

STUDY AT THE YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW

Shaping The Future Of Law



SMU

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY



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DEAN'S MESSAGE

The world faces disruptive change from many sources. So does the legal industry, which has had to cope with globalisation, technological developments, and challenges to ethical principles. The pace of change will become even more rapid, and its impact even more widespread.

We at SMU are ready to confront this future. We are committed to nurturing legal professionals with the unique knowledge and skill sets that are needed in a complex, dynamic and volatile environment, while remaining firmly grounded in ethical principles. Our students learn to see law in its broader business, social, economic, and political contexts, and couple that knowledge with practical skills, real-world experience, and a heart of service.

Through vibrant discussions in small classes led by expert faculty, you will learn to think on your feet and develop research, teamwork, and communication skills. Our modular interdisciplinary curriculum will let you pursue an interest in a cutting-edge field through one of our new specialisation tracks, or take up other opportunities to broaden and deepen your education. You will also learn beyond Singapore through courses by visiting scholars, exchange programmes, study missions, and mooting and other competitions.

Your education will be firmly grounded in real-world practice, thanks to our network of partners in the worlds of legal practice, business, and governance. You will learn beyond the classroom through our internship programme and skills-based and experiential SMU-X courses. In your final year, through our new capstone programme, you will consolidate your knowledge and further appreciate the challenges and responsibilities of legal practice.

Further, through our pioneering pro bono programme, you will use your knowledge and skills to serve society and promote equitable access to justice. You will see law as a calling, and not only as a profession.

At the completion of your legal education, you will join a growing network of more than a thousand SMU alumni who have taken up a diverse range of roles and serve society in various ways with confidence and competence.

Studying law is challenging, but you will not be alone. You will be guided by faculty members, senior students, our network of alumni, and our partners in the profession.

If you would like to face and harness the future of law and thrive in it, please join us.

Professor Lee Pey Woan
Dean, SMU Yong Pung How School of Law



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WHY THE YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW?

An All-Rounded Educational Experience for Budding Legal Professionals



EXPERT FACULTY



You will be taught by highly qualified and accomplished faculty members who have postgraduate degrees from world-renowned universities and a wealth of practical experience from past and present leadership roles. You will benefit from their diverse backgrounds, cutting-edge research, and roles in authoring works which are leading authorities in their fields.



FORWARD-LOOKING EDUCATION



Our carefully designed curriculum and unique seminar-style teaching will develop you into a highly adaptable individual with the necessary expertise and practical skills to face the modern legal and business world. You will learn to apply time-honoured legal principles 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 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 disputes are adjudicated, how laws affect businesses, and to learn experientially through internships with top law firms and other institutions.



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.



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I teach Comparative Legal Systems, and two electives that come within the SMU Core Curriculum: Constitutions, Cultures and Context as well as Fashioning a Nation. A common theme is that all these courses allow students to develop their legal literacy and appreciate how extra-legal developments shape the law and our thinking about the role of law within society.

I aim to structure every class as an elaborate Socratic dialogue, with ample opportunities to ask questions, while my assignments always take their cue from contemporary developments, so that students will hopefully appreciate how what they learn in the classroom applies in the real world.

Maartje de Visser

Associate Professor of Law
SMU Excellent Teacher Award winner, 2021
Dean's Teaching Excellence Award winner, 2022

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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LAW

In this rapidly changing world, lawyers encounter complex problems that cut across multiple disciplines and borders. Beyond traditional litigation practice, lawyers offer a range of other services, from advising on complex cross-border transactions and mediating family disputes to structuring state power and wealth management planning. Therefore, it is important to understand the law against the broader business, social, economic, institutional and political contexts.

Against this backdrop, our law curriculum is carefully designed to provide a firm theoretical foundation while being multi- and interdisciplinary, flexible and practice-oriented.

Our curriculum is constantly updated with input from the legal industry. The law modules are supplemented by the SMU Core Curriculum and relevant modules from the other schools. Beyond the basic curriculum, students can pursue our new LLB tracks or take a second degree or major from another school.

In small classes of up to 45, students gain confidence through vibrant seminar-style discussions, group presentations and written research assignments. Beyond traditional classroom activities, you will learn through hands-on work and closely supervised practical assignments in skills-based courses. Our signature SMU-X courses take experiential learning to the next level through supervised projects addressing real-world problems.

Further, you will see law in action through 10 weeks of law internship, 80 hours of community service, of which a minimum of 20 hours must be pro bono work. These are mandatory graduation requirements not only because of the obvious benefits of experiential learning but also because we want to instil the value of lawyering for good.

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) CURRICULUM

CORE CURRICULUM
6 Course Units

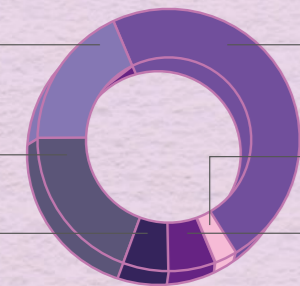
LAW CORE
16 Course Units

LAW MAJOR ELECTIVES
9 Course Units

LAW CAPSTONE
1 Course Unit

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES
2 Course Units

FREE ELECTIVES
Up to 2 Course Units



CORE CURRICULUM ELECTIVES (6 CUs)

The SMU Core Curriculum is a holistic programme that initiates undergraduates into a journey toward intellectual dynamism and self-actualisation. It is based on the following three pillars:

CAPABILITIES (2 CUs)

The Capabilities pillar equips students with 21st century skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digitised and data-driven working environment.

Modes of Thinking (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Critical Thinking in the Real World
- Computational Thinking
- Managing in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex & Ambiguous (VUCA) Context

Managing (1 CU)

- Choose one from a range of courses such as:
- Spreadsheet Modelling & Analytics
 - Management Communication
 - Working & Managing in a Digital World
 - Business, Government & Society
 - Collaborative Governance
 - Leadership & Team Building

Internship (Non-credit bearing)

COMMUNITIES (2 CUs)

The Communities pillar trains students to understand the economic, technological and cultural systems that shape our interactions with our communities.

Technology and Society (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Digital Cultures
- Science, Environment & Empire
- Climate, History & Society
- AI & Humanity
- Technological Solutions to Urban Challenges
- Climate Change: Global & Local Solutions
- Biotechnology in a Global Society

Cultures of the Modern World (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Urban Cultures
- Finding Home in a Globalised World
- Singapore: Imagining the Next 50 Years
- Politics of South-East Asia
- Scratches on their Minds: Images of Asia in Hollywood

- Sustainable Cities
- Foreign Languages

Community Service (Non-credit bearing)

CIVILISATIONS (2 CUs)

The Civilisations pillar immerses students in the fundamental debates that cut across time and space, preparing them to engage in critical dialogue between multiple and competing traditions of thought and problem-solving.

Ethics and Social Responsibility (1 CU)

Big Questions (1 CU)

LAW CORE (16 CUs)

- Commercial Conflict of Laws
- Comparative Legal Systems (0.5 CU)
- Constitutional & Administrative Law (1.5 CU)
- Contract Law 1
- Contract Law 2
- Criminal Law (1.25 CU)
- Corporate Law (1.5 CU)
- Law of Equity & Trusts (1.5 CU)
- Law of Evidence

- Law of Property (1.25 CU)
- Law of Torts (1.5)
- Legal Research & Writing I
- Legal Research & Writing II (0.5 CU)
- Legal Theory & Philosophy
- The Singapore Legal System (0.5CU)

LAW CAPSTONE (1 CU)

LAW MAJOR ELECTIVES (9 CUs)

Commercial & Private Law

- Advanced Law of Torts
- Commercial Law in Asia^{*}
- Commercial Remedies in Practice
- Legal & Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions[#]
- Principles of the Law of Restitution
- The Law of Finance of Corporate Transactions

Dispute Resolution

- Deal-making & Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption[^]
- Dispute Resolution Advocacy
- International Commercial Arbitration^{*}
- International Investment Law & Dispute Resolution^{*}
- International Mediation Law & Practice^{*}
- International Moots 1 (SMU-X)[^]
- International Moots 2 (SMU-X)[^]

- Introduction to Civil Procedure
- Pre-trial Practice in Civil Litigation
- Professional Mediation Skills (SMU-X)^{*}
- Sentencing Advocacy^{*}
- State Courts Clerkship Programme^{*}
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre & Institutional Arbitration

Global Exposure & Experiential Learning

- Community Based Projects in the Real World (SMU-X)
- Overseas Project Experience (Law in Asia) - EU-ASEAN Law & Relations^{^^}
- Overseas Project Experience (Law in Asia) - Shenzhen^{^^}

Intellectual Property

- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property^{*}
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law & Competition Law at Interplay

International Investment & Trade

- Carriage of Goods by Sea & International Trade^{*}
- Comparative Secured Transactions Law^{*}
- Law of International Trade^{*}

Law & Business

- Consumer Law in Australasia^{*}
- Employment Law & Regulations in Singapore

- Entrepreneurship in Singapore - From Cradle to Grave
- European Business Law^{*}

Law & Technology

- Computational Thinking & Legal Technology[#]
- Digital Innovation for Access to Justice (SMU-X)[#]
- FinTech: Law & Policy^{*}
- IT & the Law
- Law & Digital Commerce (SMU-X)^{*}
- Privacy & Data Protection Law

Beyond the Law

- Constitutions, Cultures & Context
- Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics & Law
- Jurisprudence: Modern & Critical Theories of Law

Regulatory & Public Interest

- Family Law
- Financial & Securities Regulation
- International Anti-Corruption Compliance Law & Practice^{*}
- Medical Law & Health Policy
- Topics in Financial Crime

Additional Graduation Requirements

SMU students must also fulfil a Singapore Studies requirement, and Asia Studies requirement, and a Global Exposure requirement prior to graduation. This can be done through a range of pre-identified courses and activities that also count towards the SMU Core Curriculum, law curriculum, or co-curricular activities.

Sustainability

- Governing for Sustainable Futures^{**}
- Sustainability Law^{*}
- Sustainable Ocean Law & Governance^{*}

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES (2 CUs)

- Finance for Law
- Financial Accounting for Law
- Economics & Society
- Introduction to Political & Policy Studies
- Introduction to Programming & Business Data Management
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introductory Statistics
- Law & Psychology
- Understanding Societies

* denotes courses with an international and/or comparative focus

denotes courses with an interdisciplinary focus

^ denotes courses with an experiential focus (SMU-X) denotes courses with experiential elements

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

LLB TRACKS

There are a multitude of pathways to a career in law. Therefore, LLB students may pursue one of three specialisation tracks. Students declaring a track will benefit from greater disciplinary knowledge, industry awareness and practical skillset so as to be better prepared to pursue a career in their selected fields. Students are also free not to pursue a track, and instead customise their learning experience by choosing from our curated range of electives.

Building upon the firm foundation laid by the core law courses as well as the multi and interdisciplinary dimensions of the existing LLB curriculum, each track consists of 5 specifically curated electives from the following baskets.

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS

Introduces students to the role of corporate transactional lawyers in the world of business, in facilitating mergers and acquisitions, business restructuring, project financing, joint ventures, and others.

Track Electives (Select 3)

- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Corporate & Securities Laws in China & the US: A Comparison
- Entrepreneurship in Singapore - From Cradle to Grave
- Financial & Securities Regulation
- International & Comparative Insolvency Law
- Legal & Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions

Law-related Elective (Select 1)

- Finance for Law (LKCSB)
- Financial Accounting (LKCSB)

Law Capstone (Select 1)

- Law of Mergers & Acquisitions (SMU-X)
- The Law & Finance of Corporate Transactions (SMU-X)

LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

Exposes students to the intersection between law and technology, in particular how laws respond to technological advancements and how technology can be harnessed to enhance the practice of law.

Track Electives (Select 3)

- Computational Thinking & Legal Technology
- FinTech: Law & Policy
- Infocomm Technology & the Law
- Intellectual Assets & the Law in Asian Economies
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property
- Law & Technology
- Legal Design
- Privacy & Data Protection Law

Law-related Elective (Select 1)

- Business Data Management (SCIS)
- Introduction to Programming (SCIS)

Law Capstone (Select 1)

- Digital Innovation for Access to Justice (SMU-X)
- Law & the Digital Commerce (SMU-X)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Provides a comparative overview of the various dispute resolution mechanisms—litigation, arbitration, mediation, and negotiation—so that the most suitable method (or a combination) is used to advance a client's interest.

Track Electives (Select 3)

- Evidence, Litigation, & the Criminal Process
- Dealmaking & Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption
- International Moots 1
- International Moots 2
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Mediation Law & Practice
- Introduction to Civil Procedure
- Pre-trial Practice in Civil Litigation
- Professional Mediation Skills
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) & Institutional Arbitration

Law-related Elective (Select 1)

- Introduction to Psychology (SOSS)
- Law & Psychology

Law Capstone

- Dispute Resolution Advocacy (SMU-X)

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

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.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Law 1 • Criminal Law • Legal Research & Writing 1 • The Singapore Legal System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law of Property • Comparative Legal Systems
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law-related Elective • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*]
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service [*]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [*]
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Law 2 • Law of Torts • Legal Research & Writing 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional & Administrative Law • Corporate Law
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law-related Elective • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*]
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service [*]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [*]

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Theory & Philosophy • Law of Evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 X Law Electives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X Law Electives • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*]
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [*]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [*]
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Conflict of Laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law of Equity & Trusts • Law Capstone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X Law Electives • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X Law Electives • SMU Core Curriculum Courses and/or Free Electives[*]
VACATION	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [*]	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship [*]

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.

9 **GLOBAL EXPOSURE**

SMU students are guaranteed to broaden their horizons through at least one global experience, such as an international exchange, an overseas internship, a law study mission, or even an international competition.

The Americas

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

Europe

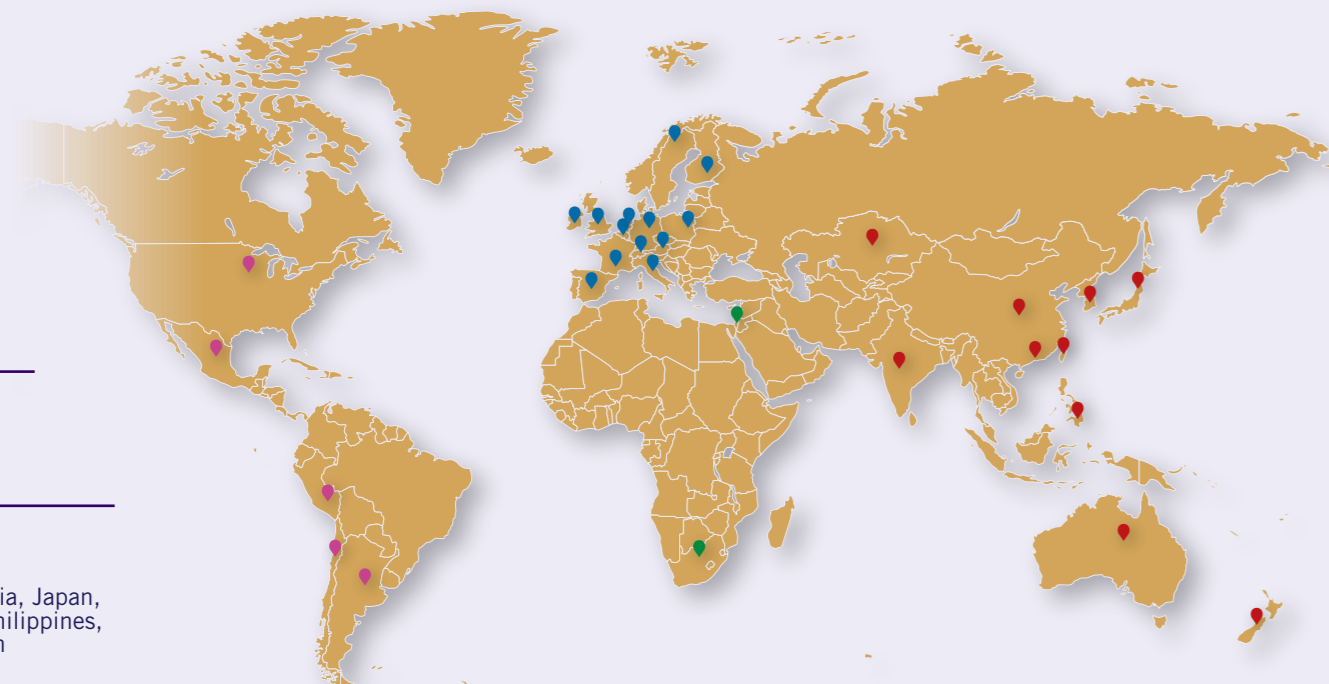
Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

Middle East and Africa

Israel and South Africa

Asia Pacific and Central Asia

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



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

We are the first Asian law school to be part of the THEMIS network, which allows outstanding undergraduates from our school to go on exchange and undertake master's level courses in selected partner institutions.



LAW STUDY MISSION

Through Law Study Mission courses, students gain a deeper understanding of other countries' legal systems, business environments, and cultures through organised tours to law firms, legal institutions, governmental agencies and businesses.

TEACHING EXPERTISE FROM AROUND 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.

SINGAPORE-SWITZERLAND-SYDNEY

- By *Rei Tan Jing Yi*

Both experiences broadened my perspectives and helped me towards my goal of becoming an all-rounded cross-border lawyer, allowed me to connect with friends from around the world, and taught me valuable life lessons...

Rei Tan Jing Yi
Year 4 LLB Student



What made you decide on an exchange programme in Australia?

I was curious to personally experience Australia's rich common law heritage which has an influence on Singapore law. I chose the University of Sydney ('UniSyd') as my exchange destination due to its emphasis on international law and its diversity in its modules offered.

How did you prepare for your exchange?

As I would be living overseas for an extended period of time for the first time, I picked up life skills such as cooking and did research on logistical matters such as local transportation, amenities, and accommodation. I decided on staying at the student dormitory - UniSyd's Queen Mary Building, as this would give me a first-hand insight into UniSyd's rich student life and allow me to connect with other students studying there.

What classes did you undertake while at UniSyd?

I chose Restitution and Unjust Enrichment and International Commercial Arbitration as I was curious about how these modules are taught through the Australian perspective since SMU offers similar modules.

My other two modules were International Human Rights Law and Introduction to Islamic Law which are modules unique to UniSyd. I was able to bring a Singaporean perspective to the Australian table and apply what I learnt in my family law elective to write a comparative research paper on the respective Islamic family laws of Singapore and Australia.

What were your key cultural and social takeaways from your exchange?

I explored three different areas which featured different perspectives of Australia - Sydney (city life), Canberra (the administrative capital) and Tasmania (the exotic rural life). Next, I was able to connect with Aboriginal culture and understand the origins behind Australia's tradition of paying respects to the Traditional Owners of the land. Lastly, I experienced the beautiful landscape of Australia - its pristine beaches, farms and wildlife sanctuaries - and went on countless hikes in world-famous national parks such as the Blue Mountains.

Living independently taught me important life skills and challenged me beyond my comfort zone as an introvert. It was a unique experience interacting with students studying other courses as I was able to hear their first-hand insights, their passion and their challenges with respect to their major, and even travel around Sydney with these groups of people.



How have this and other SMU Global Exposure experiences benefited you?

In 2022, before my exchange programme, I was privileged to travel to Switzerland to participate in the John H Jackson Moot Competition (about World Trade Organisation law) and carry on SMU's strong mootng legacy. I had the chance to compete at the World Trade Organisation headquarters in Geneva and hone my legal instincts against the sharpest legal minds across the world.

Both experiences broadened my perspectives and helped me towards my goal of becoming an all-rounded cross-border lawyer, allowed me to connect with friends from around the world, and taught me valuable life lessons such as independent living and working, collaboration and supporting my team members.

PRO BONO

At the Yong Pung How School of Law, students perform legal community service pro bono publico (for the public good). Through our pro bono programme, students learn that the practice of law is a calling that brings with it opportunities to serve the community using their skills and knowledge. They appreciate the differences between theory and practice, and develop knowledge, skills, ethics, and professionalism to become lawyers better at serving both their clients and society more broadly.



INTERNSHIPS

Through internships, students learn about the practical workings of the legal system from a variety of perspectives. Students can intern at law firms and legal departments of corporations, banks, and so on, or with agencies such as ministries, the Attorney-General's Chambers, or the State Courts – or any combination of these.

**Scan to view
our Internship
Partners**

I am privileged to serve as a Student Leader overseeing the smooth operation of the SMU Pro Bono Centre (SMU PBC)'s legal clinic. The role is filled with much learning and enrichment. Interacting closely with applicants for legal help, volunteer lawyers, SMU PBC staff, and fellow student volunteers has enabled me to gain a sound understanding of the key administrative work that is vital to the operation of the legal clinic.

There is no shortage of pro bono opportunities to suit any students' interests. I am fortunate to have explored many different pro bono placements and initiatives thus far. These include serving as a student volunteer at Pro Bono SG and the Community Justice Centre. I have also had the privilege of serving as a Legal Fellow at Justice Without Borders, an NGO focused on facilitating access to justice for regional migrant worker communities.

What are your memorable moments from the pro bono activities you've done so far?

I worked with a fellow student, under the supervision of SMU PBC's advisors, to provide a Legal Awareness Talk on the Mental Capacity Act, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Deputyship to doctors at KK Women's and Children's Hospital. We addressed practical realities that doctors face when they sometimes encounter legal challenges in assisting patients who may lack mental capacity.

I felt myself making a genuine difference in improving the lives of the wider community in my capacity as a law student. This had been one of the pro bono placements that signalled a turning point for me in my attitude towards advancing access to justice, and is an experience I am very grateful for.

Any advice to incoming freshmen looking to undertake pro bono activities?

Explore the myriad of opportunities during your time at YPHSL. Whether you are participating in pre-existing placements, or even initiating your own projects you are passionate about, the SMU PBC staff are very passionate and genuine about the pro bono cause, and are extremely supportive of students in their ambitions to advance access to justice. Explore with an open mind and compassionate heart, and enjoy the process!



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Natalia Mai Do Ngoc
Year 3 LLB Student

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INTERNATIONAL MOOTS AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITIONS

Our students have unparalleled opportunities to participate in regional and international competitions, and have consistently produced world-class results. Under the Ian R Taylor International Moots Programme – which is also supported by leading firms WongPartnership and Providence Law Asia – around 100 students a year are able to participate in moot court (a simulation of court or arbitration proceedings) and alternative dispute resolution competitions. Recent achievements include:



JESSUP MOOT
(International Law)
Reached the championship final in 2013, 2014, and 2022

The Jessup Moot is the world's largest, oldest, and most prestigious moot



VIS MOOT
(International Commercial Arbitration)
Reached the championship final in 2015, 2016, and 2021

The Vis Moot is the world's biggest arbitration moot



VIS EAST MOOT
(International Commercial Arbitration)
Won in 2015 and 2022

SMU holds the tournament record for most wins in the Vis East



PRICE MOOT
(Media Law)
Won in 2010, 2016, 2017, and 2020

SMU is the first ever university to successfully defend the Price Moot championship



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT MOOT
Won in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2021

Held at The Hague, this is the world's largest moot on international criminal law



FRANKFURT MOOT
Won in 2017 and 2022

This is the oldest moot on international investment protection



CONSENSUAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITION VIENNA
Reached the championship final in 2022

This is a competition in which students simulate resolving legal problems through negotiation and mediation



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES (NUJS) MEDIATION COMPETITION (NEGOTIATION SEGMENT)
Won in 2021



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PODIUM FINISHES IN INTERNATIONAL MOOTS SINCE 2010
more than any other university



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LAWASIA WINS SINCE 2009
Tournament Record



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ASIA CUP WINS SINCE 2010

YOUNGEST EVER UNIVERSITY TO WIN

- NELSON MANDELA WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT
- RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT
- VICTOR PERERA ARBITRATION MOOT
- PAX PRIVATE LAW MOOT

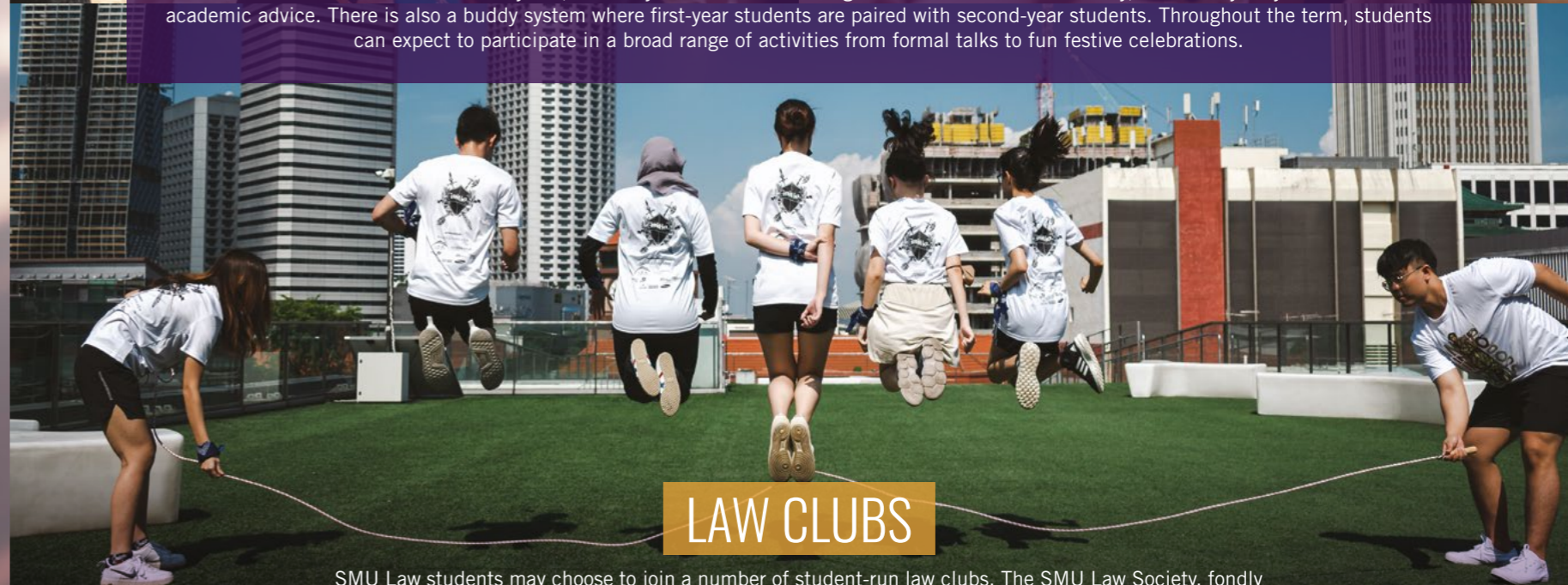
IN THE HEART OF ACTION

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

SMU Law 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.

- SMU Law Society 'The Bar' • Corporate & Commercial Law Club • SMU Sports & Recreation Club – SPARC
- SMU Law International Relations Club • SMU Lexicon • Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice Club • Moot Court Club
- Legal Innovation & Technology (LIT) Club • SMU Law Outreach Club • SMU Mediation & Negotiation Club


A SECURE & PROMISING CAREER PATHWAY AWAITS

The achievement of our graduates is the best testament to the effectiveness and quality of the education we provide here at the Yong Pung How School of Law. Since our first cohort of students graduated 12 years ago, many alumni have gone on to make their mark in the legal profession, industry and academia. Alumni from our pioneer cohorts have been appointed partners in esteemed law firms, while others have 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 INTELLLEX and Regall).

We are proud to say that our young graduates have continuously punched well above their weight – they are highly sought after, well-placed, and competitively remunerated. Year after year, our graduates are significantly represented on the prestigious Justices' Law Clerk programme in the Supreme Court. A number of our graduates have gone on to pursue postgraduate studies in world-renowned institutions such as Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge.



Our graduates have consistently attained close to full employment soon after graduation, with some of the highest starting salaries. The **2022 Graduate Employment Survey** published by the Ministry of Education in February 2023 shows that our graduates from the Class of 2021, who have recently completed their Bar exams and training contract, enjoyed an overall employment rate of **94.1%**, drawing a mean gross salary of up to **\$6,429**. This is a testament to the quality of our graduates and shows that our education approach fits market demands.



Our graduates enjoyed an **OVERALL EMPLOYMENT RATE of 94.1%**



Our graduates drew a **MEAN GROSS MONTHLY SALARY** of up to **\$6,429**

OUR ALUMNI

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

opportunities. Despite hectic schedules, many of our alumni readily return to volunteer in school events, such as sessions where they share their experience and provide tips to current students. 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.

With an alumni network numbering more than a thousand people and growing steadily, current students benefit from networking and job



CHANG WEN YEE '22 was part of the team that led SMU to its third championship final appearance in the Jessup Moot, the world's most prestigious international moot competition. She was also ranked second worldwide for Best Oralist. She is now a Justices' Law Clerk with the Supreme Court. The JLC scheme is only open to the very best law students; JLCs assist judges with research relating to complex or novel cases.

NGUYEN SINH VUONG '19 has been a trailblazer for the Vietnamese community in many ways. Shortly after graduating as valedictorian, he was accepted into the LLM programme at Harvard University. There, he also serves as an editor for the Harvard International Law Journal.



DEYA DUBEY '14 is a partner at the Energy, Projects, and Construction Practice at WongPartnership, one of the major law firms in Singapore. He is also one of the world's most successful moot coaches, having coached SMU teams to six championship finals at the Vis Moots, which are the largest competitions for international commercial arbitration.

DIOR LIN '11 graduated with a double degree in law and business management. She is now a partner in Linklaters, a Magic Circle firm. There, she specialises in advising banks and credit funds on financing and structured lending, and regularly acts for major financial institutions.



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