020 Graduate Employment Survey published by the Ministry of Education in February 2021, our graduates from the Class of 2019, who have recently completed their Bar exams and training contract, enjoyed an overall employment rate of up to 97%, drawing a mean gross monthly salary of \$5,141. This is a testament to the quality of our graduates and shows that our education approach fits market demands.

## HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI



**Sui Yi Siong**

LLB (SMU, Class of 2014)  
Senior Associate,  
Eversheds Harry Elias LLP



"The practice of law is often said to be very different from the study of law, but SMU's unique pedagogy ensures that its graduates are able to hit the ground running. From unique seminar-style learning that encourages critical thinking, to early and frequent interaction with legal practitioners and industry leaders, the SMU curriculum equips students with the necessary skill-set to thrive in whichever career path they choose. For me, the 4 years I spent in SMU were invaluable in preparing me to enter practice, and I credit SMU Law for giving me this head-start in my career."

**Josephine Chee**

LLB (SMU, Class of 2012)  
Partner,  
Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP



"My 4 years at SMU Law were extremely enriching. I am an introvert by nature; SMU's unique pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes gave me the chance to learn how to be more vocal and confident at expressing my views. Being graded on group assignments and presentations (besides the final-term exams) made me more adept in critical thinking and presentation skills and impressed upon me the importance of being a good team player. These skill-sets placed me in good stead when I entered private practice as a litigation lawyer. My experiences representing SMU Law in two international moots have also greatly impacted how I am now as a lawyer – the ability to think on my feet; to work well with one's team; the importance of hard work and perseverance are all lessons I picked up as a mooter, all of which remain crucial in the practice of law."

**Olivia Wee**

LLB & BSc (Econ) (SMU, Class of 2015)  
Legal Counsel, Lazada Group



"As legal counsel for Lazada, I help the company navigate ever-evolving and often ambiguous e-commerce laws across 6 different countries. Hard legal skills aside, the job requires a keen curiosity, the ability to adapt, and a flair for communication. SMU gave me these. My professors taught me to ask the right questions, to think beyond the box, and to express my views clearly. The modules I took also prepared me to apply the law in a business-minded and innovative way. I believe that the school equips its students well to flourish in this technological era."

For the many exciting endeavours our alumni pursue after graduation, do check out our alumni newsletters!







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