



SMU

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT
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Master of Sustainability

Preparing you for a career in the green economy



POSTGRADUATE

WHY PURSUE THE SMU MASTER OF SUSTAINABILITY (MST)?



- 1 Inter-disciplinary programme**
Navigating complex sustainability challenges requires a multi-disciplinary approach. The MST programme fuses the strengths of the School of Social Sciences and College of Integrative Studies, and expertise of the other schools at SMU, crafting a unique curriculum targeted at meeting evolving professional and employer needs.
- 2 Aligned with global regulatory frameworks**
Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), MST offers a holistic education centred on global sustainability priorities and best practices.
- 3 In-depth core courses & specialised thematic tracks**
Embark on specialised thematic tracks in either Sustainable Resource Management, Urban Systems Management, or Environment and Sustainable Development, or develop a broad sustainable lens without a specialisation.
- 4 Gain insights from renowned faculty & industry trailblazers**
Understand sustainability complexities and acquire toolkits to develop effective solutions.
- 5 Become Asia's next sustainability leader**
Drive sustainability initiatives for environmental, social, and economic well-being for a brighter future.



“SMU's MST programme, through its alignment with international frameworks and focus on sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and the UN SDGs, redefines the approach to green career preparation. Its multi-disciplinary approach, immersive learning, exposure, guided by experienced faculty, create a critically relevant experience.”

Ishani Mukherjee,
Associate Professor of Public Policy, School of Social Sciences
Programme Director, Master of Sustainability (MST)



“The SMU MST offers a unique integration of key ESG areas and stands out, particularly in Singapore. It exposes students to a diverse range of subjects, preparing them for various career options. Students can access more focused opportunities in the sector, such as development finance, public policy, and strategic sustainability consulting. This timely programme will certainly see its graduates warmly welcomed by stakeholders.”

Jayanth Bhuvanaraghan,
Former Chief Mission Officer, Essilor International

PROGRAMME CALENDAR

The Master of Sustainability agile curriculum merges frameworks, trends, and tools to tackle future challenges. Students can select a thematic track in: Urban Systems Management (USM), Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) or Environment and Sustainable Development (ESD) by completing the thematic track's 3 compulsory courses and 2 courses from a common basket of electives. Alternatively, students may choose not to declare a thematic track and read any 5 course units (CUs) across the thematic tracks/common electives.

	Term 1 Aug - Nov	Term 2 Jan - Mar	Term 3 Apr - Jun	
Full-time Programme[^] (11 months)	Principles of Climate Change	Collaborative Governance	Sustainable Finance	
	UN SDG and Sustainability Policy	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	USM 1 / SRM 1 / ESD 1	
	Elective 1*	Elective 2*	Elective 3*	
	Systems Thinking	USM 2 / SRM 2 / ESD 2	USM 3 / SRM 3 / ESD 3	
	Sustainability Reporting	Elective 4*	Elective 5*	
	Term 1 Aug - Nov	Term 2 Jan - Mar	Term 3 Apr - Jun	
Part-time Programme[^] (23 months)	Year 1	Principles of Climate Change	Collaborative Governance	USM 1 / SRM 1 / ESD 1
		UN SDG and Sustainability Policy	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Elective 3*
	Year 1 or Year 2	Elective 1*	Elective 2*	USM 3 / SRM 3 / ESD 3
		Systems Thinking	USM 2 / SRM 2 / ESD 2	Sustainable Finance
	Year 2	Sustainability Reporting	Elective 4*	Elective 5*

*Course listings are subject to change from term to term.
[^]Programme calendar is subject to change.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

	Core (7 CUs)	Thematic Tracks (5 CUs)		
1CU Internship/ SMU-X[^]	1. Principles of Climate Change	Sustainable Resource Management	Urban Systems Management	Environment and Sustainable Development
	2. Collaborative Governance			
1CU Open	3. UN SDG and Sustainability Policy	Renewable Energy	Principles of the Circular Economy	Development & Growth
	4. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Politics of Water	Urban Sustainability	Environmental Economics
1CU Postgraduate Professional Development Course	5. Systems Thinking	Common Electives (Choose any 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology of Sustainability Urban Risk Resilience Sustainable Supply Chain Operations Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Sustainability Law Thesis 		
	6. Sustainability Reporting			
	7. Sustainable Finance	Students may choose not to declare a thematic track and take any 5 course units across the 3 thematic tracks/ common electives instead.		

[^] Internship is optional for full-time students and exemptions can be made for part-time students who are currently employed. Students may also take an SMU-X course to fulfil the immersion requirement. The internship should be fulfilled on a full-time basis for a minimum period of 10 weeks for 1 course unit (CU). Students may secure a suitable internship through SMU or through their own sources.

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION

- Good undergraduate degree*
- Good score in SMU Admissions Test or GMAT/GRE[^]
- A valid TOEFL/IELTS score is required if the medium of instruction of your undergraduate studies was not in English[~]
- Contact details of two referees. Shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview and provide 2 reference letters.
- Personal statements
- Updated resume
- No work experience is required for admission to this programme

* Good undergraduate GPA from SMU and local autonomous universities can be accepted in place of the admissions test requirement and is valid for 5 years after graduation.
[^] EITHER the SMU Admissions Test OR GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) OR GRE (Graduate Record Examinations General Test) is mandatory for admission to the MST programme. Applicants who do not have a GMAT/GRE Score are strongly encouraged to attempt the SMU Admissions Test.
[~] Students who did not attempt their undergraduate studies in English are required to attempt the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). It must be taken within the last two years at the time of submitting their application.
 The part-time mode of study of the MST programme is open to Singaporeans, Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs), and foreigners with a valid Employment or Dependant's Pass. International students will require student visas and are eligible only for the full-time mode of study. SMU will assist in the application of student passes for all full-time international students coming to SMU.

FEES

Application Fee	Registration Fee	Tuition Fee
\$S100 inclusive of GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singaporeans and PRs: \$S400 inclusive of GST • International Applicants: \$S500 inclusive of GST <i>Amount payable upon acceptance to the programme</i>	\$S54,500 (inclusive of GST) <i>Fees are subject to change from year to year</i>

All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. A deposit of \$5,000 would be required upon acceptance of offer into the programme. The remaining tuition fees would be billed over the duration of the programme. The fees are due and payable within 30 days of each billing in 3 instalments. The tuition fee does not include meals, air travel, travel insurance, living and accommodation expenses incurred for overseas field study missions, exchanges and SMU-X courses. Singapore Management University reserves the right to alter tuition and other fees as deemed appropriate. SMU alumni will be entitled to a 10% discount off the tuition fee. GST will still apply for the discounted tuition fee.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

The scholarship categories include:

Academic Excellence* | SMU-ASEAN* | Haryanto Adikoesoemo **Postgraduate Scholarship**

* All candidates are automatically submitted for consideration for Academic Excellence and SMU-ASEAN scholarships upon meeting our scholarship criteria.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of 15 credit units (1 open course, 7 core courses, 5 elective courses*, 1 Postgraduate Professional Development Course, 1 Immersion module by way of an internship or an SMU-X course)
- Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.50 out of 4.00
- Maximum candidature of 24 months (full-time) and 48 months (part-time)

* Including thematic track courses and common electives if applicable. Internship is optional for full-time students and exemptions are made for part-time students who are currently employed.

Learn more about the programme:



SMU - IN THE HEART OF SINGAPORE, IN THE HEART OF ASIA

In the dynamic, cosmopolitan hub that is Singapore, you will find a vibrant city-state that pulses with the diversity of both East and West. Situated at the crossroads of the world, Singapore is home to multinational companies and thousands of small and medium-sized enterprises flourishing in a smart city renowned for its business excellence and connectivity. With its strong infrastructure, political stability, and respect for intellectual property rights, this City in a Garden offers you unique opportunities to develop as a global citizen.

Tapping into the energy of the city is a university with a difference – the Singapore Management University. Our eight schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Computing and Information Systems, School of Economics, College of Graduate Research Studies, College of Integrative Studies, Yong Pung How School of Law, and School of Social Sciences, form the country's only city university campus, perfectly sited to foster strategic links with businesses and the community.

SMU generates leading-edge research with global impact and produces broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for a knowledge-based economy. Discover a multi-faceted lifestyle right here at SMU, in the heart of Singapore.





THE SMU MASTERS ADVANTAGE



GLOBAL RECOGNITION

SMU is globally recognised as one of the best specialised universities in Asia and the world. Its research rankings, programme rankings, accreditations and professional recognition are testaments to its achievements and standing.



INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

SMU's interactive, seminar-style pedagogy brings you stimulating, multi-disciplinary learning under the mentorship of the thought leaders and subject experts who make up our faculty. You will hone your analytical skills, teamwork and communication skills.



INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

Stay relevant with courses that combine cutting-edge research and up-to-date knowledge with best business practices. SMU's Postgraduate Professional Development Courses and award-winning Asian case studies help you approach topics from different practical perspectives for greater insights.



NETWORKING AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SMU has a diverse student population from many different countries, bringing equally diverse personal and professional experience into your network. Take advantage of comprehensive guidance from our dedicated career services to aid your career transition or advancement.



CITY CAMPUS

SMU is nestled within the arts and heritage precinct, right next to the Central Business District, with unrivalled connectivity for public transport and multiple amenities around campus. Discover how life beyond the classroom is as enriching as within.



For a full listing of SMU Masters programmes, visit masters.smu.edu.sg/programmes



About the School of Social Sciences

Established on 1 April 2007, the SMU School of Social Sciences (SOSS) aims to provide high quality undergraduate and graduate education expanding SMU's pedagogical strategy to the study of society, government, and individuals embedded within an increasingly complex world. With faculty expertise and research spanning areas such as psychology, international development, policy and politics, Southeast Asian studies, social movements, and sustainability, the School aspires to make a significant and lasting contribution across sectors.

In particular, SOSS enables a multi-disciplinary study of Singapore and Asia, and holistically prepares graduates to work across public, private, non-profit and international organisations in areas addressing the numerous challenges facing contemporary society.

In addition to the Master of Sustainability, the School offers three degree programmes comprising the Bachelor of Social Science, fast-track Master of Philosophy in Psychology, and PhD in Psychology.

About the College of Integrative Studies

Established in 2022, the College of Integrative Studies (CIS) is SMU's seventh School and plays a pivotal role in helping students traverse the disciplinary areas associated with the other SMU Schools – Accountancy, Business, Computing, Economics, Information Systems, Law, and Social Sciences.

The CIS is different in that it emphasises the importance of integrating ideas and perspectives across disciplines to derive new solutions in areas related to SMU's Strategic Priorities including Sustainable Living. The College aims to nurture graduates who will confidently navigate the inter-related issues of a complex world, find solutions beyond a single discipline or thought paradigm, and contribute to industry, society, and the environment in meaningful ways.

At the CIS, we are committed to supporting students whose aspirations cannot be achieved within the confines of conventional degree programmes, and who have a clear sense of their learning goals in service of emerging social and industry needs.

Home to full-time faculty members with postgraduate degrees from renowned universities such as the LSE, Oxford, Princeton, and Yale, and spanning topics such as Computer Science, Economics, Environmental History, Geography, Law, and Urban Climate, amongst others, the College seeks to cultivate an environment conducive to intellectual exploration across academic disciplines.

In addition to the Master of Sustainability, the College offers a Bachelor of Integrative Studies, and a MPhil and PhD in Asian Urbanisms.



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