

SINGAPORE

Southeast Asian Business & Human Rights Law

Course: May 27 – June 14 (4 units)

Internships: June 17 ~ July 26 (3-4 units)



About the Program

Santa Clara began its Singapore program in 1984. Over these twenty-eight years, we have gained experience, insights, and contacts, including a close relationship with the Law Society. Singapore is a fascinating, multi-cultural city in modern Asia, with a recent British colonial past. With its British based legal system and English language, Singapore has become the commercial trading center of the region. Our program provides an excellent opportunity to study Southeast Asian law, in an unsurpassed location.



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Study in Singapore, a thriving economic hub in the region that has absorbed numerous cultures and religions. Our course in Southeast Asian Business & Human Rights Law is a fascinating look at the intersection of business and human rights in this multi-faceted and vibrant economy.

Academic Component

This comprehensive course on Southeast Asian Legal Systems takes advantage of Singapore's unique geographic and economic position within Southeast Asia. Students will initially engage in a comparative study of legal systems and traditions of the various nations within Southeast Asia such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. Students are introduced to Sharia law during this segment of the course. The course then shifts focus to business and tax issues, and finally covers human rights in the region.

Faculty

Teachers are drawn from local law schools in Singapore.

These law faculty members are particularly renowned in international business and intellectual property.



Internships

Intern in Singapore,

Cambodia, India, or Vietnam

Check the website for early

Internship Component

Students who successfully complete the three-week course work may undertake an internship lasting through the end of July 2013 (extensions are possible, by special arrangement). Internships are optional. Students may take only the course work and leave the program after the final examination. Internship placements can be arranged in Singapore, Cambodia, India, or Vietnam.

The amount of credit for an internship will depend upon the number of hours involved in supervised legal work. Under the American Bar Association guidelines, fifty hours of supervised legal work is required for each semester unit. The maximum number of internship units authorized is six. Students may be required to maintain detailed diaries and reflections of their assignments and work. Their work will be supervised, reviewed and ultimately evaluated by the local attorney with whom they work.

The nature of the internships will vary from general, somewhat local practice to international business, human rights, to intellectual property. Placements are available in private law firms, corporate law offices, governmental and non-governmental organizations. Efforts are made to match the needs of the internship sponsors with the interests of the students.



About Singapore

Singapore, officially the Republic of Singapore, is an island country off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, in the Southeast Asian region of the Asian continent. It is separated from Malaysia by the Straits of Johor to its north, and from Indonesia's Riau Islands by the Singapore Strait to its south. Singapore is the world's fourth leading financial center and a cosmopolitan world city, playing a key role in international trade and finance. The port of Singapore is also amongst the top five busiest ports in the world. Due to its diverse population and immigrant background, Singaporean culture has often been described as a mix of cultures – British, Malay, Chinese, Indian and Peranakan. Foreigners also make up 42% of the population in Singapore and they play an important role in influencing Singaporean culture. Singapore is a major international transportation hub in Asia, positioned on many sea and air trade routes, and students often visit neighboring areas such as Malaysia and Cambodia.



Important links to visit before going to Singapore:

[The Universal Currency ConverterTM](#)

[US Dept of State: Passport Services](#)

[US Embassies/Consulates](#)

[Tips for Traveling Abroad](#)

[Travel Safety Information](#)

[Consular Information Sheet – Singapore](#)

[Consular Information Sheet – Thailand](#)

[Consular Information Sheet – Vietnam](#)

[Consular Information Sheet - Cambodia](#)

[Consular Information Sheet - India](#)

[Disability Info for Singapore](#)

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Testimonials

"I loved this program. The courses were excellent, and it was very well run."

-Willa Gelvick, Summer 2009, SCU

"My summer abroad program [in Singapore] was great! Going to Vietnam [on an internship] was an awesome experience as well."

-Nam Nguyen, Loyola Law School (2006)

"Working [at an NGO in Cambodia], I feel I am on the forefront of issues affecting Cambodians today. I have had the opportunity to help prepare for, participate in, and report on protests and organizations organized by my office. The work I am doing on forced evictions and property rights is directly connected to the most pressing legal issues in Cambodia today."

-Jacqueline Binger, Summer 2006.

Student Budget

Singapore Classes & Internships	<i>Option 1 Class Only [3 weeks]</i>	<i>Option 2 Class + Internship [Up to 9 weeks]</i>	Price Breakdown
Tuition Class - 4 units	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$900 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
Tuition Internship - 3 to 4 units	\$0	\$3,960	\$990 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
TOTALS	\$3,600	\$7,560	

Other Program Expenses	<i>Option 1 (19 days, 2.5 weeks)</i>	<i>Option 2 (61 days, 8 weeks)</i>	Price Breakdown
Estimated Air Fare	\$1,700	\$1,700	
Lodging	\$1,425	\$4,575	\$75 per night, per person, single room*
Food	\$1,045	\$3,355	\$55 per day, per person*
Books & Supplies	\$150	\$150	
Estimated Local Transportation	\$125	\$400	\$50/week*
Miscellaneous**	\$500	\$1,600	\$200/week *
TOTALS (Estimate)	\$4,945	\$11,780	

*Subject to currency stability

**Personal travel and entertainment

***Note: If you are doing an internship outside of Singapore, please contact Monica Davis for a customized budget



Summer Loans

The summer is a separate borrowing period from the spring and the fall. You may be eligible for financial aid to cover all or part of your summer expenses. Consult with your home law school's financial aid office to see if you are eligible.

For more information, visit:

<http://law.scu.edu/international/summer-abroad-financial-aid.cfm>

Helpful Links

[Application Deadlines](#)

[Financial Aid](#)

[Online Application](#)

Housing

There are a number of housing options available in Singapore, from hotels and hostels, to serviced apartments. Finding the right housing for a long stay in a foreign city is not easy. The interactive map (<http://singaporehotels.com/info/mrt.php>) can help you locate the main hotels in Singapore. For reference purposes, the Orchard Road area tends to be the busy center of town. It is described as "Being at the epicentre of Singapore's shopping and entertainment industries means Orchard Road never sleeps. Other than being a shopper's heaven, it is also a great haunt for fabulous fine-dining and swanky restaurants." Here is a map of the university: <http://www.smu.edu.sg/campus/map/>

Note: Rates may be quoted in Singapore \$\$, so make sure you do the appropriate conversion before making a final decision.

On campus at SMU – Request on application

10 twin-sharing rooms (2 beds per room) are available at the SMU residences at Prinsep. The weekly rate is S\$145 per person. The residence is within close proximity to Little India, Arab Street, Bugis Junction and the National Library. <http://smu.edu.sg/leasing/Prinsep/index.asp>. Students must confirm room request by April 18, 2013. Only payment by credit card is accepted. Advance payment is required upon receipt of confirmation of room availability. The rate is inclusive of utilities charges and GST. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning but do not have an attached bathroom. There is a LAN port for internet connection for each bed, water heater, a microwave oven, a refrigerator, and a laundry center (coin operated). **Check out will be at the end of classes. Students will need to make their own arrangements for the internship period.**



Hotels

You may find some good hotel rates through STA Travel or Agoda.

<http://www.statravel.com/>

<http://www.agoda.com/>

Hotel prices range upwards from around US \$35 per day. Prices may be quoted in Singapore \$\$. Beware that reservations may require a non-refundable pre-payment for the entire duration of reservation. Make sure you check the customer reviews before committing to long-term arrangements!

Hostels

Options abound, but make sure this is what you want before you sign up for this. Here are some suggestions:

Sleepy Sams <http://www.sleepysams.com/>

Inncrowd Hostel <http://www.the-inncrowd.com/>

Evans Lodge

<http://www.evanslodge.com.sg/>

Other hotels listing

http://www.visitsingapore.com/publish/stbportal/en/home/apps/hotel_search.html

Housing continued

Serviced Apartments

Serviced apartments are great since they usually come fully furnished, offer you cooking facilities, and can be shared with one or more students.

While many rental services are available, students have used Wilby Central Serviced Apartments in the past <http://www.wilbyresidences.com/>. You can email them at central@wilby.com.sg

For 2011, the weekly rates quoted (in Singapore \$\$) were:

Studio Deluxe	Studio Premier	2-Bedroom
S\$6400	S\$7200	S\$8200

These rates included 3 times per week housekeeping, complimentary local calls and cable TV. Free usage of internet.



Have Questions? Contact Us!



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