LLM courses are taught by a team of distinguished faculty members in SMU’s characteristic seminar style and conducted exclusively for LLM students in small-size classes. A holistic approach to assessment is adopted – this includes class participation, research papers, group presentations and the final examination (which typically accounts for no more than 50% of the overall grade). Students can expect to immerse themselves in rigorous legal research and intellectual discourse, whilst, at the same time, forge close personal relationships with their peers and instructors.

**LIST OF PRESCRIBED COURSES**
- Law of Mergers and Acquisitions
- International Business Law: An Asian Perspective
- Trusts and Wealth Management in Singapore and Hong Kong
- Financial Regulation in Singapore, Hong Kong and Greater China
- Foreign Investment Law in Asia
- Beyond the Law: Regulatory Mechanisms in Cross-border Issues in the Asian Context

**LIST OF ELECTIVES**
- Chinese Contract Law
- Business Defamation: Asian and Comparative Perspectives
- Islamic Law and Finance in Asia
- Commercial Conflict of Laws
- Asian and Global Trends in Information Technology Law
- Law and the Changing Media Environment: Lessons from Asia and Beyond

*Not all electives will be offered in any particular academic year. The list of electives may also change from time to time.*
About the School of Law (SOL)

The School of Law (SOL) was established in 2007 with the aim of providing diversity in Singapore’s legal education and training. It is the first interdisciplinary law school in Asia. On offer are three master’s programmes, a BYUer/SMU double-degree programme which combines law with SMU’s existing double-degree programmes, as well as a full-time Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Laws (LLM) programmes. As the first cohort of law students graduated in 2011, SOL’s law graduates are well regarded for being confident, articulate and analytically astute. SOL also emerged as the overall winner of the Jessop Mooting Competition in 2013 and 2014, earning the distinction of being the first international team to make the finals in its international debut.

The distinguished faculty at SOL have postgraduate law degrees from renowned universities worldwide, such as Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Oxford, Cambridge and London. They have also amassed an impressive publication record with articles appearing in top law journals, including The Cambridge Law Journal, Modern Law Review, Oxford Journal of Legal Studies.

SOL recently became the first Asian (and only non-European) institution to join the Themis Network, alongside Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca (Milan, Italy), Université Paris Est Créteil Val de Marne (Paris, France) and Medical Law School (Birmingham, UK). The Themis Network is a global network of research-intensive law schools with a commitment to advancing research and teaching in legal and business ethics across the Member Institutions.

About Singapore Management University (SMU)

Established in 2000, SMU’s mission is to generate leadership research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. It has, over the years, become known for its interactive and technology-enabled pedagogy of semester-long, small-size classes.

SMU is home to over 6,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across six schools. In 2011, its Business School received AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation and a five-year EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System) accreditation. The SMU city campus – with its award-winning architecture and state-of-the-art technology– is located in the heart of Singapore (within the central business district and the arts and heritage precinct) and has its own underground subway station.

About Singapore

A sovereign city-state in tropical Southeast Asia, Singapore is a microcosm of Asia. It comprises the Chinese, Malay, Indians as well as a sizable group of expatriates from all over the globe. The 2013 Mercer survey on quality of living ranked Singapore 25th globally and 1st in Asia. The district executive’s transport infrastructure enables visitors to commute in a safe, clean and green environment. The growth of Singapore as a sophisticated commercial and financial centre for the region has fuelled the development of a vibrant legal services sector, where law offices and legal disputes. Over the years, Singapore has taken conscious steps to liberalise and strengthen its legal services sector. There are now over 150 foreign law firms operating and close to 1,000 foreign lawyers working in the country. Several of the world’s top arbitration firms also have a presence in Singapore.

Singapore is an ideal place for the study and practice of law, with excellent research facilities and an infrastructure support. Singapore epitomises all that is good about Asia as it seamlessly blends old world charm with new age technology. Given its geographical advantage and global connectivity, Singapore is the perfect foothold to exploring the dynamism and excitement of Asia.

Master of Laws (LLM) in Cross-Border Business and Finance Law in Asia

The rise of Asian economies has fuelled demand for legal services in the region, especially in terms of structuring cross-border deals as well as dealing with international disputes. The aim of this LLM programme is to prepare students for a broad range of legal issues that businesses in Asia are likely to encounter so that they will be better prepared to tackle issues on cross-border markets in the region.

The programme covers the topic of Commercial and Intellectual Property Law, Cross-Border Business Management, Cross-Border Business and Finance, Legal Writing and Legal Research Skills. Students will also have the opportunity to undertake internships in Singapore and Asia and can choose to go on exchange to the University of Michigan, Berkeley, USA, for the second semester of the programme.

Entry Requirements

Good Bachelor’s degree in Law (or equivalent legal qualification)

English proficiency test (BULS/TOEFL) for candidates whose native language is not English

About Singapore