Bachelor of Laws

Student Handbook

(2011 cohort and onwards & 2010 transfers and onwards)
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OVERVIEW

The SMU School of Law undergraduate curriculum leads to the award of the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The objective of this programme is to produce law graduates who have contextualized legal expertise and the ability to think across disciplines and geographical borders. In terms of pedagogy, SMU’s seminar-style learning will be put to good effect to nurture students who are confident, articulate and analytically agile.

CURRICULUM

The Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) programme is a 4-year programme. You are required to complete a total of 36 course units and an internship programme.

University Core (5 course units)

1. Analytical Skills (0.5 course units)
2. Creative Thinking (0.5 course units)
3. Business, Government & Society
4. Ethics & Social Responsibility
5. Leadership & Team Building
6. Technology & World Change

Law Core (19 course units)

1. Commercial Conflict of Laws
2. Comparative Legal Systems
3. Constitutional & Administrative Law (1.5 course units)
4. Contract Law 1
5. Contract Law 2
6. Corporate Law
7. Criminal Law (1.5 course units)
8. Economic Analysis of Law / Law & Regulation (choose 1)
9. Law of Business Organisations
10. Law of Equity & Trusts (1.5 course units)
11. Law of Evidence & Civil Procedure (1.5 course units)
12. Law of Property (1.5 course units)
13. Law of Torts (1.5 course units)
14. Legal Research & Writing
15. Legal System, Legal Method & Analysis
16. Legal Theory & Philosophy

Law Electives (Choose 7 course units)

1. Advocacy
2. Banking Law
3. Biotechnology & the Law
4. Chinese Contract Law
5. Chinese Foreign Investment Law
6. Comparative Law of Sales
7. Complex International Litigation
8. Competition Law
9. Corporate Crime
10. Corporate Insolvency Law
11. Economic Analysis of Law
12. Family Law
13. Financial & Securities Regulation
14. Foreign Direct Investment Law & Practice
15. Information Technology & the Law
16. Insurance Law
17. Intellectual Property Law
18. International and Comparative Criminal Justice
19. International Commercial Arbitration
20. International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property
21. International Moots
22. International Patent Law and Policy
23. Islamic Commercial Law
24. Jurisprudence: Modern & Critical Theories of Law
25. Law and Development
26. Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore
27. Law & Regulation
28. Law of Confidential Information, Trade Secrets and Privacy
29. Law of Mergers & Acquisitions
30. Law Study Mission
31. Negotiation & Mediation for Lawyers
32. Personal Property
33. Public International Law
34. Shipping & Admiralty Law
35. Trade & Investment Law
36. WTO : Law and Policy
37. Directed Research

(Other electives may be offered from time to time)

Note: Only LLB electives with LAW as the prefix in the course codes are counted as law electives. Courses with course codes e.g. LGST, FNCE, etc as prefix cannot be used to fulfil the requirement of law electives.

Law-related Courses (5 course units)

- Financial Accounting
- Finance for Law
- Any 1 course from the undergraduate curriculum in SMU (may also be a law elective)
- Any 2 courses from the General Education electives

To hone the legal writing skills of the students, from Year 2 onwards, each student will be required to submit a substantial individual written assignment of about 2,000 to 3,000 words for one of the law courses read in each term. The total number of research papers required for graduation is 4.

Finishing Touch Programme

With effect from Academic Year 2011-12 onwards, all new students will be required to enroll in the “Finishing Touch” under a revamped programme offered by the Office of Career Services (OCS). This will be a series of required Career Preparation & Enrichment workshops as part of the fulfillment of their graduation requirements. More information on this will be furnished as soon as it is available.

Internship and Community Service Programme

The Internship Programme consists of a 10-week attachment in a business or corporate or public sector organisation and a 2-week attachment at a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO). As the details of the organisations and the time spent in each organisation will be reflected in the transcript, students must ensure that they have fulfilled the full 12 weeks before graduation.

- 10-week attachment
Students can start their internship anytime after completing four full terms of coursework (three full terms for LLB double degree students). However, it must be carried out on a full-time basis. As part of the training, students could either source for their own internship(s), or explore opportunities posted via OnTRAC, a 24/7/365 web-based portal. Where internship(s) are self-sourced, students must submit a proposal via OnTRAC for the Office of Career Services’ (OCS) approval prior to beginning the stint. At the end of the internship, the student must submit a report within one month from the last day of the stint. A performance appraisal will also be required of the Supervisor / Reporting Office, under whose supervision the student completed the stint.

- 2-week (80-hour) attachment at a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO)

Students can start the VWO attachment anytime after completing two terms during the course of study. Students can opt to be attached to more than one VWO, but not more than 3.

Students must put in 80 hours of work in total to be counted as fulfilling the requirement. Students must submit an overall written report through SMU OnTRAC after having completed the full 80-hour attachment. VWOs providing the attachment will be required to do a performance appraisal for the students.
COURSE SEQUENCE

We append below the suggested course sequence:

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<th>UNIT</th>
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<td>LAW106 LEGAL RESEARCH &amp; WRITING</td>
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<td>TECHNOLOGY &amp; WORLD CHANGE</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL UNITS</strong></td>
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* DDP students with BBM or BAcc, students with an intention to enrol in a second major in Finance or accounting, or LLB students who wish to enrol in courses which have FNCE101 Finance as a pre-requisite, must enrol in FNCE101 Finance in place of FNCE103 Finance for Law.

** It is determined by pre-assigned sets in Year 1

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME (DDP)

The School of Law offers an opportunity for outstanding SMU students to enrol in the law double-degree programmes (DDP). The law DDP is only available to a small number of very good students on a competitive basis, and is by invitation only. It entails five years of full-time study, and the number of law electives that the students must read will be the same as for the single degree. Some law DDP students may have to undertake two internships to meet both degrees' requirements. For example, a LL.B – BAcc DDP or a LL.B – BSc (ISM) DDP student would have to undertake a law internship as well as an accountancy or an information systems management internship respectively. Law students applying for DDP would require a good pass in Mathematics at H1 level.

Under the double degree programme, a student can graduate in five years with two degrees in:

- Law & Accountancy (LL.B & BAcc)
- Law & Business Management (LL.B & BBM)
- Law & Economics (LL.B & BSc (Econ))
- Law & Information Systems Management (LL.B & BSc (ISM))
- Law & Social Sciences (LL.B & BSocSc)

Please refer to OASIS (the student portal) on the ‘Policies on Double Degree Programme’.

A DPP student must complete a minimum number of courses to fulfil the degree requirements for both programmes. Please refer to the table below on the minimum number of course units required.

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<th>LL.B +Secondary Degree in:</th>
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<td>BAcc</td>
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<td>BBM</td>
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<td>BSc (Econ)</td>
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<td>BSocSc</td>
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Refer to the Student Handbook of the respective programmes for the detailed curriculum. Go to OASIS > Study > Advisement & Curriculum to keep track of your progression. Make use of the Curriculum Worksheet as well as the Degree Progress Report (Course List What-if) to work out your study plan.

Important to note:

Students should always bid/enrol for courses belonging to the secondary programme first before enrolling for LLB courses because demand for other school courses are usually very high, e.g. competing with BBM/BAcc/BSc(Econ)/BSc(ISM)/BSocSc students for BBM courses vs competing with your own LLB students for LLB courses. This approach will greatly aid your DDP progression.
SECOND MAJOR

All SMU students enrolled in a single degree programme may opt to do a second major in any of the following:

**Offered by Lee Kong Chian School of Business**
- Corporate Communications
- Finance with tracks in:
  1) Wealth Management
  2) International Trading
  3) Investment Banking
- Management
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources
- Quantitative Finance

**Offered by School of Accountancy**
- Accounting

**Offered by School of Economics**
- Actuarial Science
- Business Statistics
- Economics

**Offered by School of Information Systems**
- Advanced Business Technology with tracks in:
  1) Business Intelligence and Analytics
  2) Banking Processes and Solutions
  3) Service Systems and Solutions
- Information Systems Management

**Offered by School of Social Sciences**
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- International and Asian Studies (IAS)
- Public Policy and Public Management (PPPM)

All students MUST declare their First as well as Second (if any) Major within their first 4 regular terms of study (inclusive of term on leave of absence and/or international exchange) via OASIS > Study > Enrolments & Withdrawals.

Students who intend to pursue a second major that requires Introductory Statistics (e.g. Finance major) may wish to take the Statistics Waiver Test. This test is open to all freshmen and it is conducted once by the School of Economics before the commencement of Term 1 of each academic year.

For details on the second major requirements, please refer to OASIS > Study > Curriculum.

**OASIS**

OASIS (Online Access to Student Information System) is the student portal that hosts various self-service functions under different categories such as Study, Personal & Finances, Resources, Career & Jobs, Student Life and Schools & Community. It is a one-stop self-service centre for all things related to your student life in SMU.
Simply log in to OASIS at https://oasis.smu.edu.sg and explore all the available functions. We encourage you to read and be familiar with the University's Undergraduate Regulations & Procedures and Online Registration of Courses by BOSS (Bidding Online Sytem). Do check for updates or announcements which will be posted in OASIS from time to time.

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