

INFORMATION SESSION

PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology

*Interdisciplinary Legal Education & Research
In a New Era of Diversification*

*SMU Yong Pung How School of Law
Postgraduate Programme*

Oct 2022

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Why SMU Yong Pung How School of Law ?

Different Law School in Asia



Law Tradition

Common law tradition combined with holistic and contextual perspective



Industry Oriented

Proximity to legal industry and other SMU schools



Learning Approach

Seminar-style
Small class
Interactive engagement
Diversity background
Interdisciplinary



Leading Resources

Commercial Law in Asia (CCLA)
SG International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)
Centre for AI and Data Governance (CAIDG)
Centre for Computational Law



Why PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology?

Interdisciplinary Legal Education & Research In a New Era of Diversification

INTERDISCIPLINARY

First of its kind in Asia-Pacific and among the few interdisciplinary research doctoral programmes offered by law schools around the world.

STRONG BACKGROUND

Provide a rigorous academic training in legal research from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective.

INDUSTRY-ORIENTED

Keep close partnerships with major stakeholders in the legal, finance and technology industries, with purpose of producing cutting-edge research.

FACE CHANGING WORLD

Ideal for whom are dedicated to commerce & technology, and interested in becoming academics, regulators and industry leaders.

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Programme Overview



Research Degree



4 Year Full-Time Programme

Goals of Programme



- ✓ To train future thought leaders in academia, judiciary, regulatory agencies and international organizations.
- ✓ To prepare for a career at leading research-oriented institutions.
- ✓ To provide training, skills, and methodology needed to conduct industry-relevant and policy-oriented research in law.

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Programme Overview

Two tracks

Deep understanding of law as a social mechanism in the context of commercial activities and technology development.



Law and Commerce Track

Focus on the study of legal and regulatory responses to business, commercial or financial activities.



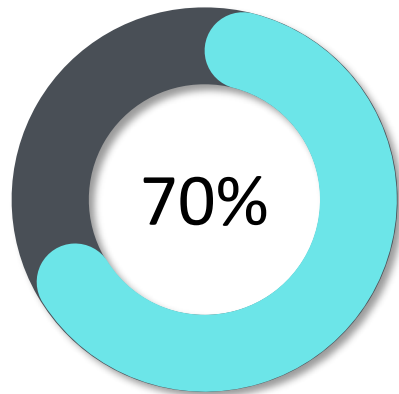
Law and Technology Track

Focus on the study of legal and regulatory responses to technology developments.

- Tracks are open to students working on topics involving the 3-way interaction of law, commerce and technology.
- Determine and declare tracks NO later than the beginning of Year 2.

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Programme Structure



Total Credit Units - 40

- Foundation / Elective courses (6 + 6 CUs)
- PhD Dissertation(28 CUs)

PhD Qualifying Examination (QE)



- Foundation courses
- Elective courses

**If comfortable with the curriculum, the dissertation research can commence before the coursework is completed.*

- Completion of Dissertation*
- Oral Defence
- High Quality Conference
- Overseas Exchange Programme, Internship or fellowship

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Programme Structure

Foundation Courses (6 CUs)

- Law in a Commercial Context
- Essential Technology for Lawyers
- Applied Econometrics for Social Science Research
- Methods for Empirical Business Research
- Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research
- Literature Review and Research Proposal Workshop

Elective Courses (6 CUs)

- ≥ 3 electives by a SMU school other than YPHSL
- Law & Tech track, take ≥ 2 electives at SCIS
**can be counted toward 3 electives outside YPHSL*
- Non-law Students take ≥ 3 electives offered by YPHSL

****Electives outside YPHSL are likely to be:***

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Corporate Finance | - Political Economy |
| - Financial Accounting | - Behavioural Science |
| - Business Management | - Computer Science |
| - Industrial Organisations | |

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Programme Structure

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Remarks
1	Foundation Courses Elective Courses	Foundation Courses Elective Courses	Prepare Dissertation Proposal	Complete Foundation & Elective Courses
2	Foundation Courses Elective Courses	Foundation Courses Form Dissertation Committee Prepare Dissertation Proposal	Prepare Dissertation Proposal Pass PhD Qualifying Examination (QE) (deadline)	Complete Foundation & Elective Courses Sit for, and Pass the QE
3	Submit Written Dissertation Proposal Form Dissertation Committee (Deadline) Approval of Dissertation Proposal Conduct Dissertation Research	Conduct Dissertation Research Approval of Dissertation Proposal (with special permission)	Conduct Dissertation Research	Submit Written Dissertation Proposal Possible Oral Defence of Dissertation Proposal Get Approved by Dissertation Committee Conduct Research Attend High-Quality Conference
4	Conduct Dissertation Research	Conduct Dissertation Research Submit Written Report of Completed Dissertation Research Oral Defence of Completed Dissertation	Revise and Re-submit Dissertation Report	Oral Defence Possible Overseas Exchange Attend High-Quality Conference

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Deadline: 31 January 2023

*Scholarship Details

Fees and Financial Assistance

Tuition Fee - fully funded by SMU

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SMU Presidential Doctoral Fellowships	Award to exceptionally qualified students who enroll into SMU's PhD programmes as well as to existing PhD students who have outstanding academic performance. The Fellowship is a one-year award that is renewed annually, for up to four years.								
SMU Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships	Awarded to existing PhD students whose research output show the use of techniques from two or more fields of research. The Fellowship is a one-year award that is renewed annually, for up to four years.								

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SMU Incentive Package in Interdisciplinary PhD Programmes

SMU YPHSL will provide support for the purchase of research-related items in broad categories approved by OPGRP, and strongly encourage PhD students to go for an overseas exchange in their 4th year.

SMU Incentive Package will provide travel support for overseas / summary school exchange, and “DART” equivalent discretionary research fund. Students can apply for travel support for up to one overseas exchange in their candidature. Students can also be awarded research fund in each year, but no roll-over of funds allowed.

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Admission Criteria

- At least a Bachelor's degree in law or related disciplines such as *Business, Finance, Economics, Computer Science or Political Science*, from a reputable undergraduate or postgraduate programme with good academic performance.
- A Master's degree is recommended **BUT** not required.
- One writing sample (such as a published paper and/or undergraduate report).
- Good GRE results ^[1].
- Good TOEFL or IELTS scores ^[2].

[1]

Waive for graduates of SMU, NUS, NTU, SUTD, SIT and SUSS.
 Within 5 years before the proposed date of admission.
 May submit your online application without the GRE score.
 SMU's GRE institution code is 2861.

[2]

University education was **NOT** English.
 Within 2 years before the proposed date of admission.
 SMU's institution code for TOEFL is 9014.



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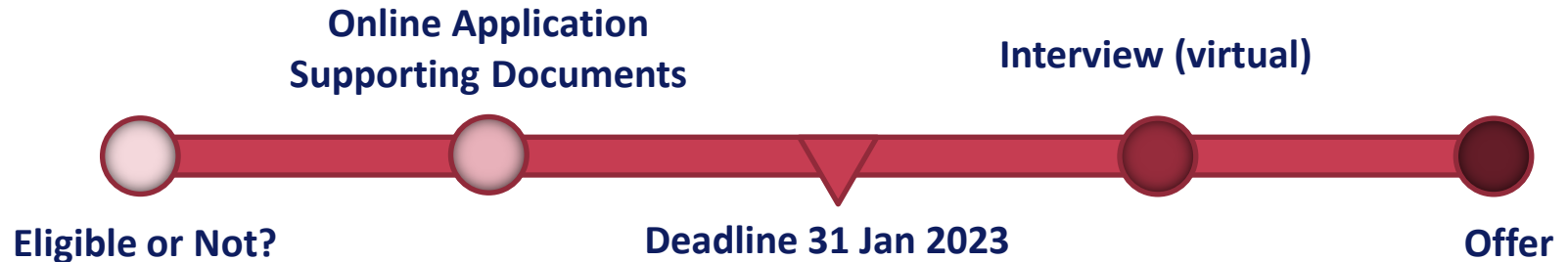
Supporting Documents

- Copies of Degree Certificates and Transcripts
- English Proficiency Test Score (IELTS/TOEFL)
- GRE
- Written Sample in English
- Copy of IC / Passport
- Latest CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Two Recommendation Forms

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Application Process



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Thank you

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