

# Growing From Strength to Strength: Setting a Higher Bar.

SCHOOL OF LAW

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# DEAN'S ADDRESS

The academic year 2017-18 will be doubly momentous for the SMU School of Law. First, it will be 10 years since the establishment of the School in 2007. Secondly, in January 2017, the School moved to its new home at 55 Armenian Street, adjacent to the equally new, and iconic, Kwa Geok Choo Law Library. Situated in the city centre next to the lush greenery of Fort Canning Park, the School of Law is at the same time only a short distance away from the central business district and the civic district including the courts of law and Parliament House.

In tandem with the University's philosophy of broad-based curriculum and emphasis on holistic education, the School of Law offers a unique proposition for learning of the law in context. We aim to train graduates who are not only able to solve legal problems, but who are also capable of thinking across disciplines and borders. We invite leading industry experts to engage with our students on a regular basis. Internship and pro bono legal activities form part of the education. There are opportunities to enrol in double-degree programmes as well as to read majors from other schools. We have many overseas exchange partners and there will be other global exposure opportunities. Students will find themselves immersed in a lively and exciting atmosphere, both inside and outside the classroom. The objective of our interactive pedagogy is to produce law graduates who are not only competent, confident and articulate, but who will also be able to contribute to the legal profession as well as to society generally.

There will not be a moment of boredom. Seminar-style teaching, class participation, and individual and group projects (in addition to a rich array of co-curricular activities) will keep you constantly engaged. The skills of legal analysis, research and writing which you hone over the four years in the LL.B. programme will enable you to pick up new laws as they emerge in an ever-evolving society. These fundamental skills, in addition to the soft skills that we aim to instil within our curriculum as well as co-curricular activities, will stand you in good stead even if you choose a career outside the field of law.

**Professor Yeo Tiong Min**

Yong Pung How Chair Professor of Law  
Dean, School of Law



# MEET THE FACULTY

The international experience of our Law Faculty is reflected in their profiles and they hold postgraduate degrees from renowned universities worldwide such as Harvard and Oxford. The diversity in legal research and teaching is apparent from the list of global publications of the faculty, and the spectrum of courses being offered in various areas of law. In particular, faculty have amassed an impressive publication record with publications in international journals such as the Cambridge Law Journal, Modern Law Review, Oxford Journal of Legal Studies and Journal of Contract Law, as well as textbooks on Singapore law that are widely cited by the judiciary and consulted by the profession. The faculty are also very actively involved in service within the university, the legal fraternity and in society.

## DEANERY



### YEO TIONG MIN

Dean, School of Law  
Yong Pung How Chair Professor of Law

Research Areas:

- Conflict of Laws
- Equity
- Restitution
- Contract
- Remedies



### DAVID LLEWELYN

Deputy Dean  
Professor of Law (Practice)

Research Areas:

- Commercialisation of IP
- Comparative Trade Mark Law
- Intellectual Property Law



### WAN WAI YEE

Associate Professor of Law  
Associate Dean (Teaching and Curriculum)  
Academic Director, Faculty Affairs  
Deputy Director, Centre for Cross-Border  
Commercial Law in Asia

Research Areas:

- Corporate Law
- Securities Regulation
- Law of Mergers and Acquisitions



### WARREN B. CHIK

Associate Professor of Law  
Associate Dean (External Relations)

Research Areas:

- Data Protection Law
- Information Technology and the Law
- Intellectual Property Law



### GOH YIHAN

Associate Professor of Law  
Associate Dean (Research)

Research Areas:

- The Law of Contract
- The Law of Torts
- Statutory Interpretation
- The Singapore Legal System

## CENTRES' DIRECTORS



### KUNG-CHUNG LIU

Visiting Professor of Law  
Director, Applied Research Centre for  
Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia

Research Areas:

- Intellectual Property Law
- Competition Law
- Communication Law



### RATHNA N. KOMAN

Associate Professor of Law (Practice)  
Director, Pro Bono Center

Research Areas:

- Criminal Law
- Contract Law
- Dispute Resolution: Negotiation,  
Mediation, Arbitration and Litigation
- Evidence and Civil Procedure
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Advocacy



### TANG HANG WU

Professor of Law  
Director, Centre for Cross-Border  
Commercial Law in Asia

Research Areas:

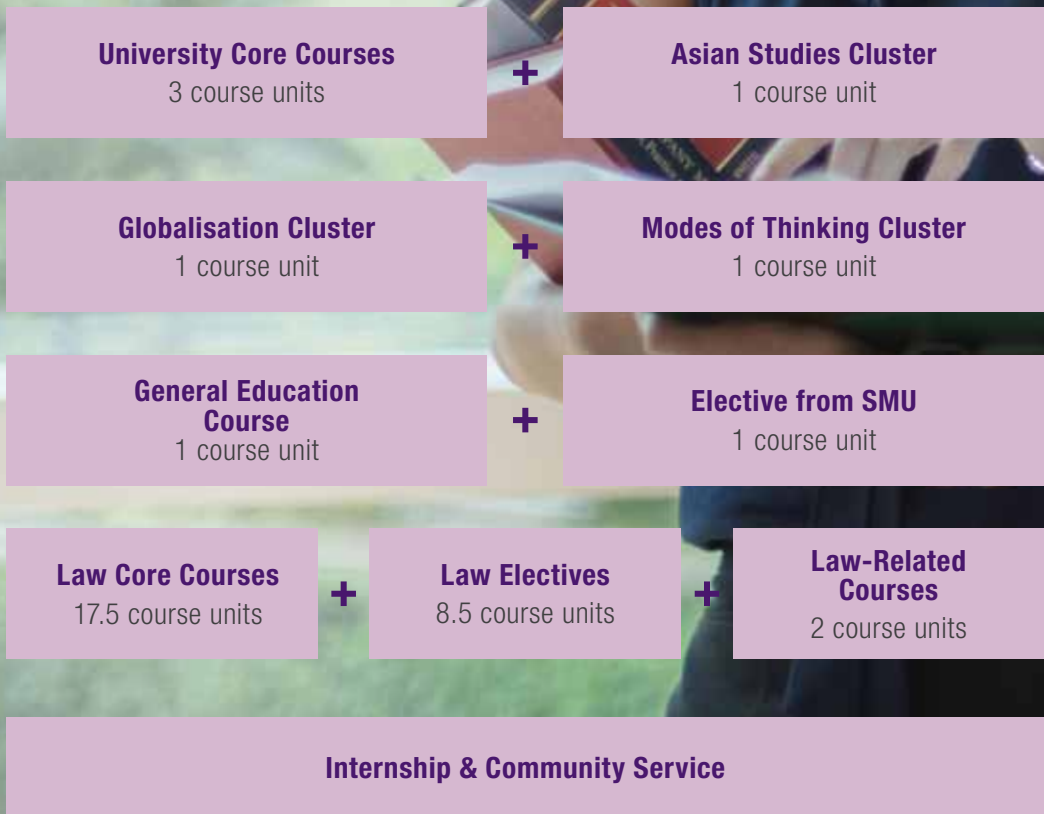
- Property Law
- Equity and Trusts
- Restitution and Unjust Enrichment
- Wealth Management
- Charity and Non-Profit Law



# CURRICULUM

As a 4-year meritorious honours programme, our Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) comprises 36 course units (CU) worth of courses. The LL.B. curriculum is endorsed by the Ministry of Law and Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

Our curriculum consists of a deliberate mix of University Core courses, Law Core courses, Law-related courses, Law electives, and General Education courses to ensure that graduates possess the desired contextual and cross-border knowledge and expertise.



**University Core Courses (3 CU)**

- Business, Government & Society
- Ethics & Social Responsibility
- Leadership & Team Building

**Asian Studies Cluster (1 CU)**

- Any 1.0 CU course from Asian Studies Cluster

**Globalisation Cluster (1 CU)**

- Any 1.0 CU course from Globalisation Cluster

**Modes of Thinking Cluster (1 CU)**

- Any 1.0 CU course from the Modes of Thinking Cluster

**General Education Course (1 CU)**

- Any 1 General Education course

**Law Core Courses (17.5 CU)**

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

**Law Electives**

(Electives offered may vary for a given year)  
Students must complete 8.5 CU of law electives

- Advocacy
- An Introduction to International Banking and Financial Regulation (0.5 CU)
- Appellate Practice in Civil Litigation (0.5 CU)
- Banking Law
- Chinese Contract Law
- Comparative Law of Sales
- Complex International Litigation
- Competition Law
- Construction Law
- Contract Negotiation and Drafting
- Corporate Crime
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Domestic and International Sales
- Drafting in Corporate Practice (0.5 CU)
- Drafting of Commercial Agreements (0.5 CU)

- Economic Analysis of Law
- Entertainment Law
- Evidence, Litigation & the Criminal Process
- Family Law
- Financial & Securities Regulation
- Foreign Direct Investment Law & Practice
- Foundations of ASEAN Law & Practice
- Information & Communication Technology and Law: Intermediaries
- Information & Communication Technology and Law: Transactions
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International and Comparative Criminal Justice International Commercial Arbitration
- International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property
- International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Process
- International Law & Global Politics
- International Moots
- Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law
- Introduction to Civil Procedure (0.5 CU)
- Jurisprudence: Modern & Critical Theories of Law
- Law and the Changing Media Environment
- Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore
- Law and Psychology
- Law and Regulation
- Law of Corporate Finance
- Law of International Trade
- Law of Mergers & Acquisitions
- Law Study Mission to Asia Law Study Mission (to non-Asian country)
- Legal and Commercial Principles in Project Financing Transactions
- Legal Issues in e-Commerce
- Mediation Skills for Lawyers
- Medical Law and Health Policy
- Pre-Trial Practice in Civil Litigation (0.5 CU)
- Principles of Law of Restitution
- Principles of Taxation of International Business Transactions
- Public International Law
- Shipping & Admiralty Law
- Trade & Investment Law
- Transnational Business & Human Rights
- WTO: Law and Policy Directed Research

**Law-Related Courses (2 CU)**

- Financial Accounting for Law
- Finance for Law

**Elective from SMU (1 CU)**

- Any 1.0 CU from SMU (including Law Electives)



## Community Service and Pro Bono

Students perform 80 hours of attachment at a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO) or organisations involved in pro-bono and legal aid work. As a part of this 80 hours of community service, law students are required to complete 20 mandatory hours of pro-bono work in their 2nd or 3rd year.

## Double Degree

With outstanding results, you will have the opportunity to enrol in a 5-year double degree programme (DDP) which combines Law with other programmes in Accountancy, Business, Economics, Information Systems, and Social Sciences. Available to only a small number of students on a competitive basis, the DDP entails a 5-year study with the same number of law electives read as those in the single degree track. In order to fulfill both degree requirements, some Law DDP students may have to undertake two internships. For e.g., an LL.B.-BAcc DDP student would have to undertake both a law internship as well as an accountancy internship.

## Holistic Pedagogy

Our students invest substantial efforts in pre-class preparatory reading and thinking, and participate in vibrant class discussions. Group presentations account for a significant amount of time in the class as part of our experiential and interactive participative learning culture. Through this, our students develop to become dynamic, articulate, confident and analytically agile individuals, with crucial attributes for excelling in the legal and corporate world.

To ensure a rigorous and holistic assessment of each student, a significant weightage of the assessment is given to class participation, term assignments, and oral and written presentations. End-of-term examinations, which are usually open book, accounts for a maximum 60% of the final grade of the course.

To provide you with the opportunity to learn from practical expertise and experience, we invite legal practitioners from law firms and members of the judiciary to participate in classroom teaching of the LL.B. course, which is a distinctive feature of the LL.B. programme.

As part of the curriculum to hone our students' legal writing skills, from Year 2 onwards, each of them is required to submit an individual written assignment of 2,000 to 3,000 words for one of the law courses read in each term.

## Double Major

If you are keen to leverage on the knowledge gained from other disciplines, you can take additional courses from other SMU schools to form a second major.

## Featured Student Testimonial

When I first enrolled into SMU School of Law, I did not expect my life to turn out the way it did. In my first year, I thought that I would be confined to my room reading books — a few months later, I found myself in a village in China, helping the local residents as part of my community service project. I was volunteering in pro bono legal clinics, did an internship in New York City and then an exchange semester in Amsterdam. Throughout my four years in SMU, I thought I would never have time to do volunteer work — but as it turned out, I found ample time to provide voluntary tuition for students from the Malay-Muslim community. It is astounding how we can surprise ourselves in doing the things we never thought we could.



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# INTERNSHIP

As part of the curriculum, our students are required to undertake a 10-week compulsory internship with

- Law firms; and/or
- The legal department of Government/Government-linked corporations/companies/MNC, amongst others.

Internships are intended to acquaint you with the practical workings of the legal system and realities of law practice in both the public and private sectors. Students generally intern in several firms or organisations to gain greater exposure to various forms of legal work. The internship may include an overseas component as is the case with internships arranged through one of our partners, the New York State Bar Association.

We continually negotiate with other firms and organisations of interest to our students to ensure that they are given a wide range of internship opportunities.

## Featured Student Testimonial

It is truly a blessing to be able to give back to the community.

I had the honour of being able to travel to villages in the beautiful Eastern Himalayas under Project Neora III in collaboration with HELP Tourism. We aimed to provide English lessons, first aid kits and most importantly, friendship to the villagers.

The School of Law also encourages us to participate in pro bono clinics. My stint with OSLAS (On-Site Legal Advice Scheme) and PBSO CLC (Pro Bono Services Office Community Legal Clinic) has reminded me that being able to read Law is a privilege, and that we should use our specialised knowledge to help those in need of legal aid.

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For more information about the list of our internship partners, please refer to the school's website <https://law.smu.edu.sg/>

# EXCHANGE

The school partners with the following universities in a direct law-to-law and university-wide exchange programme and is continually establishing more linkages to expand its international exchange programme offering.



\* denotes Law-to-Law Exchange Partners.  
^ denotes University Wide Agreements.

## Australia

- Australian National University ^
- Bond University \*
- La Trobe University ^
- University of Adelaide ^
- University of New South Wales \*
- University of Western Australia ^

## Austria

- WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) \* ^

## Belgium

- Ghent University ^
- University of Antwerp ^

## Chile

- Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile ^
- Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez ^

## China

- China University of Political Science and Law \*
- China Youth University for Political Science \*
- Peking University \*
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University \*
- Tsinghua University \*
- Wuhan University ^
- Xiamen University ^

## Finland

- Hanken School of Economics ^

## France

- Université Paris Est Creteil Val de Marne \*

## Germany

- Bucerius Law School \*
- EBS Universität \*
- Freie Universität Berlin \*
- Humboldt-Universität Zu Berlin ^
- University of Mannheim \*

## Hong Kong SAR

- University of Hong Kong \*
- City University of Hong Kong \*

## India

- NALSAR University of Law \*
- National Law School of India University \*
- O.P. Jindal Global University \*

## Ireland

- Trinity College Dublin ^

## Israel

- Tel Aviv University \*
- Radzyner School of Law, The Interdisciplinary Centre \*

## Italy

- Bocconi University \*
- Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (LUISS) ^
- LIUC Università Cattaneo Castellanza ^

## Japan

- Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy \*
- Keio University \*
- Kwansei Gakuin University ^
- Kyushu University ^
- Rikkyo University \*

## Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan Institute of Management (KIMEP) ^

## Korea

- Seoul University \*
- Yonsei University \*

## Mexico

- Tecnológico de Monterrey ^



### Netherlands

- Leiden University ^
- Tilburg University \*
- University of Groningen ^
- Universiteit Maastricht \*
- Utrecht University School of Economics ^

### New Zealand

- Victoria University of Wellington ^
- University of Canterbury ^

### Peru

- Universidad del Pacifico

### Philippines

- De La Salle University

### Poland

- Kozminski University \*

### South Africa

- University of Pretoria \*

### Spain

- ESADE Law School \*
- IE University ^
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid ^
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra \*

### Sweden

- Uppsala Universitet \*

### Switzerland

- University of Bern ^
- University of St. Gallen \*
- University of Lucerne \*

### Taiwan

- National Cheng Chi University \*
- National Chiao Tung University \*
- National Taiwan University \*

### United Kingdom

- University of Exeter \*
- University of Leicester \*
- University of London, SOAS \*
- University of Manchester \*
- University of Southampton \*
- University of Surrey ^
- University of York \*

### United States

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign \*
- University of Richmond ^
- University of San Diego \*

## THEMIS Programmes

The School of Law has become the first Asian university to join the ranks of top European Universities as part of the THEMIS network, alongside Università Bocconi (Milan, Italy), Esade (Barcelona, Spain), Freie Universität (Berlin, Germany), Université Paris Est Créteil Val de Marne (Paris, France), Maastricht Law School (Maastricht, The Netherlands), Universität St. Gallen (Switzerland) and WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) (Austria).

The network's THEMIS programme, offering joint international certificate, was launched in September 2006. Outstanding students from the THEMIS network of universities who are selected to participate in the programme get the unique opportunity to go on an international exchange at a partner university, participate in international internships and attend specialised THEMIS seminars. The THEMIS Seminars provide students with a chance to delve deeper into an area of international law relevant to their academic career and is held on a rotating basis by the THEMIS universities.

The THEMIS programme provides students with the opportunity to widen their intellectual and academic horizons, as well as strengthen their academic and cultural knowledge in an international context, giving them a competitive advantage that will stand them in good stead in their future legal careers.

# A TRADITION OF WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE IN STUDENT COMPETITIONS

SMU invests in a holistic legal education. Part of this involves training our students to participate in competitions, and the results have been consistently remarkable. For instance, SMU has regularly featured in the championship finals of major international moots.

As of October 2016, these include:

- Jessup Moot in Washington DC, 600 teams (1st runner-up in 2013 and 2014)
- Vis Arbitration Moot in Vienna, 350 teams (1st runner-up in 2015 and 2016)
- Vis East Arbitration Moot in Hong Kong, 150 teams (champions in 2015; 1st runner-up in 2016)
- Price Media Law Moot in Oxford, 120 teams (champions in 2010 and 2016; 1st runner-up in 2015)
- International Criminal Court Moot in The Hague, 120 teams (champions in 2015 and 2016)
- SMU was also 1st runner-up in the Investment Arbitration Moot in Frankfurt (2015), Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot in Hong Kong (2016), and International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot in London (2016)



Having graduated its first batch of law students only in 2011, SMU is the youngest ever law school to have achieved the above feats. SMU also holds a number of other records in international moots, such as winning the most number of championships in a single season (5, set in 2014/15), reaching the most number of championship finals in a single season (9, set in 2015/16), and being the first and only university to have successfully defended a major championship (ICC in 2015 and 2016). SMU has also won various regional moots such as LawAsia (2013, 2014, and 2016) and Asia Cup (2010, 2011, 2014), and to date, SMU has won 17 of the 36 championship finals it has reached, in addition to the 83 Best Oralist and Best Memorial prizes garnered. These results are a credit to the work of our close-knit community of international moot alumni, most of whom often return to coach and mentor their juniors. Many of our mooters also go on to land prestigious clerkships and pursue postgraduate studies in leading universities, a further testament to the school's excellent standing.

For local competitions, SMU has been impeccable as well, having won moot competitions such as the Advocacy Cup, Attorney-General's Cup, HEP Moot, Mallal Moot, Maritime Law Association of Singapore Moot, and WongP Moot. Our alumni have also done well in moot competitions for young lawyers: for instance, the winning teams in virtually every edition of the Essex-SAL Moot have comprised SMU alumni. Outside moots, our students have also excelled, winning the Law Reform Essay Competition every year since it began in 2012 and the Duane Morris & Selvam Transactional Competition every year since it began in 2014. Internationally, notable results include winning the Smart Settle e-negotiation competition in 2010 and 2014, reaching the championship final of the Asia-Pacific M&A Competition in 2016, and reaching the octo-finals of the ICC Mediation Competition in 2013 and 2014.

It is unprecedented for a law school to achieve so much in so little time and so soon after its founding. We remain fully committed to training our students to achieve even more world-class results in the full spectrum of competitions, and we believe that greater success lies ahead of us.

# SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

The School of Law has made a large number of scholarships and awards available through the generosity of the school's donors to recognise and encourage our students to perform well academically. The following scholarships, awards and bursaries are exclusive to the Law School.

## Top Awards

- Lai Kew Chai Prize for Top First Year Law Student
- The School of Law Prize for Top Second Year Law Student
- The Punch Coomaraswamy Prize for Top Third Year Law Student
- Kwa Geok Choo Top Law Student Award
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Graduating Law Student
- DBS Bank School Valedictorian Award

## Subject Awards

- Amarjeet Singh SC Law Prize for Public International Law
- Ashurst ADTLaw Subject Prize
- Asian Patent Attorneys Association Prize for Top Student in International Commercialisation of IP
- Bird & Bird Prize for the Student with the Best Year Three Law Research Paper
- Blackoak LLC Prize for the Top Student in Corporate Insolvency Law
- Clyde & Co Prize for The Top Student in Insurance Law
- David Marshall Prize for Top Student in Criminal Law
- Drew & Napier Prize for the Top Student in Advocacy (Finalist Prize)
- Drew & Napier Prize for the Top Student in Advocacy (First Prize)
- Drew & Napier Prize for the Top Student in Advocacy (Runner-Up Prize)
- Emeritus Professor Gerald Dworkin Prize for The Best Student in Intellectual Property Law
- Joe Grimberg Top Advocate Prize for Best Student in International Moots 1
- Joe Grimberg Top Advocate Prize for Top Oralist in International Moots 2
- McGraw-Hill Education Prize for The Best Student in Ethics and Social Responsibility
- Michael Hwang Prize for The Top Student in International Commercial Arbitration

- Oon & Bazul Prize for The Top Student in Law of Torts
- Peggy Phang Prize for The Top Student in Legal Theory and Philosophy
- Phang Sing Eng Prize for The Top Student in Contract Law
- Portcullis Trust Prize for The Top Student in Law of Equity and Trusts
- RHT Tan Chong Huat Prize for the Best Student in Corporate Crime
- Dentons Rodyk Prize for Top Student in Corporate Law
- Dentons Rodyk Prize for Top Student in Legal Research & Writing
- Stamford Law Prize for The Top Student in Financial & Securities Regulation
- Shook Lin & Bok Prize for the Top Student in Banking Law
- TSMP Law Corporation Prize for The Best Law Student in Ethics & Social Responsibility
- Tan Boon Teik Prize for Top Student in Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Tan Sook Yee Prize for Top Student in Property Law

## Moot Awards

- Rajah & Tann Moot Prizes for the Howard Hunter Internal Moots

## Scholarships

- Ashurst ADTLaw Scholarship In Law
- Kwa Geok Choo Scholarship
- Singapore Academy of Law Undergraduate Scholarship
- Wee Chong Jin Scholarship
- WongPartnership LLP Scholarship in Law

## Bursaries

- Patrick Ong Law LLC Bursary
- Oon & Bazul Bursary
- School of Law Bursary
- Yong Pung How Bursary in Law





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