SMU Juris Doctor Document Checklist (V2024-2025)

Updated on 23 July

	No	Document	Requirements
☐	1	Identification Document	- Singapore Citizen: A copy of NRIC - Singapore Permanent Resident: A copy of NRIC **AND** re-entry permit - Foreigner: A copy of passport personal particulars page
☐	2	Two Referees	Two different referees are required. Please indicate the details of two referees in the online application form, including name, designation and email. The referee will receive a recommendation email from SMU once the JD application is submitted. It may take around 15-20mins to complete the online recommendation form. Where possible, at least one of the recommendations should be from someone who has taught the applicant or supervised applicant's work in university studies. If applicant has left school for a long time and is unable to submit academic references, please provide 2 referees from people who are familiar with applicant's performance, such as employers/colleagues/clients etc. The contents of the recommendation are confidential. Under no circumstance should the applicant be able to see the contents of the recommendation. If referee couldn't receive SMU email with referral link, please ask referee to check spam folders or contact JD programme office at jd@smu.edu.sg directly.
☐	3	Degree Certificate	The copy of the degree certificate(s) certified by the issuing institution or a Notary Public/Commissioner of Oath. And the bachelor's degree certificate is compulsory. Combine all degree certificates into one PDF file.
☐	4	Transcript	The copy of the official transcript(s) certified by the issuing institution or a Notary Public/Commissioner of Oath. And the undergraduate transcript is compulsory. Combine all official transcript in one PDF file.
☐	5	CV	A concise resume that provides chronological information about your educational background, work experiences and accomplishments. Up to two (2) A4 pages.
☐	6	Statement of Purpose	All applicants are required to submit a detailed personal statement based on the questions in the online application form. Maximum 600 words to each answer.
☐	7	IELTS/TOEFL	English proficiency test results (TOEFL or IELTS) for all international applicants whose bachelor's degree was not conducted in English. Scores that are more than 2 years old will not be accepted. More details, please refer to the 'Admission Criteria'.
☐	8	Other Test	GRE/GMAT and SMU Admission Test (SMUAT) is not required to JD programme. LSAT or LNAT is optional.

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☐	9	Application Fee	Payment for the application fee (SGD 100) must be made through the online application system. Applications submitted without payment will be considered incomplete and invalid. Please note that check is no longer accepted at SMU. **DO NOT pay the 'Optional Fee: 1st Attempt for SMU Admission Test (S$125)'** which is not required by JD programme. All fees paid at the application and matriculation stages are non-refundable under any circumstances.
☐	10	Other Supporting Documents	If any additional significant supporting documents, please send them to jd@smu.edu.sg with the applicant's full name and application reference number by the application deadline. Kindly combine all documents into a single PDF file, with a maximum length of six A4 pages. No additional supporting documents will be accepted after the application deadline.