



SMU

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY

CENTRE FOR GLOBAL
EDUCATION AND
OPPORTUNITIES

Global Winter
Programme
2026

Information Booklet

OVERVIEW

The [Singapore Management University](#) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and teaching excellence.

Established in 2000, SMU is known for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning, and for its emphasis on generating rigorous and high-impact multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance.

Home to over 13,000 students, SMU comprises eight schools specialising in Accountancy, Business, Economics, Computing and Information Systems, Law, Social Sciences, Integrative Studies and Graduate Research Studies, offering a wide range of bachelor's, master's and PhD degree programmes.

The College of Integrative Studies and College of Graduate Research Studies also facilitate the development of interdisciplinary programmes across schools to prepare our students to face the challenges of a complex world.

GLOBAL WINTER PROGRAMME (GWP)

NURTURING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS AND LEADERS

Join us on our inaugural GWP: 5 to 23 January 2026

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS CREATION

Trace the entrepreneurial journey from idea recognition to venture creation. Build a business plan and pitch, analyse real cases, and gain practical exposure to the challenges and opportunities of launching a start-up.

INNOVATION FOR ASIA'S SMART CITIES

Examine the challenges of urbanization and the opportunities of building sustainable, innovative cities. Through case studies, field trips, and industry insights, discover how smart technologies and good governance shape Asia's future cities.

MANAGING CUSTOMER RELATIONS WITH ANALYTICS: ASIAN INSIGHTS

Understand how businesses apply analytics and CRM strategies to attract, retain, and delight customers. Explore customer-centric cultures, digital tools, and Asian business contexts while developing practical skills in CRM dashboards and analytics.

PROGRAMMING FOR BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Gain hands-on experience in Python programming for business analytics. Learn to apply statistical learning methods to financial and non-financial data to forecast performance, detect fraud, and support strategic decision-making.

STATISTICAL LEARNING

Develop a strong foundation in statistical modelling and regression using R. Learn key methods such as linear and logistic regression, resampling, and regularization, applying them to real-world datasets and business scenarios.

This page highlights important administrative information of the SMU Global Winter Programme (GWP) 2026.

IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE DATES

	Dates in 2025 (unless stated otherwise)
Application Deadline	15 November
SGD150 Application Fee Payment	Within 3 days from application submission
Course(s) Acceptance + SGD230 Miscellaneous Fee Payment SGD1,000 deposit (Fee-paying students only)	Within 7 days from application submission
Students' Pass (visa) Application Students' Pass (visa) Approval Students' Pass (visa) Issuance Fee Payment (to ICA)	TBC Up to 2 weeks from application Upon approval granted
Online Matriculation + SMU Account Activation	1 December 9am to 9 December 5pm
Photo Submission Deadline	9 December 5pm
GWP Activities Survey	TBC
Balance Tuition Fee Payment (Fee-paying students only)	TBC
Arrival in Singapore: Collect Student's Pass at ICA (via ICA e-appointment booking)	Prior to 5 January 2026
Orientation (<i>mandatory</i>)	5 January 2026
Collect SMU Student Card (notification via email)	12 January 2026 (Timing TBC)
First day of lessons	6 January 2026
Farewell Party (<i>mandatory</i>)	22 January 2026
Post-programme Survey (<i>mandatory</i>)	TBC
Results Release	TBC
Digital Transcript Issuance (directly and ONLY to student's SMU's email account)	Mid-February 2026

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

GWP welcomes university students from around the world.

Students are to include the following in their GWP applications:

- ❖ Latest academic transcript or official acceptance letter from home university
- ❖ Photo identification page of a passport (valid for at least 6 months from programme start date)
- ❖ Recent passport-sized photograph (taken within 3 months before the date of application)
- ❖ Latest English language proficiency certificate*

English Language Prerequisite

English is the language of instruction at SMU. If English is not the main language of instruction of a student’s university, he/she should submit either his/her IELTS or TOEFL test results. We admit students who score at least:

Paper-based TOEFL	577
Internet-based TOEFL	90
International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)	6.5

** The test must be taken within 2 years at the time of application.*

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

Students may apply to GWP as a:

- ❖ Fee-paying student from a non-partner university
- ❖ Fee-paying student from a partner university
- ❖ Fee-waived student from a partner university (nominated by home university)*

Students are to consult their home university administrators on their study plan and the approval for transfer of course credits **before** applying to GWP.

*Nominated students would receive email instructions from the SMU Centre for Global Education and Opportunities to submit their GWP application.

You may find a list of our partners [here](#).

COURSE TIMETABLE

5 to 23 January 2026

AM (0815 – 1130HRS) | PM (1300 – 1615HRS)

GWP 2026 COURSE LIST		
1	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS CREATION	Tue, Wed, Thu
2	INNOVATIONS FOR ASIA’S SMART CITIES	Tue, Wed, Thu
3	MANAGING CUSTOMER RELATIONS WITH ANALYTICS: ASIAN INSIGHTS	Tue, Wed, Thu
4	PROGRAMMING FOR BUSINESS ANALYTICS	Tue, Wed, Thu
5	STATISTICAL LEARNING	Tue, Wed, Thu

Please note that classes may be conducted in BOTH AM and PM timeslots

Read through the course outline for each course and consider the workload intensity before applying.

Please refer to the [GWP website](#) for the latest course information.

SMU reserves the right to amend, change or cancel a course at any point in time.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Course Load:	Students may choose to take any 1 course during GWP.
Class Format & Size:	3 interactive seminar-style classes per course per week over 3 weeks. Each class is made up of between 20 and 45 students.
Credit Weightage:	Each course confers 1.0 SMU credit and consists of 36 contact hours.
Course Assessment:	Assessment can include, but is not limited to (i) class attendance; (ii) class participation; (iii) project (individual/group); (iv) presentation (individual/group); (v) class tests/quizzes
Class Attendance:	Attendance will be a component of the course assessment, and students are required to attend all classes. Absence due to health or medical reasons must be supported by a medical certificate. For absences due to other reasons, prior approval must be obtained from the course instructor in writing. Students who fail to attend classes continuously for a period of 7 days will be automatically withdrawn from the programme, and their Student’s Pass will be cancelled, effective from the 8 th day.

COURSE ENROLMENT

Before applying to GWP and submitting course preference(s), students should:

1. Understand the details of their preferred course(s) by reading the course outline(s).
2. Consult their home university administrators on the transfer of course credits for the GWP courses of interest.

Students would be informed of their allocated course(s) via an email offer of placement.

Please refer to the section on the Course Add-Drop-Change Policy for information on changing courses.

COURSE CANCELLATION

SMU reserves the rights to cancel any courses or amend the in-Singapore programme. Affected students will be informed and advised of alternative course(s).

Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy on page 13 for information on withdrawing from GWP.

GRADING SYSTEM

SMU adopts the following grading system:

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

DIGITAL TRANSCRIPT

Students will receive their digital transcripts and one certificate of participation two months after the release of their final course grades.

It is **mandatory** for all students to complete a post-programme survey to share their feedback on the GWP experience before the issuance of the digital transcript.

Please note the following:

- ❖ The digital transcript will be emailed directly and **ONLY** to student SMU's email account
- ❖ For students who require the digital transcripts to be sent to their home university for credits transfer, please inform the school coordinators about SMU's policy of digital transcript in advance.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All official GWP-related correspondences will be sent from the SMU email address* smusummer@smu.edu.sg.

Process	Platform	Information
Submit Online Application	SMU e-services	Students are to submit application online with supporting documents and make application fee payment of SGD150 within 3 days from SMU's email.
Offer of Conditional Acceptance	SMU e-services / Email	<p>1. Fee-Paying Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer of placement from SMU* for their allocated course(s). Students are required to make miscellaneous fee payment of SGD230 and a deposit payment of SGD1,000, and email SMU* the proof of payments. Course(s) will be secured after students reply to SMU* to accept the allocated course(s), and SMU receives proof of both payments. <p>2. Nominated Exchange (Fee-Waived) Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful applicants will receive an offer of placement from SMU* for their allocated course(s). Students are required to make miscellaneous fee payment of SGD230, and email SMU* the proof of payments. Course(s) will be secured after students reply to SMU* to accept the allocated course(s).
Students' Pass (Visa)	SOLAR (ICA)	<p>Students will receive an email outlining the steps required to complete online Student's Pass (STP) applications via the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) website.</p> <p>Upon approval with the IPA letter, students are to make issuance fee payment to ICA and schedule an e-appointment to collect their Student's Pass (visa) in-person after arriving in Singapore.</p>
Online Matriculation + SMU Account Activation	SMU e-services / OASIS	In early-December, students will receive an email on the instructions for Online Matriculation. The exercise will take place from 1 December 9am to 9 December 2025 5pm. Students who did not complete this step will be withdrawn automatically.
Activity Survey	Email	(Date to be advised) Students will receive information on the various GWP activities and an online survey to indicate their preferences to participate in the activities.
Balance Tuition Fee	OASIS	(Date to be advised) Fee-paying students will be asked by SMU* to make payment for the remaining tuition fee (after the deposit).
Welcome to SMU / Singapore	In SMU	The GWP 2026 Orientation event will take place on Monday, 5 January 2026

PROGRAMME FEES – FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

Fee-Paying Students (From Non-Partner Universities)

6 or more students from the same university who are successfully enrolled in GWP are eligible for a 10% discount on their tuition fees.

Each student must make an application fee payment of SGD150 within **3 days** of application submission and payment of SGD1,000 deposit and SGD230 miscellaneous fee within **7 days** from SMU's conditional offer email.

	1 to 5 students Per Student (SGD)	6 or more students Per Student (SGD)
Application Fee	150	150
Miscellaneous Fee	230	230
Tuition Fee	3,270	2,943 (after 10% discount)

Fee-Paying Students (From Partner Universities)

Students from SMU partner universities are eligible for a 10% discount on their tuition fees. With 6 or more students from the same partner university successfully enrolled in GWP, this discount increases to 15%.

Each student must make an application fee payment of SGD 150 within **3 days** of application submission and payment of SGD 1,000 deposit and SGD 230 miscellaneous fee within **7 days** from SMU's conditional offer email.

	1 to 5 students Per Student (SGD)	6 or more students Per Student (SGD)
Application Fee	150	150
Miscellaneous Fee	230	230
Tuition Fee	2,943 (after 10% discount)	2,779.50 (after 15% discount)

All fees quoted are in Singapore Dollars (SGD) and have included 9% Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST). All payments are non-refundable and to be made online via Mastercard or Visa only.

Please note that programme fees include application fee, miscellaneous fee, and tuition fee only. Students are responsible for their own student visa fees, accommodation costs, travel expenses, travel insurance, meals, and other expenses.

PROGRAMME FEES – NOMINATED EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Nominated Exchange Students

Students who are nominated by their home university as an exchange student on a fee-waiver basis are not required to pay tuition fees to SMU.

Students are however still required to pay SMU for the SGD150 application fee within **3 days** of application submission and SGD230 miscellaneous fees within **7 days** from SMU's conditional offer email.

	Per Student (SGD*)
Application Fee	150
Miscellaneous Fee	230

All fees quoted are in Singapore Dollars (SGD) and have included 9% Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST). All payments are non-refundable and to be made online via Mastercard or Visa only.

Please note that programme fees include application fee, miscellaneous fee, and tuition fee only. Students are responsible for their own student visa fees, accommodation costs, travel expenses, travel insurance, meals, and other expenses.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

All students are required to pay miscellaneous fee of SGD230 that covers the cost of student **medical insurance** (including COVID-19 coverage but within Singapore only), IT services and matriculation fees.

This fee is compulsory and non-refundable.

It is highly encouraged for all international students to purchase their personal travel insurance (which is not covered under this miscellaneous fee).

INTERNATIONAL SOS (ISOS)

SMU has engaged the services of International SOS (ISOS) to provide 24-hour assistance for all SMU students. In case of an emergency, students may contact the ISOS 24-hour hotline for assistance at +65 6337 6517.

IMPORTANT

STUDENT'S PASS (VISA)

It is mandatory for all international students enrolled in our programme to have a valid Student's Pass during their study in Singapore. Please note that students are not permitted to undertake any form of internship (paid or unpaid) during their term of study in Singapore.

The SMU Centre for Global Education and Opportunities **only facilitates** the registration of student's particulars with Singapore Immigration Checkpoints Authority (ICA). Students are responsible for the application of the Student's Pass thereafter on the ICA SOLAR portal.

1. Registration for a Student's Pass

SMU will register you through SOLAR with the following information:

- Your name, date of birth, gender and nationality (as appear in your travel document)
- Course details, course commencement and course end dates
- SOLAR application reference number

2. Submission of eForm16

Once SMU has successfully registered your information, you may login to SOLAR to submit eForm16. You must have the following information before logging into SOLAR:

- SOLAR application reference number provided by SMU
- Passport details (including travel document/passport number, date of expiry, etc)
- A Singapore address and contact details
- Your email address
- One recent passport-sized colour photograph (to be attached to e-Form 16) and must meet the following requirements:
 - Image must be taken within the last 3 months
 - Photograph should be in colour, must be taken against a white background with a matt or semi-matt finish
 - Image must show the full face and without headgear (headgear worn in accordance with religious or racial customs is acceptable but must not hide the facial features)

3. Approval of Student's Pass

Upon submission of the eForm16 and payment of visa application fee through SOLAR, students are required to print a copy of the eForm16.

If the application is successful, students are required to pay for the issuance of student's pass and book an appointment on ICA website to complete student's pass formalities in Singapore before the start of the programme on 5 January 2026.

The total fees for the Student's Pass application and issuance range from SGD105 to SGD135. Fees are determined by and payable to ICA and are non-refundable. For extension of stay beyond the Student's Pass validity, a valid visa may be required, and students are to check with ICA directly.

More information on Student's Pass application will be provided in via SMU's email.

ACCOMMODATION

On-campus accommodation is not available for GWP students. However, there are many housing options (e.g., hostel, co-living space) located within walking distance to the campus and the university is accessible by Singapore's public transportation network (e.g., trains, buses, etc.)

While students are responsible for sourcing and arranging for their own accommodation, SMU has made some arrangements with off-campus accommodation providers to cater to students' needs. However, rooms are limited and are subject to availability and students are to reach out to the providers directly. For more information, please see below.

(We are currently working on an updated list of recommended accommodations. Please check back in again soon.)

Note:

SMU does not serve in any capacity or representation, to endorse nor recommend any of the accommodation options.

GWP students **should not** be renting rooms or houses from private residential properties. According to the [Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority \(URA\)](#), private residential properties may not be used for short-term rentals and must be rented out for at least 3 consecutive months.

Students are required to confirm the costs and associated fees, make their own reservations directly with any of the operators if they are interested. Any lease or tenancy agreement entered into, shall be between the tenant (student) and proprietor / service provider. SMU does not seek to represent either party on matters arising from any disputes or legal issues. Students are required to read and understand all Terms and Conditions and legal rights before committing to any agreements / contracts in the form of signature and / or payment.

LIVING EXPENSES

The estimated living expenses for an international student in Singapore is approximately SGD2,510 – SGD3,900 per month. Some common monthly expenses include:

Accommodation (Depending on hostel and room type):	SGD1,800 – SGD2,400
Food:	SGD450 – SGD900
Local Public Transportation:	SGD100 – SGD 150
Telecommunications:	SGD30 – SGD50
Course Materials and Stationery:	SGD30 – SGD100
Entertainment and Recreation:	SGD100 – SGD300

Actual expenses will vary depending on the choice of accommodation and spending habits of individual.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Students have access to on-campus facilities and services, including:

- ❖ Learning Spaces
- ❖ Gymnasium & Fitness Centre
- ❖ Sports Hall
- ❖ Swimming Pool
- ❖ Libraries
- ❖ IT Services
- ❖ Student Wellness Centre

SPECIAL NEEDS & SUPPORT SERVICES

Students who require special assistance must inform SMU of their medical conditions in the online application form.

SMU provides facilities, care and services for students with special needs or disabilities to support their well-being while studying at SMU. Visit SMU’s website on our [Mrs Wong Kwok Leong Student Wellness Centre](#), to find out more.

ADD-DROP-CHANGE COURSE POLICY

All students are strongly encouraged to prudently weigh in on the choice of course(s) before applying to GWP. All change requests must be submitted in writing to smusummer@smu.edu.sg. Students should also notify the appropriate office of their home universities or nominating institutions, if applicable.

Before accepting offer of placement	Any requests regarding courses are considered but subject to availability.
After accepting offer of placement before 12 December (TBC)	Any requests regarding courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to availability. Submission of relevant documents will be required to substantiate the request.
On and after 12 December 2025 (TBC)	Strictly no changes will be allowed.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- Fee-Paying Students**

Students who wish to withdraw from GWP must submit their requests and reasons for withdrawal in writing to smusummer@smu.edu.sg. Students should also notify the appropriate office of their home universities or nominating institutions, if applicable.

Before 12 December 2025 (TBC)	All paid fees are non-refundable.
On and after 12 December 2025 (TBC)	Students are liable to pay full programme fees regardless of attendance. All paid fees are non-refundable.

- Nominated Exchange Students**

Students who were nominated by their home university but wish to withdraw from GWP should inform both their home university and smusummer@smu.edu.sg of their decision and reasons for withdrawal.

Before 12 December 2025 (TBC)	All paid fees are non-refundable.
On and after 12 December 2025 (TBC)	All paid fees are non-refundable. Exchange spot will be considered utilised.