



Study Abroad in Singapore



Higher Education in Singapore

- It takes about 3-4 years for full-time students to earn a bachelor's degree. Students can undertake studies both in general areas, or with a more specific focus within those fields. Students undertaking programmes of study in general fields need to select an area they will specialise in within that field.
- There are a number of universities that are public, private, national, and campuses of foreign institutions. Whilst the programmes on offer vary between institutions, students can undertake study in undergraduate and postgraduate levels across most fields of study.
- A number of the world's leading universities, have established themselves in Singapore, by setting up a physical campus or via joint collaborations/programmes with local universities (referred to as "local tie-ups").

Fees

Annual fees currently average around S\$17,500, but be aware that depending on the prominence of the university and the type of program you undertake, you may end up paying considerably more. The good news is that more than half of international students receive some form of financial aid. Singapore is one of the most expensive cities to live in.

Highest Ranked Universities

National University of Singapore (11)

Nanyang Technological University (12)

Singapore Management University (511-20)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Working

Your Student Pass will allow you to work full-time in the school holidays and 16 hours a week in term time for most students.

Visa

- International students wishing to study in Singapore will need a student visa. This will be issued along with your letter of approval (also known as your in-principal approval or IPA) once your application has been accepted by a recognized university. Your application is subject to previous recognized qualifications, evidence of the required paperwork, and proof of sufficient English language skills.
- While this automatic issuance means you do not have to worry about applying for your student visa, you will have to apply to the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for a Student Pass within two weeks of getting accepted. This also has to be no earlier than two months before and no later than one month prior to the start of your course. You will have to do this through the Student's Pass Online Application & Registration System, known as SOLAR, which the institution at which you have been accepted will register you with.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

International students applying with A-levels or other non-Singaporean qualifications will need to check each university's admissions requirements very carefully. You may be required, depending on whether you applying before you receive your examination results, to take SAT tests. If English isn't your first language, you may be required to take IELTS/TOEFL tests. You may also be required to take SAT tests for particular degree subjects such as medicine. Applications are made direct to the university.

Further Information

Ministry of education site for university education <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/whats-next/for-gce-a-level-students/index.html>

Information about studying in Singapore on the QS website. <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/asia/singapore/singapore/guide#tab=2>