At The Top Of The Class

It's not just a question of what to pursue, but where to pursue it as well.

1. National University Of Singapore (NUS)

This prestigious university is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Just last year, NUS was rated 18th in a global ranking of universities by The Times Higher Education Supplement, making it one of only three Asian universities (the other two being the University of Tokyo and Beijing University) to be rated among the Top 20.

**STUDENT INTAKE** Over 6,000 each year.

**POPULATION OF STUDENTS** About 23,000 undergraduates and 9,000 postgraduates.

**COURSES OFFERED** NUS has 14 faculties and schools. Courses range from Arts and Social Sciences, Business, Medicine and Science to Architecture and Engineering amongst others.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES** NUS has 14 postgraduate schools offering programmes by course work or dissertation. Faculties also offer postgraduate programmes at Masters and Doctorate levels.

**COLLABORATIONS** Massachusetts Institute of Technology University, John Hopkins University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Fudan University amongst others.

**FACILITIES** NUS's Kent Ridge campus has six libraries and 35 lecture theatres. It houses four museums, and recreational and sports facilities as well as a University Cultural Centre. Wireless Internet access available campus-wide.

**ACCOMMODATION** There are currently six Halls of Residence on campus and these provide comfortable accommodation.

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2. Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU), established in 1991, has its origin in the former Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI), which was set up in 1981 with the primary function of providing facilities for tertiary education and research in various branches of Engineering and Technology. NTU was ranked 50th globally and seventh in Asia by *The Times Higher Education Supplement* in a 2004 ranking of the world's best universities.

**STUDENT INTAKE** Over 5,000 every year.

**POPULATION OF STUDENTS** About 16,000 undergraduates and 7,000 postgraduates.

**COURSES OFFERED** The university offers programmes in Accountancy, Business, Engineering, Communication Studies, Maritime Studies and Arts and Science (Education).

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES** All the faculties offer graduate diploma courses and graduate degree programmes.

**COLLABORATIONS** It has many joint programmes with top universities including the Singapore-MIT Alliance, Singapore-Stanford Partnership, Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management, and Singapore-University of Washington Alliance in Bioengineering.

**FACILITIES** The campus boasts six libraries, a Chinese Heritage Centre and Research TechnoPlaza, a research hub set up in 2003.

**ACCOMMODATION** 15 Halls of Residence.

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3. Singapore Management University (SMU)

Established in 2000, SMU holds a unique position as Singapore's first private university funded by the government as well as being the only city campus. Modelled after the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, SMU's curriculum aims to groom business leaders and creative entrepreneurs capable of excelling in a rapidly changing world. SMU also taps successful businessmen for their specific expertise and management skills.

**STUDENT INTAKE** About 1,200 each year.

**POPULATION OF STUDENTS** The University is currently home to 3,800 students.

**COURSES OFFERED** The University comprises four schools—the Lee Kong Chian School of Business; the School of Accountancy; the School of Economics & Social Sciences; and the School of Information Systems.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES** SMU also offers postgraduates programmes in Accounting, Economics and Finance (by research), Applied Finance and Wealth Management.

**COLLABORATIONS** The University has collaborations with IT-renowned Carnegie Mellon University, University of Chicago and International University in Germany.

**FACILITIES** It has just moved to its $450 million city campus that is fitted with state-of-the-art equipment. The university has an underground linkway between their five campus buildings and recreational facilities.

**ACCOMMODATION** Currently, there isn't any on-campus, but there are plans to provide accommodation in the Bras Basah area.

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4. Universitas 21 Global

Established in 2001, the world's premier online graduate school is committed to providing quality higher education through flexible eLearning. Universitas 21 Global is a joint venture between Universitas 21, an international network of 16 distinguished universities, and Thomson Learning, a provider of tailored learning solutions for individuals and businesses.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES** They only offer postgraduate programmes and these include MBA courses, higher diplomas and certificates.

**COLLABORATIONS** There are joint ventures with McGill University, University of British Columbia, University of Virginia, University of Birmingham, University of Glasgow, University of Nottingham, Lund University, University of Edinburgh, Fudan University, University of Hong Kong, Korea University, National University of Singapore, University of Melbourne, University of Auckland, University of New South Wales and University of Queensland.

**FACILITIES** It is a virtual classroom. Course materials are updated online and students and lecturers discuss through online chats. An online library with hundreds of thousands of journals is also available for students to access.

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great opportunities to network with people from around the world as the programme attracts students from various countries.

**FACILITIES**
The campus has a state-of-the-art lecture theatre and student rooms equipped with their own computers and laser printers. There is also a fully-equipped business centre for students to use.

**ACCOMMODATION**
None, but overseas students can contact the school to assist in negotiating for special rates for stays in hotels.

**University Of Chicago Graduate School Of Business**
This prestigious school's Asian campus offers a fulltime executive Graduate School of Business programme taught by the same faculty that teaches at the school's Chicago and Barcelona campuses. Designed for professionals with 10 or more years of working experience, the programme's convenient modular format allows a student to pursue a course while working. The courses also allow students to gain a broad knowledge of business fundamentals, as well as sharp analytical and creative problem-solving skills that extend beyond the jobs and the industry they are in. A unique feature is that students go for a week-long orientation at its Chicago campus before they start their course in their own country.

**STUDENT INTAKE**
In Singapore, 80-95 a year

**POPULATION OF STUDENTS**
Currently, about 190 students are enrolled in the Singapore campus.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED**
While there are a variety of bachelor degrees offered in their Chicago campus, the school only specialises in the Executive MBA programme.

**COLLABORATIONS**
The Singapore campus has none. However, professors from Chicago are flown in for lectures.

**BEST KNOWN FOR**
Its Executive MBA programme. Taking on this course also allows for
Informatics

Established in 1983 in response to Asia's rising demand for skilled Information Technology manpower and knowledge-based workers, Informatics also holds the honour of being the first private lifelong learning company to obtain an SGX-SESDAQ listing in May 1993. Besides Informatics Computer School, Thames Business School, Ruige Applied Computing Centre, Informatics Professional Development Centre and Computer Assisted Learning Training Centre are also owned by the group.

STUDENT INTAKE Over 60,000 students have graduated from Informatics.
POPULATION OF STUDENTS The campus has the capacity to hold 15,000 students.
COURSES OFFERED Diploma and degree options are available in disciplines such as Information Technology, Business and Engineering.
POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED Fulltime Masters programmes are available at their Institute of Postgraduate Studies.
COLLABORATIONS The University of Wales, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University and Curtin University.
FACILITIES 80 fully furnished lecture halls, plus computer and engineering laboratories. There is also wireless access throughout the campus.
ACCOMMODATION Housing options are available in the Novena and Katong areas for international students.

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Asian Centre For Professional Education (ACPE)

The ACPE is the result of a joint effort between educational services provider Centre for Professional Studies (CPS) and the Entrepreneur's Resource Centre (ERC). One of ACPE's core organisational values involves personalising services to fit the needs of its students and providing top-notch educational programmes from reputable institutions.

STUDENT INTAKE There are three intakes per year for its MBA programme and on average, 15 students enroll per intake. For the Diplomas, an average of 30 students enroll per intake and recruitment is done three to six times a year.
POPULATION OF STUDENTS There are currently 200 diploma students, 250 MBA students and 50 PhD students.
COURSES OFFERED Diploma in Finance, Wealth Management and Enterprise Management and Degree in Entrepreneurial Management. Newer courses like the Diploma in Business, Diploma in Business (Real Estate Management), Diploma in Business Information Technology and Diploma in Hospitality Management have been launched.
POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED Masters in Entrepreneurial Management, Masters in Finance, plus PhD courses in these fields.
COLLABORATIONS Entrepreneurship Institute Australia (EIA) and International Professional Managers Association (IPMA).
FACILITIES Five state-of-the-art seminar rooms well-equipped with teaching aids, comfortable seatings and wireless Internet connection. By end September, six more seminar rooms will be ready. It also boasts a library with more than 800 books.
ACCOMMODATION None, but they do try to match students with an ideal place to stay.

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Auston

Established in 1996, Auston has a host of basic and professional education programmes for fulltime students and working adults. Auston is listed on the Singapore SESDAQ and was awarded ISO 9001 in 2001 and the SQC for Private Education Organisations.

STUDENT INTAKE Over 8,000 students have graduated from Auston.
POPULATION OF STUDENTS The campus has the capacity to hold 1,500 students.
COURSES OFFERED Business, Computing and Information Technology and Engineering.
POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED None.
COLLABORATIONS Coventry University and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University.
FACILITIES Fully furnished lecture theatres and classrooms computer laboratories, library as well as training and administrative facilities.
ACCOMMODATION None.

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