

Singapore's universities



The Education Ministry yesterday proposed turning UniSIM into a fully-funded autonomous university, joining five others. Here is a look at the six universities.



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

- **Founded:** 1905
- **Known for:** Its medicine and law programmes are highly regarded internationally. NUS is Singapore's oldest institute of higher learning, and has been ranked as one of the world's top and Asia's best. NUS also offers a variety of unique degree programmes, such as dentistry, pharmacy, architecture, industrial design, music and computer science.



NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

- **Founded:** 1991
- **Known for:** Focuses more on the hard sciences and engineering. It has the world's largest engineering school and is consistently ranked the world's best young university under 50 years of age.



SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

- **Established:** 2000
- **Known for:** Adopts an American style of teaching with small seminar groups, and marks for class participation. SMU currently offers six full-time undergraduate programmes including accountancy and business management.



SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

- **Established:** 2009
- **Known for:** Its partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the US and China's Zhejiang University combines the best of West and East. Its curriculum marries engineering, architecture and design training.



SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- **Established:** 2009
- **Known for:** Aims to help local polytechnic graduates pursue a bachelor's degree. The university has 43 programmes, some of which are offered by partner universities overseas, such as physiotherapy, which is a joint degree programme with Trinity College Dublin.



SIM UNIVERSITY

- **Established:** 2005
- **Known for:** Its part-time degrees, of which it offers more than 50. In 2014, it started offering full-time programmes. In 2017, UniSIM will host Singapore's third law school.

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