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今年报名新大的学生，对李光前商学院的商业管理课程最感兴趣，吸引了5000名学生报读，他们都希望新大实行工商硕士课程小班制的美式教学法。

## 入学率

### 新大在2020年2月宣布，新学年学费将上调至7500元，比新加坡国立大学和南洋理工大学高出1390元，达23%之多。因国大和南大一般学生的学费今年调高至6110元。新大同时宣布，新学年调高新学年学费，只影响新生，今年校方在新学年学费的美式教学法。
The Singapore Management University has received 10,550 applications this year, an increase of 12% from last year. With only 1,260 places, it means that competition will be keen. Eight students will be competing for one place in the university. This is the first time competition is so intense for SMU.

Of the 10,000 over applicants, more than half are ‘A’ level students and the rest are polytechnic and foreign students.

SMU President Professor Howard Hunter is happy that students remain supportive of SMU in spite of the fee revision.

He said, "This is once again a strong indication of the confidence parents and students have in the quality of an SMU education. It is because they truly believe in SMU as a unique institution that transforms individuals into creative, confident and business-savvy leaders with global mindsets."

In February this year, SMU increase its tuition fees to $7,500 a year, more than $1,390 (or 23% more) compared to NUS and NTU. NUS and NTU have increased their tuition fees to $6,110 for most degree programmes. SMU emphasized that the fee revision affects only incoming students and the fee will be locked in for the entire four years of their education.

Professor Hunter added the majority of the applicants this year are interested in the business management programme offered by the Lee Kong Chian School of Business. There are 5,000 over applicants. Many like the MBA approach of teaching modeled after the American pedagogy.

He also revealed that not only do SMU graduates net jobs within six months of graduation but their starting salaries also surpass those of NUS and NTU.

Using business graduates as a comparison, the top 20% of SMU's business management graduates are getting $4,102. Even including accountancy graduates, the starting salary is $3,842, higher than NUS and NTU. The top 20% of NUS business graduates are getting $3,208 and the top 20% of NTU business and accountancy graduates are getting $3,050.

Professor Hunter said, "This attests to the confidence employers have in our graduates and welcome them into their organizations."

He said that despite the fee revision, SMU will not neglect those with financial difficulties. This year, SMU has provided $4.2 million worth of scholarships which is 68% more than last year and $500,000 worth of bursaries which is a nine-fold increase from last year. SMU also provides $300,000 worth of notebook loans and another $220,000 worth of work study grants to allow students to work and study at the same time.

Why do polytechnic students apply to SMU?

NUS and NTU would normally grant one-year exemption to polytechnic students who are admitted into their degree programmes if their diploma studies have some similarity or overlap with the degree programme. As a result, polytechnic graduates can complete a four-year degree programme in three years and a three-year degree programme in two years.

Polytechnic students applying to SMU do not enjoy this privilege. SMU places emphasis on all of its students going through a comprehensive education, both local and overseas, with a minimal exemption of up to half a year or no exemption at all.

The advantage of saving up one year of studies and entering the workforce earlier is very attractive. Yet, there are some 3,473 (or 33%) of polytechnic applicants to SMU this year.

Alan Lim Siang Ching is a third-year double degree student in information systems management and business management and he comes from Nanyang Polytehnic with a diploma in information technology.

He said that SMU attracted him a lot and he does not mind the extra one year.

He said, "I like the small class sizes and American pedagogy. Besides, I can do a double degree which will increase my employment chances."

SMU was established in 2000. This was also the year Alan graduated from his polytechnic.

He said, "I agree that SMU is new and does not have the history of NUS and NTU. In the beginning, I did have some apprehension. However, ever since I went for the admissions interview, I realize SMU uses small class sizes and students have a hand in designing courses. That suits me a great deal."

In comparison, he attends lectures in polytechnic with 100 over students and the curriculum remained pretty much stagnant for years.

Alan said, "I was delighted when an SMU professor told me that after each term, students have a say on the course structure and content through a course evaluation exercise and can suggest changes."

In his few years in SMU, Alan has a fulfilling campus life. He went on a Business Study Mission to New York, did an internship with DBS Bank and joined the Singapore Street Festival for community service. He felt campus life is very exciting.

With his outstanding results, he secured an SMU scholarship which saves him tuition fees every year. He also has $5,000 allowance. On top of that, he still signs up for Work Study Grant and does part-time work at the Office of Student Life, clocking in 3-6 hours of work a week and earning $120 to $240 a month.

He reiterated, "With such a vibrant environment on campus, one more year is worth it."

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Student Chen Chen, 20 years old and who graduated from Raffles Junior College last year, applied only to SMU.

The straight As student said, "If SMU does not want me, I will go to the United States."

Nevertheless, he is very confident of securing a place in SMU.

He was then asked why he did not also apply to the other two universities.

Chen Chen, who is currently serving his national service, said, "Times have changed. It's no longer a trend to apply to as many universities as in the past. I would consider the kinds of career paths and the courses needed before deciding on my choice of university. I have no bias against the other two universities, but I feel that the American-style teaching that SMU offers is most suitable for me."

Chen Chen’s mother, Mdm Lu Duo Yuan, provides consultancy advice to Chinese students who are interested in furthering their studies in Singapore. She says, "I have confidence in SMU. I am pleased to be able to help introduce SMU to the students here."