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The Little Red Dot



Shopping



Changi Airport



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SUMMER ALL YEAR ROUND



Government & Institutions

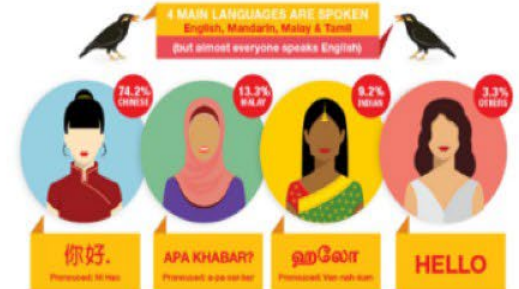


Education



"Fine" City

MANY CULTURES, ONE NATION



Multi-racial society



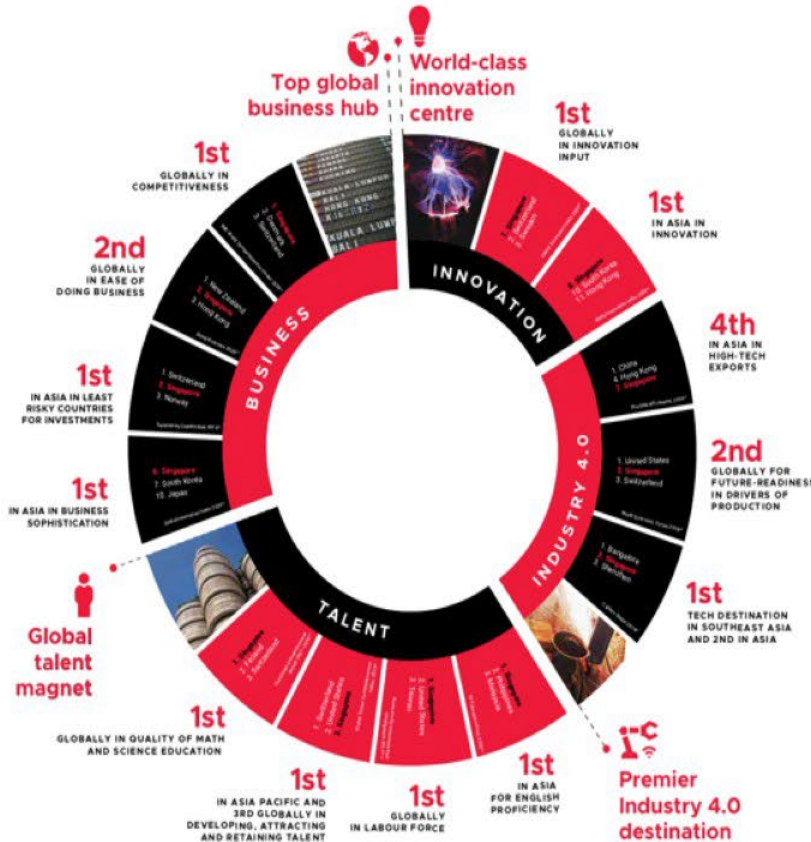
Modern and Cosmopolitan City



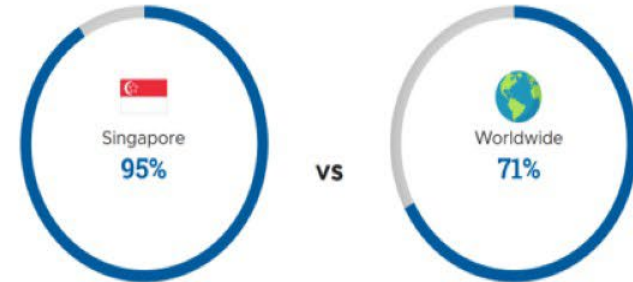
Singapore Updates

SINGAPORE'S
WORLD-CLASS
CAPABILITIES
KEEP YOUR
BUSINESS AHEAD
OF THE CURVE

Here's how we measure up.



Percentage of people who feel safe walking alone at night



Source: Gallup, 2022 Global Law and Order Report (Gallup World Poll)

Key Figures

Asia's premier global city university
 At the nexus of management, social sciences and technology
 Driving innovations, transcending boundaries, transforming lives



Undergraduates

10,137

*10% international
from 34 countries*

Postgraduates

3,416

*62% international
from 48 countries*

Full-time Faculty

436

*37% international
from 32 nationalities*

Undergraduate
Programmes

11

Professional Master
Programmes

18

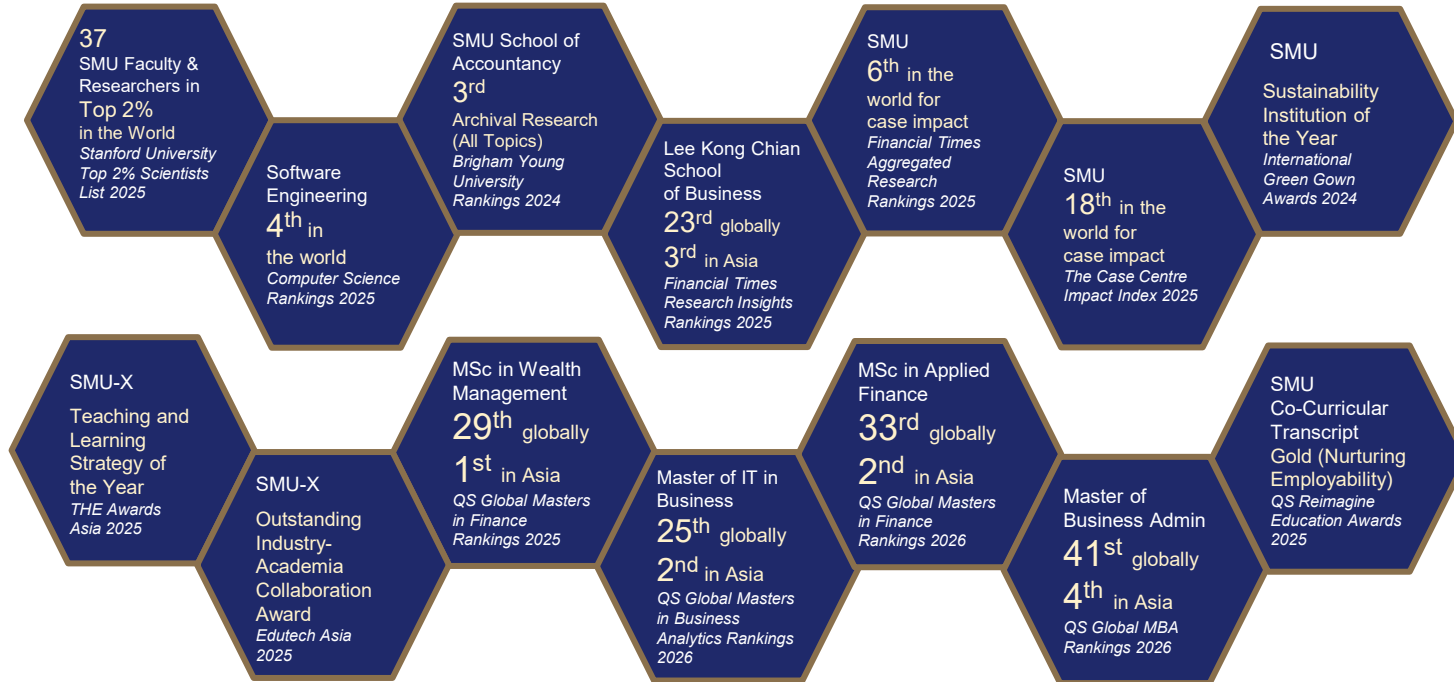
Doctoral
Programmes

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≈ 42,000

Alumni

Global Recognition



Global
Recognition



Interactive
Pedagogy



Innovative
Curriculum

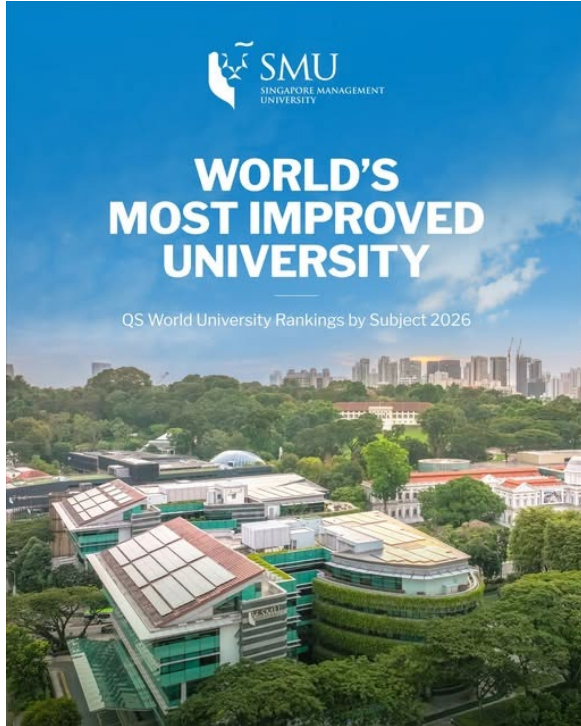


Networking &
Career
Opportunities

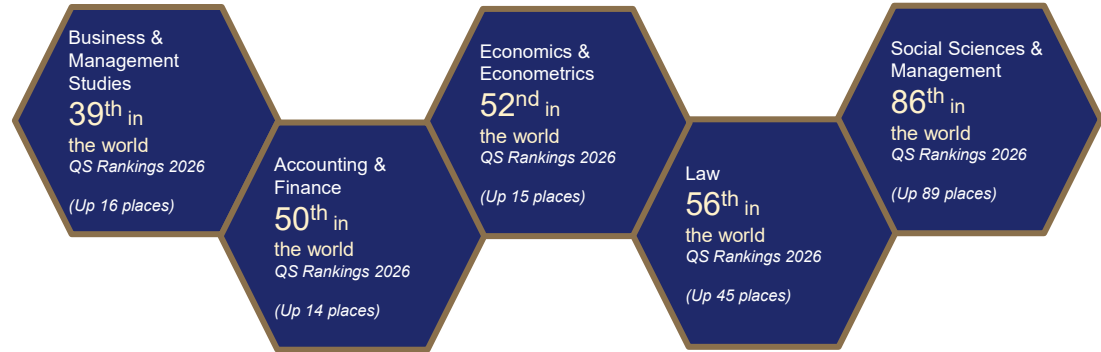


City Campus

Global Recognition



World's most improved university in QS Subject Rankings 2026



Diverse student population

42 Nationalities

- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Russian Federation
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

- Brazil
- Dominican Republic
- United States of America

- Egypt
- Mauritania
- Tunisia

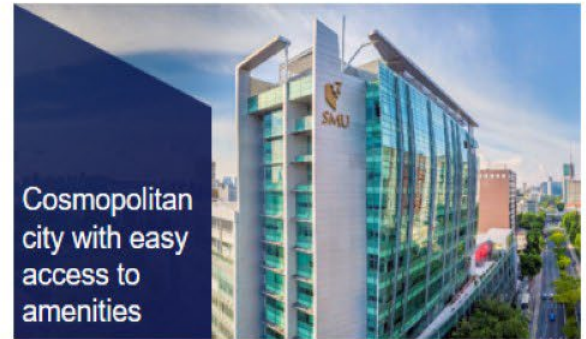
- Cambodia
- China
- Hong Kong SAR
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Lebanon
- Macao SAR
- Maldives
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam

- Fiji

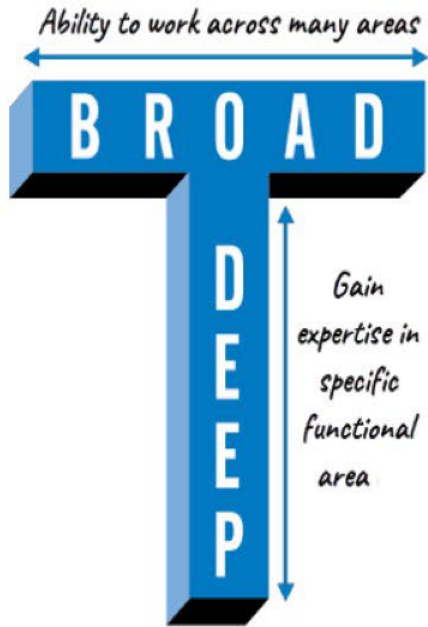
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SMU Masters



CEMBA* Chinese Executive Master of Business Administration	EMBA* Executive Master of Business Administration	MBA* Master of Business Administration	MIM MSc in Management	
MWM* MSc in Wealth Management	MAF MSc in Applied Finance	MQF MSc in Quantitative Finance	MEI MSc in Entrepreneurship & Innovation	MBAI MSc in Business AI
MPA Master of Professional Accounting	MSA MSc in Accounting	MSE MSc in Economics	MSFE MSc in Financial Economics	MDSE Master of Data Science in Economics
JD Juris Doctor	LLM* Master of Laws	MITB Master of Information Technology in Business	MST Master of Sustainability	

*Post-experience programmes



Global Recognition



Interactive Pedagogy



Innovative Curriculum



Networking & Career Opportunities



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SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

School of Economics



Master of Science in Economics (MSE)

Master of Science in Financial Economics (MSFE)

Master of Data Science in Economics (MDSE)

School of Economics

51 full-time
faculty

Est.
2002

Cover ALL
economics
topics

Current
students
1,000+

A Leading School of Econometrics
Research in Asia

1st in ASIA |
14th WORLDWIDE

For Econometric Research in the
Tilburg University Economics
Schools Research Ranking based on
contributions from 2020-2024



2nd in
SINGAPORE

For Economic Research in the
Tilburg University Economics
Schools Research Ranking based on
contributions from 2020-2024

Top 100 Worldwide
Economics School



Top 100
WORLDWIDE



in QS Economics & Econometrics
Ranking 2025

Renowned Faculty from Top Tier Institutions



JIA LI

Dean, School of Economics

Lee Kong Chian Professor of Economics



Our Faculty Serving at Editorial Board for 30+ Economics Journals



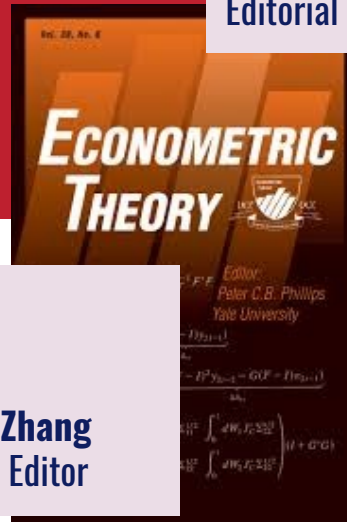
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Our programmes

NEW!

Master of Science in Economics (MSE)

Applied Economics Track

Econometrics & Quantitative Economics Track

Strong Foundation in Economics

- Covers key areas of economics
- Emphasis on theory and real-world applications

Rigorous Economic Training

- Develops structured and analytical thinking
- Builds depth and breadth of knowledge

Industry Relevance

- Skills applicable across multiple industries
- Focus on interpreting economic/industrial data

Master of Science in Financial Economics (MSFE)

Combined Economics and Finance Focus

- Integrates both disciplines into one program
- Builds strong foundational knowledge

Financial Analysis Skills

- Training in tools for financial and economic analysis
- Emphasis on understanding financial data

Specialized learning

- Offers relevant finance-focused electives

Master of Data Science in Economics (MDSE)

Data Science & Econometrics Integration

- Integrates machine learning/AI with econometrics
- Built for large-scale data analysis

Big Data & Technical Skills

- Emphasis on big data tools and cloud platforms
- Focus on complex data handling

Industry-Oriented Learning

- Portfolio-driven, industry-oriented learning
- Input from experienced data scientists

Curriculum & Graduation Requirement

The MSE/MSFE/MDSE is a 15-course unit (CU) programme with internship opportunities.

Foundation

MSE/MSFE - 3CU
MDSE - 2CU

Core

MSE - 3CU
MSFE - 6CU
MDSE - 6CU

Track Electives

MSE - 5CU
MSFE - 3CU
MDSE - 3CU

Open

MSE - 3CU
MSFE - 2CU
MDSE - 3CU

PGPD

1CU

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 15 CU
- Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.50 out of 4.00
- By maximum candidature of 2.25 years (full-time), or 3.75 years (part-time)

Master of Science in Economics (MSE)		Master of Science in Financial Economics (MSE F)	
	Applied Economics Track	Econometrics and Quantitative Track	
3CU Foundation	Principles of Economics Probability and Statistics Mathematics for Economics		3CU Foundation
3CU Core	Financial Econometrics Macroeconomic Analysis Microeconomic Analysis	Corporate Finance Econometric Analysis Empirical Finance Financial Econometrics Macroeconomic Analysis Microeconomics Analysis	6CU Core
5CU Elective	Health Economics Money, Banking, and International Finance Macroeconomics Accounts and Public Finance Economics of Growth, Poverty and Inequality Politics, Institutions, and Economics International Trade: Theory and Policy Behavioural Economics Infrastructure Economics and Policy Environmental Economics Economics of Competition Law Spatial Econometrics and Data Analysis	Spatial Econometrics and Data Analysis Time Series Econometrics Data Sampling Panel Econometrics and Data Analysis Machine Learning in Economics and Finance Financial Econometrics Continuous Time Financial Economics and Econometrics Mathematical Methods for Economic Dynamics Advanced Microeconomic Analysis Empirical Industrial Economics Macroeconomics 1 ^{PhD} Selection of PhD Advanced Research Topics (ARTs)	Alternative Investments and Distribution Blockchain, Cryptocurrency & Web 3.0: Practical Applications & Economic Significance Continuous Time Financial Economics and Econometrics High Frequency Trading Machine Learning in Economics and Finance Mathematics for Fixed Income and Derivative Securities Portfolio Risk and Performance Analysis
3CU Open	Internship / Capstone Project (1CU) a course from MSFE/MSE electives pre-approved elective from other SMU Master programmes		2CU Open
1CU Postgraduate Professional Development	Select 4 workshop topics during the study period People Organizations Technology Career Skills		1CU Postgraduate Professional Development

Not all elective courses are available every year, and course titles and content are subject to change, with new courses added from time to time.

Master of Data Science in Economics

2CU Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Probability for Data Science• Statistical Learning
6CU Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analytics for Economics• Statistics for Data Science• Machine Learning for Economics• Databases for Economics• Applied Causal Inference• Time Series Econometrics
3CU Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Machine Learning for Economics • Multimodal Data Analytics for Economics • Topics in Data Science for Economics • Big Data Analytics for Economics • Cloud Computing for Economics • Complex Networks• Spatial Econometrics and Data Analysis • Panel Econometrics and Data Analysis• High Frequency Trading • Tech Economics
3CU Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to three pre-approved electives from other SMU Master programmes (1 CU per elective)• 10- to 20-week internship (1–2 CUs) / Capstone project (1 CU)
1CU Postgraduate Professional Development course	<p>4 full-day workshops from the four categories:</p> <p>People Organizations Technology Career Skills</p>

Two Intakes: Jan & Aug

January & August

Foundation

Core, Electives, Open, PGPD

- Full-time: open to all students. International students who need a student visa are only eligible for the full-time mode of study.
- Part-time: open to Singaporeans, Singapore Permanent Residents, and Foreigners with a valid employment or dependant's pass.

Course Duration

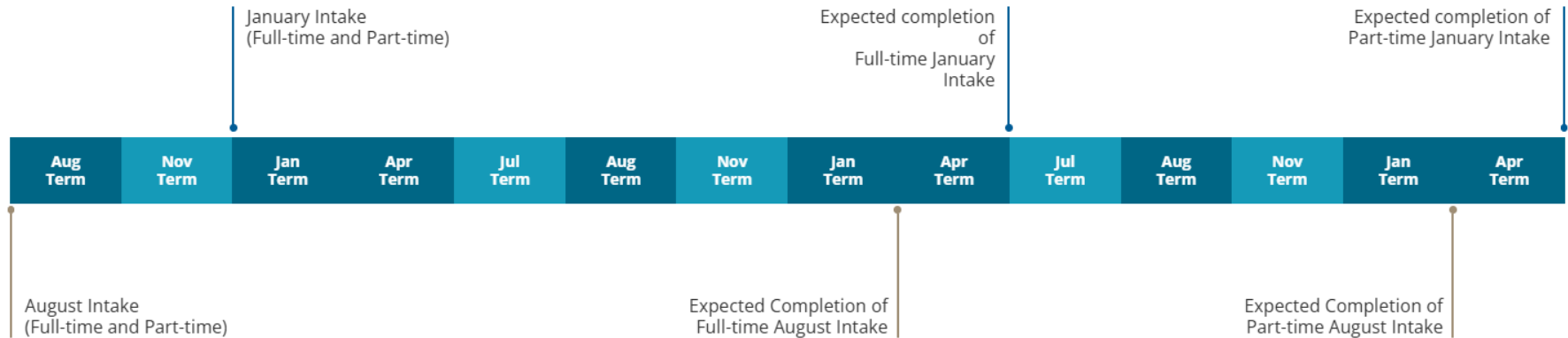
18 months full-time | 30 months part-time

*with option to complete

12 months full-time | 24 months part-time

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Programme Structure



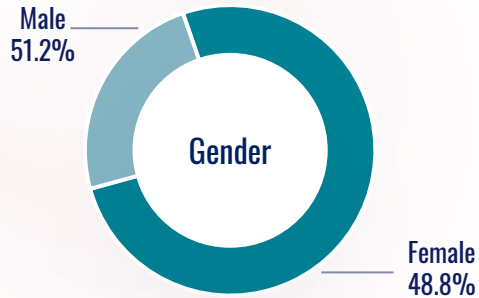
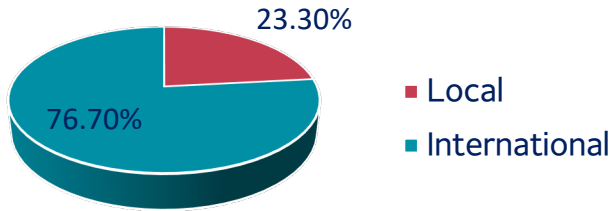
August, January, and April terms are regular 12 week terms.

November and July are optional 5-week terms.

- **Students may graduate as soon as graduation requirements are met, which may be before the expected completion dates indicated above.**
- **Maximum candidature is 2.25 years for full-time student, and 3.75 years for part-time students.**
- **Part-time students take 1-3 CU per regular term (Aug/Jan/Apr). Full-time students take 3-4 CU per regular term.**

Class 2024 Student Profile

SMU SoE welcome a total of **86** students in Class 2024 last year.



Average Language Score

IELTS 6.5 TOFEL 105

Average GPA

3.0/4.0 70/100

Institutions



University of Victoria

Career Opportunities

MSE

- Economic analysts
- Industry practitioners

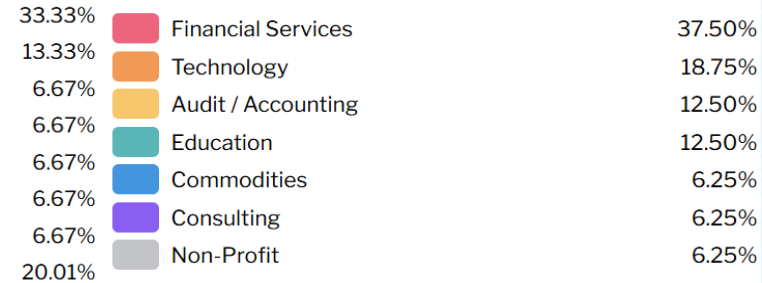
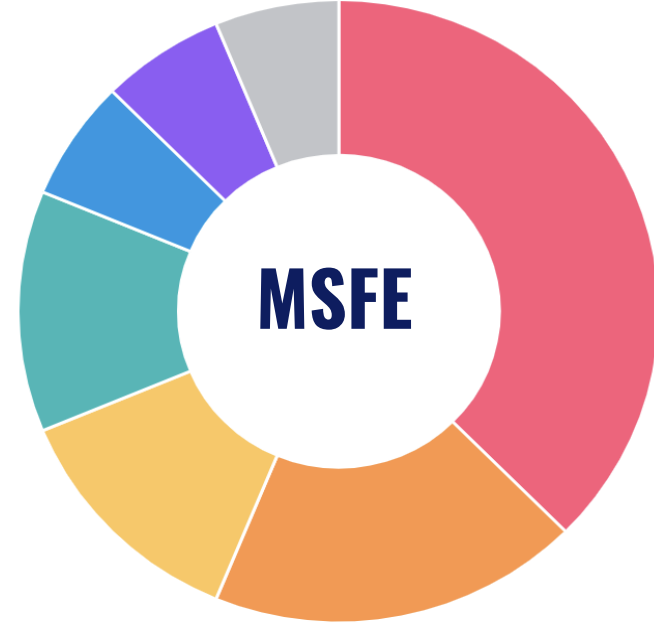
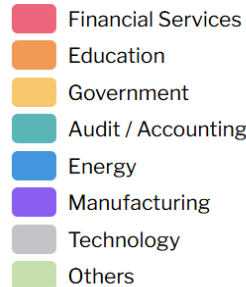
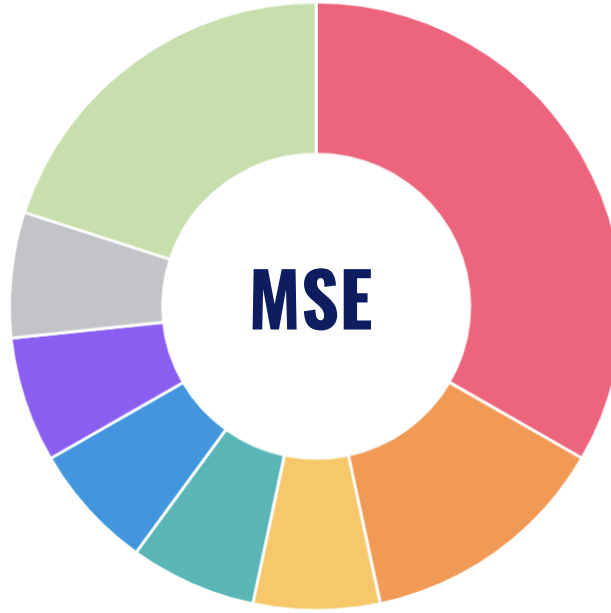
MSFE

- Financial analysts

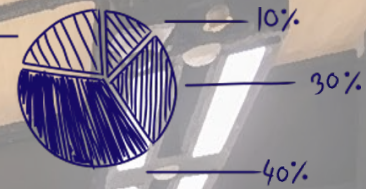
MDSE

- Opportunities across finance, government, tech, healthcare, consulting, and telecom

Graduate Profile



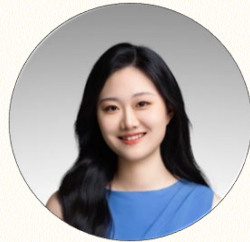
Our Alumni



**Financial Advisor
Maybank Singapore**

ZHU Zhaolin

Master of Science in
Financial Economics (MSFE)
SMU Alumnus Class of
2024



**Chief Representative
TC Group (Singapore)**

YU Hongze

Master of Science in
Financial Economics (MSFE)
SMU Alumnus Class of
2025



**Analyst
S&P Global**

CHUA Weijun

Master of Science in
Economics (MSE)
SMU Alumnus Class of 2025



**Associate Director
Global Asia Insurance
Partnership**

LEI Yao

Master of Science in
Economics (MSE)
SMU Alumnus Class of 2022

Employment Pass COMPASS Framework

Individual attributes Firm-related attributes

Foundational Criteria

Earn up to 20 points per criterion

C1. Salary
Relative to local PMET salary norms for sector

C3. Diversity
Whether candidate improves nationality diversity in firm

C2. Qualifications
Based on candidate's qualifications

C4. Support for Local Employment
Based on local PMET share relative to industry peers

Bonus Criteria

Earn up to 20 points

C5. Skills Bonus
For candidate in job where skills shortages exist

Earn up to 10 points

C6. Strategic Economic Priorities Bonus
For partnership with Government on ambitious investment, innovation, internationalisation, or company and workforce transformation activities

Points can be earned as follows:

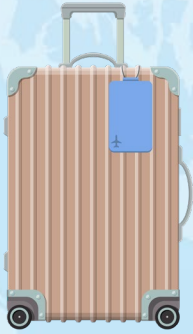
Top-tier institutions (20 points):

- Top 100 universities according to the QS World University Rankings, along with other highly-regarded universities in Asia. Singapore's Autonomous Universities.
- Institutions highly recognized in a specific field, endorsed by a relevant agency.

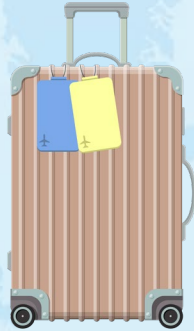
40 points
required
to pass
COMPASS

S/N	SOL Occupation
AgriTech	
1	Alternative protein food application scientist
2	Novel food biotechnologist
Financial Services	
3	Financial/investment adviser (ultra-high/high net worth, family office & philanthropy)
Green Economy	
4	Carbon project/program manager
5	Carbon standards and methodology analyst
6	Carbon trader
7	Carbon verification and audit specialist
Healthcare	
8	Clinical psychologist
9	Diagnostic radiographer
10	Occupational therapist
11	Physiotherapist
12	Registered nurse
Infocomm Technology	
13	AI scientist/engineer
14	Applications/systems programmer
15	Cloud specialist
16	Cyber risk specialist
17	Cybersecurity architect
18	Cybersecurity operations specialist
19	Data scientist
20	Digital forensics specialist
21	Penetration testing specialist
22	Product manager (digital)
23	Software and applications manager (technical lead/supervisor)
24	Software developer
25	Web and mobile applications developer
Maritime	
26	Marine superintendent
27	Marine technical superintendent

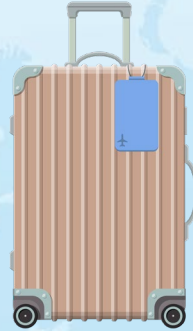
Foreign Exchange @ SoE Masters Programmes



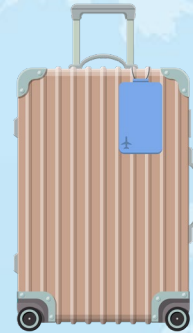
Hec Paris
France



Aix Marseille
France



Bocconi University
Italy



IE University
Spain

100%
optional

Admission Requirements



GRE/GMAT/SMU AT

Waived for students from SG Public Universities with a cGPA > 3.5/5, within 5 years of graduation



Language Score

IELTS: 6.5 and above
TOFEL: 90 and above



Other Documents

Personal Statements, CV,
2 referrals



Bachelor's Degree

Good Undergraduate
Degree



Programme Features

Rigorous Core

Renowned faculty team from top tier institutions



Curriculum

Flexible & Practical

Pedagogy



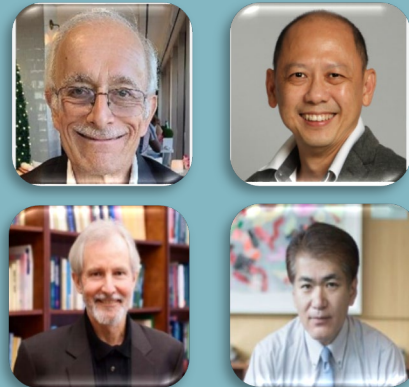
Job Market & Further Studies

Intern or
Capstone
Project?

It's your Choice !

Strong Mix

Policy practitioners,
Industry practitioners,
Visiting Faculty



Customized Career Support



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FOR REAL-WORLD ISSUES**



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Business & Policy**

**SMU-X
OVERSEAS**
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USA, Vietnam,
and more!



*Prof Tomoki
FUJII together
with GIC!*



Processes of Engagement Shape the Outcomes of Participation

- Socialization
 - The process is the pedagogy
 - Participants can learn empowered deliberation (Fung and Wright 2003) or participation without power (Lee, MacQuarrie, Walker 2018)
 - Trial contests
 - Capacity for independent problem solving requires free space, time, and a commitment to go
 - "Government isn't built" (Stevenson 2008)
- Legitimation
 - Determined by members

- 100% Seminar Style Teaching
- Small Class Size
- Faculty from more than 30 countries and cities



YOUR OWN CAREER COACH

How SMU Prepares You for Your Career

RIGHT
FROM DAY
ONE



Industry
Talks



Local/Overseas
Internships



Dedicated
Career
Coach



Career Skills
Workshops

Live Your Best Life in SMU!



more than
150
student clubs

SMU Student Hostel



Programme Fees

MSE: \$49,050

MSFE: \$54,500

MDSE: \$54,500

Roberto S. Mariano Best MSE Student Award

MSE/MSFE/MDSE Merit Scholarship

MSE/MSFE/MDSE Diversity Scholarship

SMU ASEAN PG Scholarship (for ASEAN students only)

MDSE DSA Distinguished Alumni Scholarship

\$8,000 off for
SMU Alumni

\$5,000 off for
SGP/SPR

\$3,000 off for
ASEAN students

Application Fee Waiver

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MSc in Economics (MSE)

- Applied Economics
- Econometrics and Quantitative Economics

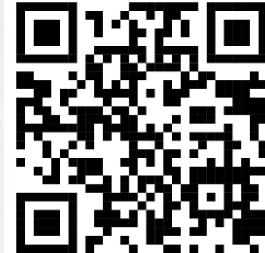
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