

Yong Pung How School of Law

Shaping the Future of Law



SMU

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY



Bachelor of Laws
[LLB]

Undergraduate

Dean's Message

The world is evolving quickly—and so is the law. From globalisation, emerging technologies, to evolving ethical challenges to the rule of law, today's legal landscape is dynamic and demanding. At SMU, we embrace this change and prepare our students to thrive in it.

We are committed to shaping capable and principled legal professionals. At SMU, you will learn to see the law in its wider business, social, economic, and political context, while gaining practical skills, real-world experience, and a strong sense of purpose, empathy, and service.

In our small, interactive seminar classes, expert faculty will challenge you to think on your feet and sharpen your research, teamwork, and communication skills. Our flexible, interdisciplinary curriculum allows you to explore emerging areas of law through specialisation tracks, broaden your perspectives, and learn beyond Singapore through exchanges, study missions, and international competitions.

Your learning will be closely connected to real-world practice. Through internships, experiential SMU-X courses, and a capstone project, you'll develop a deeper understanding of the realities, responsibilities, and impact of legal practice. You will also have opportunities to give back through pro bono initiatives, using your skills to serve society and promote access to justice. Along the way, you'll join a supportive community and a growing network of SMU alumni making a difference across diverse fields.

Studying law is challenging—but you will not be on this journey alone. With the guidance of our faculty, peers, alumni, and professional partners, rest assured that you will be supported every step of the way. If you're ready to shape the future of law and grow with it, we invite you to join us at SMU.

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



We nurture legal professionals with the skills to thrive in a dynamic world, grounded in strong ethical principles.

Why Yong Pung How School of Law?

An all-rounded educational experience for budding legal professionals



EXPERT FACULTY

Receive a wealth of practical experience from our highly qualified and accomplished faculty.



FORWARD-LOOKING EDUCATION

Acquire the holistic knowledge and skills you need for modern legal practice, business, service to society, and more.



GLOBAL EXPOSURE

See how law works across borders through exchange programmes, law study missions, or international mootings and other competitions.



IN THE HEART OF ACTION

Experience hands-on learning and real-world insights with close access to courts, Parliament, and top law firms.



PROMISING CAREER PATH

Graduates enjoy high employability and competitive salaries, equipped to succeed in various legal and public sectors.



I teach Constitutional & Administrative Law and Legal Theory & Philosophy at the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law. These subjects raise questions that students have always been fascinated about—what does the rule of law mean? Why do we obey law? It is always rewarding to see students learn new perspectives by thinking deeply about these important questions.

As an alumnus of the Yong Pung How School of Law, I have experienced firsthand how the school's interactive seminar-style pedagogy helps make learning an engaging and fun experience for students. My own classes are always a lively affair incorporating discussions of law and current affairs. It is a pleasure to hear the insights of our bright and motivated students.

Kenny Chng

Associate Professor of Law
 Yong Pung How Fellow; Lee Kong Chian Fellow;
 SMU Excellent Teacher Award 2023
 SMU Yong Pung How School of Law Most Outstanding Teacher Award 2020, 2022 and 2024
 Dean's Teaching Excellence Award 2017, 2022 and 2025
 SMU Alumni Awards Winner 2025



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 responding to contemporary societal challenges. 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 inter-disciplinary, flexible, and practice-oriented.

Our curriculum is continuously 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 a specialisation track or take modules, a second major, or even a second degree from another SMU school.

In small classes, students gain confidence through our seminar-style discussions, complemented by moots 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 internships and 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 instill the value of lawyering for good.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Curriculum



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:

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

Managing (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Business, Government & Society
- Collaborative Governance
- Leadership & Team Building
- Managerial Communication
- Spreadsheet Modelling & Analysis

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, Science & Society (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

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

Cultures of the Modern World (1 CU)

Choose one from a range of courses such as:

- Constitutions, Cultures, Context (SMU-X)
- Finding Home in a Globalised World
- Foreign Languages
- Politics of South-East Asia
- Singapore: Managing the Next 50 Years (SMU-X)
- Sustainable Cities
- Urban Cultures

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.

- Big Questions
- Ethics & Social Responsibility

To view the comprehensive list of Core Curriculum courses offered, go to: <https://cis.smu.edu.sg/core-curriculum/overview>

LAW CORE (16 CUs)

Gain a solid foundation of legal knowledge and skills.

- Commercial Conflict of Laws
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Constitutional & Administrative Law
- Contract Law 1
- Contract Law 2
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Law of Equity & Trusts
- Law of Evidence
- Law of Property
- Law of Torts
- Legal Research & Writing 1
- Legal Research & Writing II
- Legal Theory & Philosophy
- The Singapore Legal System

LAW MAJOR ELECTIVES (9 CUs)

Broaden or deepen your knowledge, whether about the law of Singapore or beyond.

Beyond the Law

- Jurisprudence: Modern and Critical Theories of Law
- Legal Writing Masterclass (SMU-X)^Δ

Dispute Resolution

- Advocacy
- Deal-making and Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Mediation Law and Practice (SMU-X)^{Δ*}
- International Moots 1 (SMU-X)^{Δ*}
- International Moots 2 (SMU-X)^{Δ*}
- Pre-trial Practice in Civil Litigation
- Professional Mediation Skills (SMU-X)^Δ
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and Institutional Arbitration: Law and Practice (SMU-X)^Δ

Global Exposure & Experiential Learning

- Overseas Project Experience (Law in Asia) (SMU-X)^{Δ*}

Intellectual Property

- Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property Rights^Δ

Law & Business

- Banking & Finance in Legal Practice
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Entrepreneurship in Singapore
- Foundations of Financial Crime Compliance
- Legal and Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions
- Singapore Competition Law

Law & Technology

- AI Literacy and Digital Innovation for Lawyers^Δ
- Artificial Intelligence Law, Policy and Ethics
- FinTech: Law & Policy^Δ
- Introduction to Large Language Models, GPT and Legal Technology
- IT & the Law
- Law & Technology
- Legal Information Retrieval and AI
- Legal Technology, Operations and Digital Justice
- Privacy and Data Protection Law

Law Across Borders

- EU-ASEAN Law & Relations (SMU-X)^{Δ*}
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Law through a Practical Lens
- Law of International Trade
- Maritime & Admiralty Law in International Commerce
- Public International Law

Private Law & Commercial Practice

- Commercial Remedies in Litigation
- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Financial and Securities Regulation
- Principles of Law of Restitution

Public Law, Public Interest & Regulation

- Constitutions, Cultures & Context (SMU-X)^Δ
- Employment Law and Regulations in Singapore

- Family Law
- Law of Insurance
- Medical Law and Health Policy
- Rule of Law in Singapore: Approach, Application, and Autochthony
- Topics in Financial Crime

Sustainability

- Introduction to Sustainability Law
- Sustainability Law in Business Practice

LAW CAPSTONE (1 CU)

Think beyond traditional boundaries, put together multiple areas of law, and solve practical problems.

- Corporate Deals (SMU-X)
- Digital Innovation for Access to Justice (SMU-X)^Δ
- Dispute Resolution Advocacy (SMU-X)^Δ
- International Energy Disputes (SMU-X)^Δ
- Law & Digital Commerce (SMU-X)^Δ
- Law of Mergers & Acquisitions (SMU-X)
- The Law & Finance of Corporate Transactions (SMU-X)

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES (2 CUs)

Pick up non-legal knowledge and skills which are vital for the modern lawyer to have.

- Business Data Management
- Computational Thinking & Programming
- Dealmaking & Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption
- Digital Intelligence for Lawyers
- Finance for Law
- Financial Accounting for Law
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Introduction to Political & Policy Studies
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introductory Public Policy
- Law & Psychology
- Social Stratification and Inequality
- Sustainability and Society
- The Ethics and Politics of Environmental Sustainability
- The Illusion of Rationality in Decision-Making: Insights from Psychology

* denotes courses with an international and/or comparative focus

denotes courses with an interdisciplinary focus

A denotes courses with an experiential focus

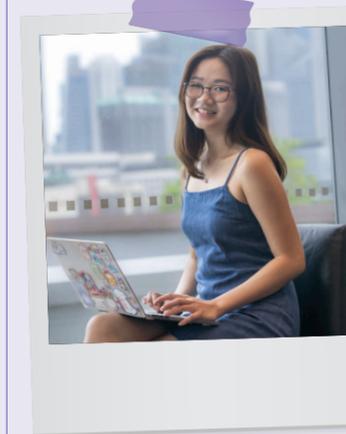
(SMU-X) denotes courses with experiential elements

(SMU-XO) denotes experiential courses with an overseas component

Course offerings listed are offered in the current academic year and may vary from year to year.

Additional Graduation Requirements: Digital Technology/Data Analytics (D/D), Finance/Accounting, Sustainability, and Singapore and Asia Studies

Students can meet each graduation requirement by enrolling in specific courses, or, in select Schools, through programme or major core courses where the relevant content has already been integrated to meet the graduation requirement.



LLB TRACKS

Building upon the foundational courses in the core LLB curriculum, students may choose to pursue one of three tracks — Corporate Transactions, Law and Technology, or Dispute Resolution — to gain greater disciplinary knowledge, industry awareness, and practical skillsets to better prepare for a career in these selected fields. Each track consists of 5 electives taken from three specifically curated baskets. Of course, students are also free not to pursue a track, and instead customise their own curriculum by choosing from our wide range of electives.

LAW CAPSTONE

All LLB students are required to complete a Law Capstone to graduate. Unlike regular electives that focus on a narrower range of topics, the Law Capstone adds the finishing touch by giving students the opportunity to work on industry-endorsed projects that cut across traditional boundaries. Every Law Capstone is also an SMU-X course, which means that students learn experientially with guidance from industry mentors.

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)

- Banking and Finance in Legal Practice
- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Comparative Secured Transactions Law
- Corporate Compliance and Risk Management (LLM)
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Corporate & Securities Laws in China & the US: A Comparison
- Entrepreneurship in Singapore – From Cradle to Grave
- Financial & Securities Regulation
- International Construction Law
- International & Comparative Insolvency Law
- Law of Insurance
- Law of International Trade
- Law of Real Estate Securitisation (LLM)
- Legal & Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVE (SELECT 1)

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

LAW CAPSTONE (SELECT 1)

- Corporate Deals (SMU-X)
- 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)

- AI, Law & Ethics (LLM)
- Artificial Intelligence Law, Policy & Ethics
- Comparative Intellectual Property and Digital Innovation for Lawyers
- Blockchain & Governance (LLM)
- Computational Thinking & Legal Technology
- Computational Thinking, Computational Law & Legal Technology
- FinTech: Law & Policy
- Infocomm Technology & the Law
- Intellectual Property Law in Asian Economies
- Intellectual Property Law & Competition Law
- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property Rights
- Introduction to Large Language Models, GPT & Legal Technology
- Law & Technology
- Legal Innovation, Operations and Digital Justice
- Privacy & Data Protection Law

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVE (SELECT 1)

- Business Data Management (SCIS)
- Computational Thinking & Programming (SCIS)
- Design Management (SCIS)
- Digital Intelligence for Lawyers
- Managing Information Systems (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)

- Commercial Remedies in Litigation
- 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
- Sentencing Advocacy
- The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and Institutional Arbitration: Law and Practice (SMU-X)

LAW-RELATED ELECTIVE (SELECT 1)

- Dealmaking and Dispute Resolution: Negotiation in an Age of Disruption
- Introduction to Psychology (SOSS)
- Law & Psychology

LAW CAPSTONE (SELECT 1)

- Dispute Resolution Advocacy (SMU-X)
- International Energy Disputes (SMU-X)

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

	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 • Law-related Elective
Vacation	Community Service ^Δ	Pro Bono / Community Service
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 • Law-related Elective
Vacation	Pro Bono / Community Service ^Δ	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^Δ

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 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
Vacation	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^Δ	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^Δ
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Conflict of Laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law of Equity & Trusts • Law Capstone
Vacation	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^Δ	Pro Bono / Community Service / Law Internship ^Δ

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.

Δ 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.

Students should complete all DKHMCC internship requirements (e.g. RPU, IRMs, e-Internship quiz) and four academic terms before embarking on any internships to clear their 10-week internship graduation requirement.

Global Exposure



International Student Exchange

Students can join global exchange programmes, including the THEMIS network, to study abroad and take master's-level courses.



Law Study Mission

Students explore international legal systems and business cultures through immersive study tours.



Overseas Community Service

Our students have opportunities to undertake overseas community service projects in developing regions and under-resourced communities across Asia—addressing local needs, building cross-cultural understanding, and contributing to sustainable development.

>55%
Percentage of law students who went on exchange

80 AND GROWING
Number of Law exchange partners

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 & 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

Law Overseas Project Experience (Law in Asia)

I had an enriching experience learning about Taiwanese law through the Law Overseas Project Experience (Law in Asia) elective in Year 2, led by Professor Pasha Hsieh. I got to work with and learn from seniors and receive guidance from a mentor working at Taiwan's International Chamber of Commerce. Not only was I exposed to Taiwanese legal rules, I learned about the historical and cultural foundations of Taiwan's legal system, and the broader geopolitical tensions between Taiwan and mainland China.

The elective concluded with an experiential learning trip to Taipei where we had the opportunity to engage with various stakeholders within the Taiwanese legal landscape, including judges, law firms, and legal academics. Interacting with foreign legal professionals allowed me to better appreciate the international and practical dimensions of law beyond the classroom. Meanwhile, I came to grasp the importance of nuance when comparing legal systems, while deepening my appreciation of the role of international and transnational law in Singapore.

The combination of diverse learning opportunities, practical exposure, and interpersonal experiences travelling and bonding with my peers, and engaging with the Taiwanese students and professionals made this elective truly meaningful and memorable.



Anthony Kuah,
Year 3 LLB Student



Around the World with Our Students

Students who go on exchange typically do so in their 3rd or 4th year of study, having learned the foundations of Singapore law. This equips them to better appreciate comparative perspectives as they take up to 5 electives overseas (in place of similar ones at SMU). Hear from our students about the global perspectives they gained from being immersed in vibrant international institutions.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Samuel Yap – Fudan University, Shanghai, China

I joined the Ultimate Frisbee team at Fudan University, and even though I was the only foreign student, they were extremely welcoming. They would bring me out to eat and socialise with them. It was a very wholesome experience: they were very intentional and genuine with how they treated friendships and relationships amidst the busyness of their lives. If you're intending to go on exchange, do try to make friends with the locals instead of sticking to familiar faces!



Caleb Kok – Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan

I chose Japan as my exchange destination because of its rich culture and high-quality education at Rikkyo University. Many modules were also offered in English so I did not need to worry about any language barriers. Even with my rudimentary understanding of the Japanese language, I was fortunate to have met and interacted with many locals on my exchange. That said, if you're considering Japan as a potential location for exchange, I highly recommend picking up a few useful phrases—they will go a long way in your everyday life!



BROADENING LEGAL HORIZONS

Jerome Teo – Kozminski University, Warsaw, Poland

Studying law at Kozminski University was particularly fulfilling as it exposed me to a civil law legal system, significantly different from Singapore's common law system. In particular, Kozminski's Civil Law and EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice modules provided valuable insights into Poland's legal structure, as well as its broader obligations as an EU Member State. It is always interesting to see how different countries and jurisdictions tackle similar issues with different approaches; this perspective certainly enriches the way I now approach my own studies in Singapore.



Gabrielle Chua and Klara Obbard – York University, York, UK

One module that stood out as particularly engaging was Crime & Punishment, due to its interdisciplinary approach that combined legal theory, history, and philosophy. It was a course that we might not otherwise have taken at SMU. It offered valuable comparative insights into the UK legal system.



EXPLORING CULTURES

Han Yuguang – Kozminski University, Warsaw, Poland

Stepping out of my comfort zone allowed me to bridge language and cultural gaps I hadn't faced before. Beyond the 'Singapore narrative,' I gained a global perspective through shared moments—from exploring Paris with my American and Egyptian friends, to surviving getting stuck in the Sahara Desert with friends from Hong Kong, to chasing the Northern lights in Norway with my Polish friends. These experiences were the truly the highlights of my exchange experience and university life. To any juniors embarking on exchange, my honest advice would be to be open-minded!



Gabrielle Chua and Klara Obbard – York University, York, UK

We were drawn to York not only because of its academic reputation, but also because we wanted to experience living independently at an English campus university—which pushed us to become more self-sufficient. Interacting with students from different backgrounds and adapting to British academic and social culture was eye-opening. We'd advise our juniors embarking on exchange to embrace independence, stay open to learning new things, and make the most of both the academic and cultural experiences that come with studying abroad.



Internships & Pro Bono

Aretha Quek, Final Year LLB Student

The SMU Yong Pung How School of Law provides a rich mix of internships, externships, and pro bono opportunities that immerse students in real legal practice. By working with law firms, courts, corporations, and community organisations, students gain practical skills, professional insight, and a strong foundation in using the law to serve society.

What did you learn through internships that you couldn't have learnt in the classroom?

I experienced new work cultures and dynamics and was exposed to practical skills. At Millennium Law (a boutique law firm), I experienced firsthand the side of legal practice we don't see in class: administrative processes like filing cases online and monitoring billables. I also worked on drafting legal documents, such as witness statements. At TKQP and WongPartnership (larger law firms), I did research on specific points of law and proof-read legal documents; at Allen & Gledhill (a large law firm), I also had the opportunity to sit in on meetings where lawyers applied their commercial acumen as they negotiated a complex deal between clients and other parties.

Interning at the International Legal Division of the Ministry of Law offered another perspective into how the law has real and often far-reaching impacts on public interests. There, I worked on various policy-driven projects, including ongoing reviews of existing laws, and I had a chance to see how various stakeholders presented different proposals and ideas reflecting their differing priorities and interests.

Perhaps the most memorable experience for me was the Judiciary Signature Programme, which was an internship with the State Courts, the Supreme Court, and the Family Justice Courts. My classes had taught me about the principles that underpin the law, but this internship allowed me to interact with judges and understand why they uphold the legal principles in particular ways so as to promote the rule of law and decide cases fairly.



What internships have you completed?

I have completed a diverse range of internships across the private and public sectors: four at law firms of various sizes and practice areas; one at the Ministry of Law; and one with the Judiciary. While that may sound intensive, most of these were short-term placements, as legal internships usually are. Collectively, these opportunities have given me a well-rounded sense of what life as a legal practitioner, or public servant, could be like, and have helped me better understand where I might fit within the profession.

How did you choose where to intern?

I was intentional about not limiting myself to either the private or public sector, a specific firm size, or a single practice area. With each internship, I sought a new environment that would add a different dimension to my understanding of legal practice. I wanted to gain a broad perspective of how the law operates across various institutional settings and industries.



What kind of pro bono service did you do?

I mainly volunteered with the SMU Pro Bono Centre, where I assisted applicants with administrative matters and took notes during applicants' consultations with the volunteer lawyers. This experience was particularly meaningful as it offered me a glimpse into the practical side of access to justice: I heard firsthand about applicants' varied and often difficult personal circumstances, and observed how the lawyers applied their legal knowledge compassionately and pragmatically to advise them on the possible courses of action. This deepened my appreciation for the role of legal practitioners in bridging the gap between legal theory and real-life problem-solving.

I also took part in a roadshow organised by the Office of the Public Guardian, where I engaged members of the public on legacy and advance care planning. For example, I explained how to arrange for a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) and clarified common misconceptions about its implications. This outreach was a valuable exercise in public legal education and reinforced how clear communication and empathy are essential when translating legal concepts for the wider community.



How did SMU prepare you for your internships?

I benefited from consulting faculty mentors and seniors who provided practical insight into various fields of law and shared honest perspectives about professional pathways. Their guidance helped me make more informed decisions about the types of internships I wanted to explore.

Any words of advice to juniors or prospective students who will be performing pro bono service?

Pro bono work is an incredibly rewarding part of our legal education. Don't underestimate how much you can learn; stay curious and continue asking questions! I would encourage you to approach pro bono service with an open mind and genuine curiosity about the people you'll meet. Every story will certainly remind you why access to justice matters to society.



The Ian R Taylor International Moots Programme & Alternative Dispute Resolution Competitions

Under our Ian R Taylor International Moots Programme, more than a hundred of our students participate in international moot court competitions each year. With strong support from Providence Law Asia and our growing community of over 500 alumni mentors, our students have consistently achieved world-class results, recently emerging as Champions of the Jessup Moot in 2025, and achieving strong finishes in other major mooting and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) competitions. Highlights of our students' achievements include:

RANKED #1
since 2022

184
Podium Finishes in
International Moots
Since 2010



JESSUP MOOT
(International Law)
2025 world champions; also reached the world 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 world championship final in 2015, 2016, and 2021

The Vis Moot is the world's biggest arbitration moot



VIS EAST MOOT
(International Commercial Arbitration)
2025 world champions; also won in 2015 and 2022

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



PRICE MOOT
(Media Law)
Won the world championship final in 2010, 2016, 2017, and 2020

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



FRANKFURT MOOT
(International Investment Law)
2025 world champions; also won in 2017 and 2022

This is the oldest moot on international investment protection



LACHS MOOT
(Space Law)
Won the world championship in 2024

The Lachs Space Moot is the oldest class-leading, international grand slam moot on space law



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) MOOT COURT COMPETITION
2025 world champions; also won in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021, and 2024

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



CONSENSUAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITION VIENNA
Won international championship in mediation and negotiation categories in 2023 and 2025

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



HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION
Won championship in 2023 and second runner-up in 2024

This is an international negotiation competition judged by experts and lawyers



NLUJ INTERNATIONAL DEAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION
Won championship in 2024

This competition provides a platform to hone negotiation skills in a commercial setting



ICC ASIA-PACIFIC COMMERCIAL MEDIATION COMPETITION
Semi-finalist and ranked 2nd in preliminary rounds in 2024; first runner-up in 2020

This is one of the most well-established competitions involving students negotiating international business disputes in a mediation setting

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. As part of the Law Kickstarter programme which aims to ease students' 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 ten 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
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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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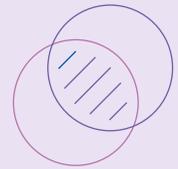
RAELEE TOH '25

led SMU to the world championship in both the Lachs Space Law and Jessup moot competitions. A prolific publisher, she is currently reading for an LLM at Cambridge, and upon her return will begin her term as a Justices' Law Clerk.



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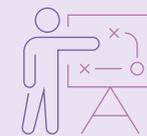
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- Smart-City Management & Technology and Financial Technology

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