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The rise of Singapore as an international trading centre has posed a challenge to those who are looking to enter the commodities trading sector. The industry is facing a shortage of skilled traders who can help jump-start a career in the sector.

To help address this challenge, SMU has launched a new course that is specifically designed for the international trading sector. The course is supported by industry partners and has been well-received by students.

The course, which is known as the “International Trading Track”, is a joint venture between SMU and industry partners. The track is designed to provide students with a foundation in international trade or a specialisation in trading.

The track comprises six inter-disciplinary courses, covering trade finance, enterprise risk management, derivatives, international law, maritime economics and shipping business. The first three courses are taught by lecturers from SMU, while the remaining courses are taught by industry partners.

The course is open to students who are interested in pursuing a career in commodities trading. Students who complete the course will be well-prepared to enter the industry and take on the challenges that come with it.

SMU hopes that the programme will help to fill the shortage of skilled traders in the sector and provide students with a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in the industry.

The success of the programme will depend on the support of industry partners and the efforts of SMU to ensure that the course is well-received by students.

Prof Koh, assistant dean of the business school at SMU, says that the programme is an important step in addressing the challenge of filling the shortage of skilled traders in the sector.

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