

A photograph of the Singapore skyline at dusk, featuring the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay in the foreground and several skyscrapers in the background, reflected in the water.

STUDENT GUIDE TO **SINGAPORE**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT SINGAPORE

- Singapore is an **English-speaking** city-state in Southeast Asia and a **global education hub**.
- Home to around **5.9 million people** and Asia's leading **finance and tech** centre.
- **NUS and NTU** rank among the **world's top 20** universities.
- **English** is the main language of instruction and daily life.
- The **Singapore Dollar (S\$)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:

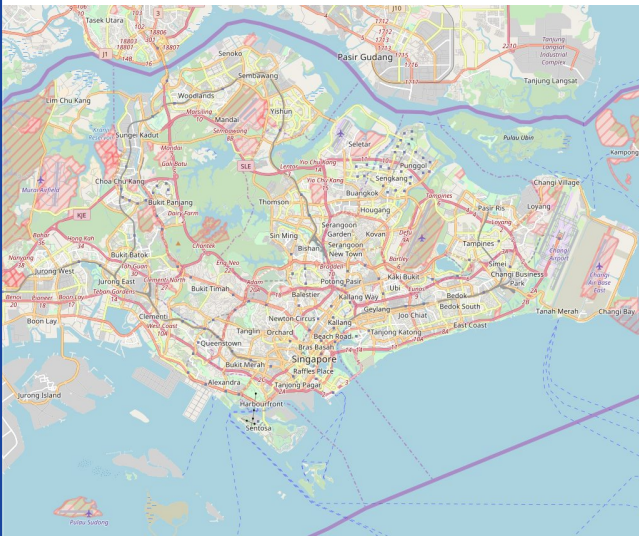


INDIA TO SINGAPORE

CURRENCY

Singapore Dollar (S\$) · 1 SGD ≈ ₹64 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 5h 30m	Singapore
Mumbai	≈ 5h 30m	Singapore
Bengaluru	≈ 4h 30m	Singapore
Chennai	≈ 4h 30m	Singapore
Hyderabad	≈ 5h 00m	Singapore

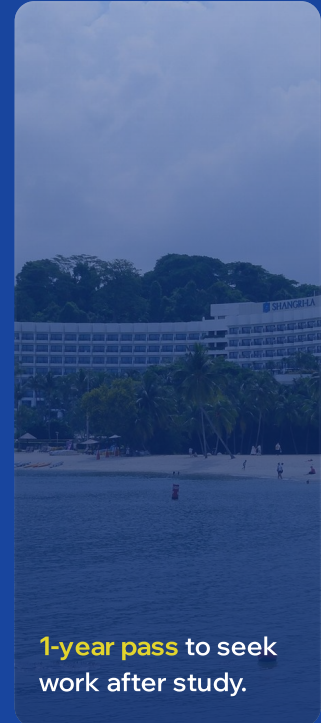
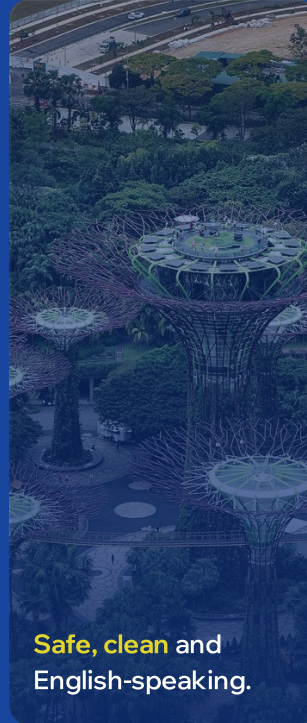


FACTS

- Capital: **Singapore (city-state)**
- Flight distance: **~3,400 km**
- Time zone: **SGT (UTC+8)**
- Tuition: **S\$17,000–50,000 / yr**
- Proof of funds: **~S\$12,000**
- Main intakes: **Aug · Jan**

Fees shown with and without the MOE Tuition Grant. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN SINGAPORE?



TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Singapore blends elite public universities with global private providers.
- They fall into three broad groups:



AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITIES

NUS, NTU, SMU, SUTD, SIT and SUSS.



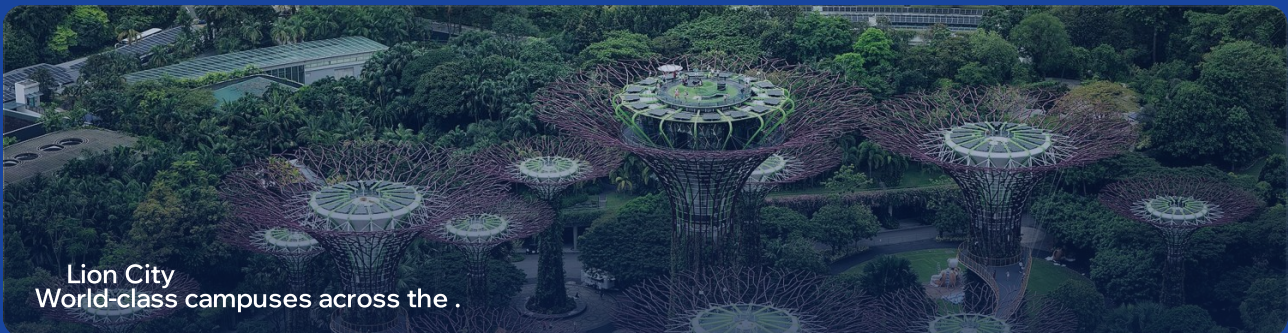
PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Kaplan, PSB, MDIS and JCU Singapore.



POLYTECHNICS

Practical diplomas and pathways.



Lion City
World-class campuses across the .

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Singapore hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

National University of Singapore**SINGAPORE**

Consistently Asia's top-ranked university.

Nanyang Technological University**SINGAPORE**

World-leading in engineering and science.

Singapore Management University**SINGAPORE**

Business, law and information systems.

James Cook University Singapore**SINGAPORE**

Australian degrees delivered in Singapore.

Curtin Singapore**SINGAPORE**

Australian business and IT programmes.

PSB Academy**SINGAPORE**

Industry-linked private pathways.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Singapore is strong in **finance, technology and engineering.**



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Banking, analytics and management.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & AI

Software, data and cyber-security.



ENGINEERING

Electrical, mechanical and civil.



DATA SCIENCE

Analytics and applied statistics.



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

World-class service industry.



BIOTECH & LIFE SCIENCES

A regional research hub.

TUITION & COSTS

- The **MOE Tuition Grant** cuts fees at public universities in return for a **3-year work bond**.

Undergraduate (with MOE grant)
per year

S\$17,000–30,000

Undergraduate (no grant)
per year

S\$30,000–50,000

Postgraduate / Master's
per year

S\$25,000–55,000

Private institutions
per year

S\$15,000–40,000

Proof of funds for pass

~S\$12,000



Grant-bonded graduates commit to working for a Singapore employer for **3 years**.

COST OF LIVING

- Singapore is a **higher-cost** city, but transport and safety are excellent.

Accommodation hostel / shared flat	S\$800–1,500
Food & groceries	S\$400–600
Transport student EZ-Link	S\$100–150
Health & insurance	~S\$50
Phone, internet & leisure	S\$150–250
Estimated monthly total	~S\$1,600–2,600

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- The government tuition grant and university awards make public study affordable.

MOE Tuition Grant

GOVT

Subsidised fees with a 3-year work bond.

University Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Merit awards at public universities.

ASEAN / Global Merit

INSTITUTIONAL

Regional and international merit awards.

Company-Sponsored

INDUSTRY

Employer-funded scholarships and bonds.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** or equivalent.
- Subject prerequisites for competitive courses.
- Apply directly to each institution.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5; GMAT / GRE** for some programmes.
- Statement of purpose and references.
- Relevant experience for some master's courses.

INTAKES

- **August** — main intake at public universities
- **January** — second intake at many institutions
- **Rolling** — private institutions offer multiple intakes

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

OFFER & ACCEPTANCE

Accept your offer and pay the deposit.

2

SOLAR REGISTRATION

The institution registers your Student's Pass.

3

E-FORM 16

Complete the online application form.

4

MEDICAL EXAM

Complete the required medical check.

5

PASS ISSUANCE

Collect your Student's Pass from ICA.

6

ARRIVAL

Complete formalities and begin study.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Public-university students may work **16 hours a week**; graduates get a **1-year pass** to find work.

Part-Time Work

16 HRS/WEEK

Permitted at approved autonomous universities.

Long-Term Visit Pass

12 MONTHS

Stay to seek work after graduation.

Employment Pass

S\$5,600+ SALARY

Main graduate work pass.

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SKILLED ROUTE

Mid-skilled employment pass.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose an institution and programme.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, SOP and references.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each institution.

4

OFFER & DEPOSIT

Accept your offer and pay the deposit.

5

STUDENT'S PASS

The institution registers your pass via SOLAR.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and prepare to travel.



Your Singapore study journey — one step at a time.