

### Nomination for Fall 2017 (Term 1, 2017 – 2018)



Students must be nominated to be considered as an international exchange applicant. Please complete the online nomination that will be provided by the SMU International Office programme managers.

Please provide the following details for each nominated student:

- Full Name (As reflected in Passport)  
*Full name is required for the application of Student's Pass. Please DO NOT give alias, short-form or nicknames.*
- Gender
- Nationality
- Date of Birth
- E-mail Address (valid and contactable e-mail address)
- Term of Exchange – Fall 2017 (1 semester) or Fall 2017 & Fall 2018 (2 semesters = 1 year)

Upon your nomination, students will be informed of the application procedures. Late applicants will not be entertained.

#### **Nomination deadline:**

For enrolment in Fall Semester: 5 March

#### **Application deadline:**

For enrolment in Fall Semester: 15 March

### Academic Calendar



All one-credit courses at SMU last for an entire term (13 weeks), with the rest (0.5-credit courses) being held over a period of half a term or for the full term. The period of exchange is usually one or two terms. Classes run intensively from Week 1 onwards.

#### **Fall Term/Term 1 = 21 August 2017 to 10 December 2017**

Recess week	= 9 October 2017 to 15 October 2017
Exam week	= 27 November 2017 to 10 December 2017

#### **Spring Term/Term 2 = 8 January 2018 to 29 April 2018**

Recess week	= 26 February 2018 – 4 March 2018
Exam week	= 16 April 2018 – 29 April 2018

#### **Summer Term**

Term 3A	= 30 April 2018 to 3 June 2018
Term 3B	= 18 June 2018 to 22 July 2018

For details and future dates, please visit

<https://inet.smu.edu.sg/sites/courses/Documents/Current%20or%20Future%20Academic%20Calendar/2017-2018/2017-18.pdf>

### Entry Requirements



Students must have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate studies and must continue to be registered as degree-seeking students at their home universities throughout their intended duration of exchange at SMU.

As the medium of instruction at SMU is English (except for language courses), students must be proficient in the English language in order to benefit from their studies at SMU. Students from non-English-medium institutions must fulfil at least one of the following:

- TOEFL score of at least:
  - 550 for the paper-based test; or
  - 213 for the computer-based test; or
  - 79 for the internet-based test
- IELTS result of at least 6.5; or
- any other English Language qualifications as determined by SMU.



**The minimum course load of 1 SMU credit per semester remains unchanged. On an exceptional basis, students may register for a course load of 5 SMU credits per semester, with a formal request from the home coordinator.**

Each full-credit course at SMU carries a weightage of 1 credit. It consists of 3 contact hours per week over a period of 13 teaching weeks (i.e. 39 contact hours). A half-credit course has a total of 21 contact hours per term.

For each course, there will either be:

- One session of 3 hrs per week; or
- 2 sessions of 1 ½ hours each per week.

All full-credit courses run for one academic term. There are 15 weeks in each term, consisting of 13 weeks of seminars (39 hours of classes), one recess week and one examination week. Recess week is used by local students for group work and/or preparation for assignments. International Exchange Students will have to participate in group work as well.

Students are also expected to spend 6 -12 hours per week per course for self-study and class preparation.

All dates of exams are displayed in the course catalogue and are fixed.

*(Dates are set to take into account Seasonal/Religious holidays in Singapore and will not be changed to accommodate holidays from other countries)*

Assessments can include but are not limited to:

- **Class Participation:** Although some classes do not list attendance as a mandatory requirement, missing classes will affect your grades and the grades of group members.
- **Individual Project:** Reports, Homework, Essays, etc.
- **Group Project:** Students will be involved in group work with local SMU students and attendance may affect their performance. Some group work preparations may take place during the recess week. When enrolling for courses, international exchange students need to consider this.
- **Presentation (Individual/Group):** SMU is a strong supporter of empowering students and encouraging them to be vocal in class. Most courses require either an individual presentation and/or a group presentation. As English is the main language of instruction in SMU, students need to be able to converse confidently and clearly.
- **Mid-term test:** Some courses may include a Mid-term test. Usually stated in the course out-line. It will be conducted during week 7 or 9.
- **Final examination:** Not all courses have a final examination. Please refer to the course catalogue and course outline for details.

*Example:*

*(a) Class participation: 20%*

*(b) Individual project: 15%*

*(c) Group project: 10% presentation, 25% report*

*(d) Final examination (two hours, closed book): 30%*

Only undergraduate programmes/schools (Accountancy, Business, Economics, Information Systems, Law, Social Sciences) are open to exchange students. A list of courses available for exchange students will be sent to applicants about two weeks before course registration. **There is no guarantee on course availability. Students should exercise flexibility with alternative courses.**

Postgraduate courses are not open to exchange students and graduate students may only take undergraduate courses.

### Areas of concentration

- Arts and Language
- Accountancy
- Corporate Communication
- Economics and Statistics
- Finance
- Information Systems
- Law and Legal Studies
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Organisational Behaviour and Human Resources
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Quantitative Finance
- Sociology
- Strategic Management
- Science and Technology

To view the course catalogue and course descriptions for a specific semester, please visit: Undergraduate Student Information (<https://inet.smu.edu.sg/sites/courses>) - Course Catalogue Class Search -> select the term searching for and Courses with sections offered -> select the corresponding letter of the course name -> view class section -> course outline (More information about the courses can be obtained in the course outline).

To assist students with their planning, the previous year's term course list (Fall 2016/17) is provided at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9q8rl2fjz37mabw/FINAL%20Course%20List%20For%20Exchange%20Students%20Fall%202016.xls?dl=0>

### Prerequisites

Some courses require students to fulfil prerequisites before reading. The prerequisites are listed in the online course catalogue.

If students have done similar prerequisites in their home university, they should check with the SMU course instructors if they will accept these prerequisites.

Prerequisites may be checked by the SMU course instructors during the first week of the term. Students should prepare a course outline (in English) of the courses they have taken that meet the prerequisite for the SMU course instructor's review.

Students may contact the course instructors to enquire if they fulfil the prerequisites. A list of the instructors is available via the [Faculty Directory](#) at the SMU website.

## Grading



SMU adopts a 4-point grading system. The following grade notations are used in calculating the Grade Point Average (GPA), which is the quotient of total grade points divided by total course units attempted:

Grade	Grade Point	Mark Range	Grade	Grade Point	Mark Range
A+	4.3	86 and above	C+	2.3	66 to 69
A	4.0	83 to 85	C	2.0	63 to 65
A-	3.7	80 to 82	C-	1.7	60 to 62
B+	3.3	77 to 79	D+	1.3	53 to 59
B	3.0	74 to 76	D	1.0	50 to 52
B-	2.7	70 to 73	F	0.0	49 and below

## Class Attendance



Students are expected to attend all classes. In all courses, the instructor will determine the acceptable level of attendance. If, in the opinion of the instructor, students have been absent excessively, students may be given a grade of "F". If students receive a grade of "F" for absences during the term, they will be excluded immediately from the course. Students should also bear in mind that class participation is an important aspect of the University's assessment system.

To actively participate in classes, physical presence is required (unless stated by the course instructor). Missing a class means forfeiting opportunities to contribute to discussions and activities. As a result, every missed session, with the exception of an "Excused Absence", erodes the class participation grade.

If students are skipping classes because of a medical condition or feeling unwell, they are required to present a medical certificate (MC) from a certified medical clinic/hospital to the instructor. If students are skipping classes for an extended period (for example 2 weeks or longer), and attempts by the instructor/ school/ SMU International Office to contact students (eg. via official email, phone) are unsuccessful, they are liable to have their student registration status terminated. Accordingly, students will be withdrawn from the exchange programme.

## Estimated Expenses



Living conditions in Singapore are amongst the best in Asia with state-of-the-art facilities for education, shopping, sports and recreation. Singapore has one of the highest living standards in South East Asia. Below are estimates of how much is required during your stay in Singapore. They do not include tuition fees and travel expenses from your home country to Singapore.

Exchange students can expect to spend approximately S\$7500 – S\$9000 per term (including housing rental).

### Estimated monthly expenses

- Accommodation: S\$900 - S\$1800 (assuming three to four students share a private apartment)
- Food: S\$300 - S\$500
- Local transportation: S\$100 - S\$150
- Telecommunications: From S\$30 (varies with usage and packages subscribed)
- Books and stationery: S\$30 - S\$100
- Personal expenses: S\$100 - S\$300

Students are required to pay a compulsory Miscellaneous Fees of approximately S\$250. This includes insurance coverage, IT services and sports facilities fees. The miscellaneous fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

## Visa and Study Permits



Exchange students studying in SMU are required to apply for a Student Pass prior to arrival in Singapore.

Upon arrival in Singapore, students will be granted a Social Visit Pass stamp in their passport or Disembarkation/ Embarkation card. This allows them to stay for at least 30 days in Singapore. Before expiry of the entry visa, they must collect their Student Pass from the immigration office.

The SMU will apply for the Student Pass on behalf of students before their arrival. Please refer to the Singapore [Immigration and Checkpoints Authority's](http://www.ica.gov.sg/) website (<http://www.ica.gov.sg/>) for more information about visas and immigration matters.

## Accommodation



The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the Singapore government body which regulates private housing, has strict guidelines on short-term rentals. Short-term rentals with lease periods of less than six months are not allowed (<https://www.ura.gov.sg/uol/buy-property/about/leasing/residential.aspx>).

Below you will find information on the SMU hostel and hostels in the SMU vicinity.

### Yo:Ha @ Pearl's Hill

SMU has leased several apartments on a single floor from a private hostel operator at a complex called Yo:Ha @ Pearl's Hill. More information on Yo:Ha @ Pearl's Hill can be found [here](#). The apartments at Yo:Ha @ Pearl's Hill are either twin or quad sharing. Each apartment also has a living area, kitchen, and bathroom. Yo:Ha @ Pearl's Hill is located in Chinatown and is conveniently situated near many eateries and public transport.

### CSL Selegie

CSL Selegie is a student hostel within walking distance of SMU. It offers single, twin, triple, and quadruple-share rooms. Bathrooms and toilets are shared facilities for all residents on the same floor. The hostel is surrounded by a variety of eateries to meet any budget and a supermarket. It is well-connected by public transport. More details can be found via their [website](#).

### Homestead Hostel

Homestead Halls is a hostel operation catering only to international students. It has two locations – Tessensohn Hall and Serangoon. Both hostels provide a daily breakfast, high-speed internet, cable TV, and laundry facilities. Find out more at [www.homesteadhalls.com](http://www.homesteadhalls.com).

### Novena Hall

Novena Hall is a students' hostel located in the heart of Newton and a stone's throw away from the Novena MRT at Novena Mall. The hostel is about 5 minutes from Orchard Road by MRT and about 20 minutes from SMU. For more information, visit <http://www.novenahall.com.sg/>

The information provided serves only as a guide. SMU does not endorse or recommend any of the accommodation options and any agreement made is between the tenant and proprietor.

## Health and Accident Insurance



It is compulsory for all incoming exchange students to purchase the *Student Personal Accident Policy* and *Medical Insurance* as recommended by SMU. Cost for this insurance is included as part of the miscellaneous fees.

Insurance details can be found via the following link:

<http://studentlife.smu.edu.sg/student-life/student-insurance-coverage>.

Please consult your insurance agent in your home country for additional insurance coverage.

## Welcome Orientation



Orientation session for International Exchange students is scheduled on the **week of 14 – 18 August 2017**.

Orientation is compulsory. Only students with valid reasons surfaced to us by the partner university's coordinator may be excused from this orientation. Students who are absent from the orientation without a valid reason, will not receive assistance on matters covered during the orientation.

### **Latest arrival date: To be announced in student's acceptance package**

*Early arrival is a must for student pass processing and collection of the SMU student card.*

It is university policy for students to attend classes when term starts. Late arrivals are NOT accepted.

Students are advised to arrive one week prior to orientation date to facilitate the application of the Student's Pass at Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA). There will be a huge processing delay at ICA during the peak period (may take more than three days) as there will be a large number of foreign students coming to Singapore during the start of a new term. The Student's Pass will be required for signing any housing agreements, purchase of SIM card etc.

Students may only collect the SMU student card upon presentation of the Student's Pass. For students who arrive after the orientation, please take note of the following regarding courses;

- No special arrangements will be made to register for courses
- No further assistance will be given by the SMU International Office
- If courses are fully taken up, no extra seats will be made available
- No special assistance will be given on *BOSS* bidding as this will be covered during orientation

More details will be included in the Acceptance Information Package.

## Other Useful Information



### **Location and campus facilities**

The SMU campus is situated at the heart of the central business district and the arts and heritage precincts. The campus is easily accessible via public transportation, and there is a wide variety of food outlets, shopping and entertainment centres conveniently located around campus.

SMU is well-equipped with various facilities – campus-wide WIFI connection, state-of-the-art learning facilities and resources, library, swimming pool, fitness gym etc.

### **Distance to city from airport**

By bus or train = 45 minutes

By taxi = 25 minutes

### **Student diversity**

Percentage of full-time international students = About 20%

Percentage of exchange students = About 12%

### **Internships and working part-time**

Internships and career services offered by SMU Dato' Kho Hui Meng Career Centre (eg. career talks) are **NOT** open to exchange students.

Exchange students are **NOT** allowed to work in Singapore. Please refer to the following link from the Ministry of Manpower: [www.mom.gov.sg/foreign-manpower/working-in-singapore/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.mom.gov.sg/foreign-manpower/working-in-singapore/Pages/default.aspx).

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**Website (SMU):**

[www.smu.edu.sg](http://www.smu.edu.sg)

**Website (Incoming students):**

<http://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students>

## Timeline

(Fall Semester:

*Aug – Dec, Term 1  
2017/18)*



<b>By 5 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home University informs SMU about nominated students on exchange</li> <li>• SMU sends application information to nominated students via e-mail</li> </ul>
<b>By 15 March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online application with SMU</li> <li>• Upload photo for SMU student card</li> </ul>
<b>June/ July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMU sends acceptance information package via e-mail to all successful applicants</li> <li>• SMU sends acceptance letter and student's SOLAR details to home university</li> <li>• Online registration with ICA for the Student's Pass. Students must apply online immediately upon receiving the acceptance letter and SOLAR details</li> </ul>
<b>Early July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University coordinator to request for 5 credits (if required)</li> </ul>
<b>Early July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online miscellaneous fee payment</li> </ul>
<b>Early July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online matriculation</li> </ul>
<b>Mid July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOSS Bidding</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's arrival in Singapore (VISA enrolment is TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>Verification of documents &amp; collection of SMU student card: To be confirmed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule and venue will be advised at a later date</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation: To be confirmed (Week of 14<sup>th</sup> Aug)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exact venue to be informed</li> </ul>