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About Singapore

Singapore : The Republic of Singapore, is a sovereign city-state and island country in Southeast Asia.

As a city-state, Singapore is both the country and its capital.

THE CAPITAL OF SINGAPORE IS THE CITY OF SINGAPORE:

- which is also called Pulau.
- National Anthem : Majulah Singapura.
- National Bird: Crimson Sunbird.
- National Animal: Lion.



Population of Singapore is 5.40 Million Approximately

Religion Followed in Singapore are:

Buddhism : 33%
Christianity : 18%
No Religion : 17%
Islam : 15%
Taoism : 11%
Hinduism : 5.1%
Others : 0.9%

Languages Spoken in Singapore are:

Chinese : 49.9%
English : 32.3%
Malay : 12.2%
Tamil : 3.3%

Why Singapore?

- **Cost (reasonably priced):**
- Both – course fees and living costs are relatively cheaper as compared to Western Countries (net savings folks). Quality is superlative. Well, even flight tickets are cheap comparatively
- **Distance**
- So close from India..... direct flights may take about 5hrs and 30 mins (parents will be the happiest reading this)
- **Climate**
- Tropical. You definitely will not feel very cold in Singapore
- **Safety**
- Everyone in India knows that Singapore is extremely safe. To add, Indians form a major part of the total population and 'Malay' and 'Tamil' is one of the national languages. Singapore also has a 'Little India' (an ethnic district). Oh yes, you will find one odd relative living in Singapore rather easily

Why Singapore?

- **Employment:**
- In app. 862 sq. kms. (size of Singapore), there are 7000+ MNCs Besides, Institutions have their Career Service Units (CSUs) to help find the right job
- There are about 86,000 foreign students enrolled in Singapore at various public universities and private institutions, including offshore campuses of well-known Colleges from the US and Europe. Indian students joining Institutions in Singapore is increasing at 26% per year
- Singapore is really the business hub of Asia – you should find jobs (that’s what we think, but you must study hard
- **More:**
- If you have studied your degree in India in English medium and can get a documented proof of the same from your Institution, many Institutions DO NOT even need you to give any English language tests like IELTS / TOEFL and such others for admissions. Hurray!
- The Government of Singapore spends a huge amount on education and it is among one of the top priorities of the government
- The low tax policy in Singapore is one of the factors that have been drawing immigrants since a few decades.

Education System in Singapore

- Education in Singapore is managed by the Ministry of Education (MOE), which controls the development and administration of state schools receiving government funding, but also has an advisory and supervisory role in respect of private schools.
- The Ministry of Education aims to help our students to discover their own talents, to make the best of these talents and realize their full potential, and to develop a passion for learning that lasts through life.

Ministry of Education

- Minister Heng Swee Keat

Admission Process

University Admission in Singapore

- **Eligibility:**
- The students must have completed higher secondary schooling or pre-university education and gained a passing certificate of GCE “O” level. Minimum 12 years of schooling from an overseas country to apply for the undergraduate courses in Singapore.
- And to apply for postgraduate studies, students should have completed minimum 3-4 years of undergraduate studies depending on whether a student wants to take up master’s degree program or a doctoral degree.
- And for those looking to apply for an MBA course in Singapore universities are required to hold on a minimum: a bachelor’s degree and 2-3 years of work experience.
- Also, since English is the medium of education in Singapore; students must be fluent in all aspects of English: reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- **Searching:**
- Mostly, the academic session in Singapore universities start by the month of August and that the candidates are advised to arrive two weeks before the commencement of the semester.
- To be on the safer side, the candidates should start with the course and university searching at least 6 months prior to closing date of applications.
- For the searching part, students can explore each university’s official website and even request for a brochure to be mailed to them.

Admission Process

- **Application Forms:**
 - The application form can be downloaded from the university's official website or can be requested to be mailed to candidate's residential address. There are few universities/institutions that accept only the online completion and submission of the application form. Priority is given to those candidates who submit the applications well ahead of the closing dates.
- **Admission Tests:**
 - **Competitive Examination:** Students who're seeking admission in Singapore universities may have to take an entrance of competitive examination, conducted and evaluated by the university itself. Good scores are expected out of students.
 - **GMAT:** Students who're seeking admission either in MBA or in postgraduate course (masters or doctoral) with management related subjects are required to appear and score well in the Graduate Management Admission Test.
 - **IELTS/TOEFL:** Students who've not had English as a medium of education are required to take IELTS/TOEFL English proficiency exam. The minimum score requirement can be inquired from the university.

Student life

- The standard of living in Singapore is high with 'multiculturalism' presenting a learning curve, which students will really appreciate
- Did you know that IIT and IIM Alumni Associations exist in Singapore? In addition, linguistic-based groupings like the Bengali Association, the Punjabi Association and many others offer their help. These groups organize regular events focusing on professional networking as well as family based events
- Few IVY League Universities (USA), SP Jain (Mumbai), several European and Australian Institutions like INSEAD (France), Heriot-Watt University (UK), UWIC (UK), Curtin University of Technology (Aus), James Cook University (Aus) and many more have set-up their campuses in Singapore or have collaborated with Institutions in Singapore



Visa for Singapore

- New applications must be submitted at least 2 month sand not more than 6 months from the course commencement date. Applicants are not required to be present in Singapore while their applications are being considered. Hence, no extension of stay will be considered while their applications are under processing.
- You should take with you the following documents in order to apply for a student visa
- 1. 2 copies of form 16, V103, form V39S and form V39Q must be duly completed and signed by the applicant, local sponsor and school at the relevant sections. (The first set of forms must be original. The second set may be photocopies of the original set)
- 2. 2 recent passport-sized photographs (colour/black & white) must be pasted on the top right-hand corner of Form 16
- 3. The original and a photo copy of the applicant's official birth certificate
- 4. A photocopy of the applicant's travel document pages showing his/her full particulars and travel document date of expiry if he/she is not in Singapore
- 5. The local sponsor's identity card
- 6. An original copy of a letter of acceptance from the school addressed to the ICA , that was issued not more than 1 month from the date of submitting the application for a student pass.

Cost of Education in Singapore:

- When planning your budget, you will need to cater for these items:
- Accommodation
- Utilities
- Food
- Transport
- Clothing
- Telecommunications
- Books & Stationery
- Medical/Hospitalisation Insurance
- Personal Expenses
- An international student in Singapore spends on average about S\$750 to S\$2,000 a month on living expenses. This amount of course, varies depending on your individual lifestyle and course of study.

Cost of Education in Singapore:

- **Accommodation**
- \$400 - \$1,500
(rental varies with geographical area, type of accommodation, demand, facilities provided and the number of people sharing)
- **Utilities**
- \$80 - \$100
(not applicable for boarding schools)
- **Food**
- \$300 - \$450 (Based on \$10-\$15 a day for 3 meals)
Note: Boarding schools usually provide 2 meals a day and Halls of Residence provide meals at extra charge.
- **Public Transport**
- \$20 - \$150
- **Telecommunications**
- From \$30
(varies with usage and promotional packages subscribed)
- **Books & Stationery**
- \$30 - \$100
(varies with course of studies)
- **Medical Hospitalisation Insurance**
- \$5 - \$300 (depending on insurance policy)

Top universities in Singapore:

- 1. National University of Singapore
- 2. Nanyang Technological University
- 3. Singapore Management University
- 4. SIM University
- 5. Singapore University of Technology and Design
- 6. Melior International College
- 7. Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management
- 8. European Business School
- 9. Pioneer Junior College
- 10. Jewellery Design And Management International School

PERMISSION TO WORK IN SINGAPORE

- Any International student wishing to pursue full-time studies in Singapore in an institution that is registered with the Ministry of Education (MOE); or has obtained approval from the Commissioner, ICA to accept international student, is required to apply for a Student's Pass.
- The following persons are exempted from applying for a Student's Pass:
 - Dependant Pass holders studying in Government, Government-aided
 - Independent, Kindergartens or Foreign System Schools
 - Immigration Exemption Order holders
- Student pass holders are strictly not allowed to engage in any form of employment, business profession or occupation, whether paid or unpaid. This is unless they have the consent in writing of the Director of Immigration. Violators will be prosecuted by law.
- If you intend to look for employment after your graduation you must make sure your student pass does not expire. You may then apply for a social visit pass at the Singapore Immigration & Registration approximately 2 weeks before your student pass expires.

PERMISSION TO WORK IN SINGAPORE

Exemption Notification: Foreign Students on Vacation

A Work Pass is not required for a foreign student if he/she is of 14 years of age or above, on vacation, and a full-time matriculated or registered student in one of the institutions approved by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM).

Exemption Notification: Part-time Employment of Foreign Students

A Work Pass is not required for a foreign student if he/she works a maximum of 16 hours a week and is a full-time matriculated or registered student in one of the institutions approved by MOM.

For details of the Work Permit Scheme, students can also contact the Work Pass Division of the Ministry of Man Power.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q:How many intakes are there each year?**
- **A:**We have two intakes a year, one in January and another in August. You are advised to visit the website and look out for NIE's announcements in June and December to confirm if the programme will be open for application at any particular intake.
- **Q:How long is the candidature period?**
- **A:**Most of our programmes are offered on a part-time basis. The minimum and maximum candidature periods for Master's by Coursework (Part-Time) are two years and four years respectively.
- **Q:What are the different routes available to complete the Coursework programmes?**
A:Depending on the programme structure, a participant may be given an option to complete his/her programme by Coursework with Dissertation or by Coursework Only. You do not have to make the decision when you apply. The decision on which option to select is usually made upon completion of six courses.
- **Q:What is the TOEFL requirement?**
- **A:**International applicants may wish to refer to this page for more details on the TOEFL requirements.

Thank You

