# A Comprehensive Higher Education Program Directory and Verification Framework for Singapore’s Academic Institutions

The higher education ecosystem in Singapore represents a sophisticated intersection of state-led strategic planning and global academic partnerships. For researchers and data analysts tasked with validating survey responses regarding academic credentials, the complexity of this landscape—comprised of autonomous universities, private education institutions, and international branch campuses—presents a significant challenge. Establishing a robust verification framework requires a meticulous understanding of program nomenclature, institutional hierarchies, and the evolving nature of degree conferment.1 As the Ministry of Education (MOE) continues to refine the post-secondary landscape to meet the demands of Industry 4.0, traditional faculty structures have given way to interdisciplinary colleges and applied learning models, making the task of fact-checking academic backgrounds more nuanced than simple keyword matching.3

The primary tier of the system consists of six autonomous universities (AUs), which are publicly funded and possess the authority to confer their own degrees. These institutions—National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), and Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)—form the bedrock of the domestic higher education sector.1 Beyond these, the University of the Arts Singapore (UAS) serves as a new collegiate entity overseeing degrees for the nation's premier arts colleges.3 Supporting this core is a diverse Private Education Institution (PEI) sector, regulated by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), which facilitates external degree programs (EDPs) in collaboration with overseas awarding bodies.2 This report serves as an exhaustive directory and analytical guide to these programs, designed to facilitate high-fidelity data validation.

## The Autonomous University Sector: Structural Paradigms and Program Lists

The six autonomous universities are differentiated by their mission profiles, which directly influence their program offerings. NUS and NTU are comprehensive, research-intensive universities with broad disciplinary coverage; SMU is a specialized research-intensive university focused on management and social sciences; while SIT and SUSS are primarily focused on applied learning and lifelong education for both school-leavers and adult learners.1 SUTD occupies a unique niche, emphasizing design-centric engineering and architectural education.7

### National University of Singapore (NUS)

The National University of Singapore is the oldest and most comprehensive institution in the country, consistently ranked among the world's elite.2 In recent years, NUS has transitioned toward a more interdisciplinary academic model, most notably through the creation of the College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) and the College of Design and Engineering (CDE).10 This shift means that respondents may report degrees under broad college names or specific majors, requiring a verification logic that accounts for both. For example, a student majoring in Economics at NUS now graduates from the CHS, but the degree title may be a Bachelor of Social Sciences.11

The following table provides the exhaustive list of undergraduate degree programs and their associated faculties at NUS for the 2025/2026 academic cycle.

| **Faculty / College** | **Degree Title** | **Major / Field of Study** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| College of Humanities and Sciences | Bachelor of Arts (Honours) | Chinese Studies, Chinese Language, Communications and New Media, English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Japanese Studies, Malay Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, South Asian Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, Theatre and Performance Studies 11 |
| College of Humanities and Sciences | Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) | Communications and New Media, Economics, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) 11 |
| College of Humanities and Sciences | Bachelor of Science (Honours) | Chemistry, Data Science and Analytics, Data Science and Economics, Environmental Studies, Food Science and Technology, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Pharmaceutical Science, Physics, Quantitative Finance, Statistics 11 |
| School of Computing | Bachelor of Computing (Honours) | Computer Science, Information Security, Business Artificial Intelligence Systems (formerly Information Systems) 13 |
| School of Computing | Bachelor of Science | Business Analytics 13 |
| College of Design and Engineering | Bachelor of Arts | Architecture, Industrial Design 12 |
| College of Design and Engineering | Bachelor of Landscape Architecture | Landscape Architecture 12 |
| College of Design and Engineering | Bachelor of Engineering | Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Material Science and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering 10 |
| NUS Business School | Bachelor of Business Administration | Business Administration, Business Administration (Accountancy) 13 |
| Faculty of Law | Bachelor of Laws (LLB) | Law 13 |
| Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine | Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery | Medicine (MBBS) 13 |
| Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine | Bachelor of Science | Nursing 13 |
| Faculty of Dentistry | Bachelor of Dental Surgery | Dentistry 13 |
| Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music | Bachelor of Music | Music 13 |

Postgraduate verification at NUS is even more granular, with a distinction between Coursework and Research degrees. The university has recently introduced several multidisciplinary Master of Science programs specifically designed to address emerging technological gaps.4

| **Faculty / School** | **Postgraduate Degree Type** | **Field / Program Title** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Multidisciplinary | Master of Science | Artificial Intelligence and Innovation, Smart Industries and Digital Transformation, Venture Creation, Environmental Management 4 |
| School of Computing | Master of Computing | Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Information Systems, Infocomm Security 4 |
| School of Computing | Master of Science | Digital Financial Technology 4 |
| Business School | Master of Science | Management, Finance, Business Analytics, Real Estate, Sustainable and Green Finance 10 |
| Faculty of Science | Master of Science | Data Science and Machine Learning, Forensic Science, Quantitative Finance, Physics, Chemistry 11 |
| College of Design and Engineering | Master of Architecture / M.A. | Architecture, Architectural Conservation, Urban Design, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture 12 |
| College of Design and Engineering | Master of Science | Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Robotics, Safety, Health and Environmental Technology 12 |

The presence of joint and double degree programs at NUS further complicates the survey verification process. Respondents may claim a "Double Degree in Business and Law" or a "Concurrent Degree in Engineering and Business Analytics".10 For validation purposes, it is essential to recognize that these are formal academic tracks within NUS, rather than two separate degrees obtained from different institutions. Furthermore, the closure of Yale-NUS College in 2025 means that historical data may include Yale-NUS degrees that are no longer being offered for new intakes.2

### Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Nanyang Technological University is characterized by its strong emphasis on engineering and technology, but it has expanded significantly into the humanities, arts, and social sciences.1 NTU’s program structure is notable for its modular "Interdisciplinary Collaborative Core" (ICC), which all undergraduate students must complete.19 When fact-checking NTU responses, one must be aware of the frequent use of "Second Majors" and "Minors," which students may highlight as their primary area of study even if their official degree title is different.18

| **College / School** | **Degree Title** | **Field / Major** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| College of Engineering | Bachelor of Engineering | Aerospace Engineering, Bioengineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Information Engineering and Media, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Robotics 21 |
| College of Computing and Data Science | Bachelor of Computing | Computer Science, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Artificial Intelligence and Society 19 |
| College of Science | Bachelor of Science | Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biological Chemistry, Environmental Earth Systems Science, Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Applied Physics 21 |
| Nanyang Business School | Bachelor of Accountancy | Accountancy, Accountancy (Sustainability Management and Analytics) 18 |
| Nanyang Business School | Bachelor of Business | Business (Specializations in Actuarial Science, Banking & Finance, Business Analytics, Human Resource Consulting, Marketing, Risk Management) 18 |
| College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences | Bachelor of Arts (Honours) | Chinese, English, History, Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, Philosophy, Art History 21 |
| College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences | Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) | Economics, Economics and Data Science, Psychology, Public Policy and Global Affairs, Sociology, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) 19 |
| College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences | Bachelor of Fine Arts | Design Art, Media Art 21 |
| Wee Kim Wee School of Communication | Bachelor of Communication Studies | Communication Studies 21 |
| Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine | MBBS | Medicine and Surgery 19 |
| National Institute of Education (NIE) | Bachelor of Arts / Science | Arts (Education), Science (Education) 19 |
| Specialized Programs | Bachelor of Chinese Medicine | Chinese Medicine 19 |
| Specialized Programs | Bachelor of Science | Sport Science and Management 21 |

NTU’s postgraduate programs are largely categorized by their delivery mode (Coursework vs. Research) and their affiliation with specific schools such as the Nanyang Business School (NBS) or the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS).20

| **School** | **Degree Type** | **Program** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Nanyang Business School | MBA / MSc | Nanyang MBA, Nanyang Executive MBA, MSc Marketing Science, MSc Business Analytics, MSc Financial Engineering, MSc Asset and Wealth Management 20 |
| College of Engineering | MSc / PhD | MSc Materials Science, MSc Mechanical Engineering, MSc Communications Engineering, MSc Computer Control and Automation 22 |
| School of Social Sciences | MA / MSc / PhD | MSc Applied Economics, MA Psychology, PhD Sociology 22 |
| RSIS | MSc | International Relations, Strategic Studies, International Political Economy, Asian Studies 20 |
| NIE | MA / MSc / M.Ed / EdD | Applied Linguistics, Educational Leadership, Instructional Design & Technology, Special Education, Developmental Psychology 22 |

In the verification of NTU degrees, analysts should note the "Renaissance Engineering Programme" (REP), which is a flagship interdisciplinary scholar’s program that confers a dual-degree: a Bachelor of Engineering Science and a Master of Science in Technology Management.19 This is a frequent point of confusion in surveys, as students may list either qualification or the program name itself as their "Field of Study."

### Singapore Management University (SMU)

Singapore Management University was modeled after the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and remains a specialized institution focused on the nexus of business, law, and social sciences.1 SMU degrees are distinctive for their consistent "Bachelor of Science" nomenclature, even for social science fields, which contrasts with the "Bachelor of Social Science" or "Bachelor of Arts" labels used by NUS and NTU.2

| **School** | **Degree Title** | **Major Options** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Lee Kong Chian School of Business | Bachelor of Business Management | Finance, Marketing, Operations Management, Quantitative Finance, Organizational Behavior and Human Resources, Strategic Management 26 |
| School of Accountancy | Bachelor of Accountancy | Accountancy, Accounting Data and Analytics 26 |
| School of Economics | Bachelor of Science (Economics) | Economics, Economics with Finance Applications, Quantitative Economics 26 |
| School of Computing and Information Systems | Bachelor of Science | Information Systems, Computer Science, Computing and Law, Software Engineering 26 |
| Yong Pung How School of Law | Bachelor of Laws (LLB) | Law 26 |
| School of Social Sciences | Bachelor of Social Sciences | Psychology, Political Science, Sociology, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) 26 |
| School of Integrative Studies | Bachelor of Integrative Studies | Individualized Major (Multidisciplinary) 26 |

Postgraduate verification for SMU should focus on their specialized Master’s and Doctoral programs, which are heavily weighted toward professional practice.28

| **Degree Type** | **Programs** |
| --- | --- |
| Master’s by Coursework | MBA, Executive MBA, Master of Professional Accounting (MPA), MSc in Accounting (Data and Analytics), Master of IT in Business (MITB), MSc in Applied Finance, MSc in Wealth Management 28 |
| Master’s by Research / PhD | PhD in Business (Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Operations Management, Strategy), PhD in Economics, PhD in Psychology, PhD in Computer Science 28 |
| Specialized Degrees | Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM) 26 |

### Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)

SUTD follows a design-thinking curriculum that integrates technology and engineering. The university’s program structure is fixed into five specific "pillars" which act as both the faculty and the major.7 Survey respondents from SUTD typically refer to these pillars rather than traditional department names.

| **Major Pillar** | **Degree Title** |
| --- | --- |
| Architecture and Sustainable Design (ASD) | Bachelor of Science (Architecture and Sustainable Design) 8 |
| Computer Science and Design (CSD) | Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science and Design) 8 |
| Design and Artificial Intelligence (DAI) | Bachelor of Science (Design and Artificial Intelligence) 8 |
| Engineering Product Development (EPD) | Bachelor of Engineering (Engineering Product Development) 8 |
| Engineering Systems and Design (ESD) | Bachelor of Engineering (Engineering Systems and Design) 8 |

Postgraduate programs at SUTD include the Master of Architecture, the SUTD-MIT Dual Master’s Program, and various specialized Master of Engineering degrees.8 Verification should look for the "Master of Innovation by Design" or the "Master of Science in Security by Design" as unique markers of SUTD credentials.

### Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT)

SIT is Singapore’s university of applied learning, specializing in degrees that are developed in close consultation with industry partners. SIT is particularly complex for fact-checking because it confers its own degrees, joint degrees with overseas partners, and degrees solely awarded by its overseas partners.1

| **Conferring Body** | **Degree Title / Program** |
| --- | --- |
| SIT (Home Degrees) | Accountancy, Aircraft Systems Engineering, Applied Artificial Intelligence, Applied Computing (Fintech), Aviation Management, Business and Infocomm Technology, Communication and Digital Media, Diagnostic Radiography, Dietetics and Nutrition, Digital Supply Chain, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Food Technology, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Occupational Therapy, Pharmaceutical Engineering, Physiotherapy, Radiation Therapy, Robotics Systems, Speech and Language Therapy, Sustainable Built Environment 33 |
| SIT & University of Glasgow (Joint) | Civil Engineering, Computing Science, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing 33 |
| SIT & Newcastle University (Joint) | Electrical Power Engineering, Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Engineering, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering 33 |
| SIT & Technical University of Munich (Joint) | Chemical Engineering, Electronics and Data Engineering 33 |
| SIT & DigiPen Institute of Technology (Joint) | Computer Science in Interactive Media and Game Development, Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation, User Experience and Game Design 33 |
| Overseas Partners (SIT-hosted) | Food Business Management (The Culinary Institute of America), Digital Art and Animation (DigiPen) 33 |

For postgraduate validation, SIT offers coursework Master’s degrees in Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Health Sciences, alongside research-based Doctor of Engineering and Doctor of Clinical Research programs.34

### Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)

SUSS specializes in applied social sciences with a strong emphasis on lifelong learning. Its undergraduate programs are divided into Full-time and Part-time tracks, with many part-time programs specifically targeting adult learners with prior work experience.1

| **School** | **Full-time Programs** | **Part-time Programs (Examples)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| School of Business | Accountancy, Business Analytics, Finance, Marketing, Supply Chain Management 36 | Business, Event Management, Human Resource Management, Logistics 37 |
| S R Nathan School of Human Development | (Only Part-time for most) | Counselling, Early Childhood Education, Gerontology, Human Resource Management 36 |
| School of Humanities & Behavioural Sciences | Psychology, Public Safety and Security | Communication, English Language and Literature, Translation and Interpretation 36 |
| School of Science and Technology | Information and Communication Technology | Digital Media, Mathematics, Electronics, Facilities and Events Management 36 |
| School of Social Work | Social Work | Social Work (Bachelor and Graduate levels) 36 |
| School of Law | (No Full-time UG) | Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Juris Doctor (JD) 37 |

SUSS postgraduate programs are often multidisciplinary, such as the Master of Management, Master of Gerontology, and Master of Social Work.37 Verification of SUSS degrees must account for the university's previous name, UniSIM (SIM University), for older graduates.2

## The University of the Arts Singapore (UAS) and Arts Colleges

The arts education landscape in Singapore underwent a structural transformation in 2024 with the launch of the University of the Arts Singapore (UAS), the nation’s first government-supported private arts university. UAS is formed by an alliance between LASALLE College of the Arts and the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA).3

### LASALLE College of the Arts

LASALLE is a founding member of UAS. While UAS confers degree-level qualifications, LASALLE continues to offer its own institution-specific diplomas.3

| **Level of Study** | **Faculty / School** | **Program / Major** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| BA (Hons) | Puttnam School of Film & Animation | Animation Art, Film 39 |
| BA (Hons) | McNally School of Fine Arts | Fine Arts, Art Histories and Curatorial 39 |
| BA (Hons) | School of Design Communication | Design Communication, Design for Social Futures 39 |
| BA (Hons) | School of Fashion | Fashion Design and Textiles, Fashion Media and Industries 39 |
| BA (Hons) | School of Spatial & Product Design | Interior Design, Product Design 39 |
| BA (Hons) | School of Contemporary Music | Music (Specializations in Pop, Jazz, Classical, Composition, Electronic Music) 39 |
| BA (Hons) | School of Dance & Theatre | Acting, Dance, Musical Theatre 39 |
| BA (Hons) | School of Creative Industries | Arts Management 39 |
| Diploma | All Schools | Audio Production, Broadcast Media, Creative Direction for Fashion, Dance, Design Communication, Fine Arts, Interior Design, Music, Performance, Theatre Production and Management 39 |

Postgraduate verification for LASALLE includes MA Art Therapy, MA Music Therapy, MA Arts and Cultural Management, MA Creative Writing, and MA Design.39

### Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)

Similar to LASALLE, NAFA’s degrees are now largely conferred through UAS, though historical degrees were often validated by the Royal College of Music (London) or the University of Central Lancashire.42

| **Degree Level** | **School / Department** | **Major Field of Study** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Bachelor of Arts (Hons) | Design & Media | Design Practice (Communication Design, 3D Design, Fashion Design, Spatial Design) 42 |
| Bachelor of Arts (Hons) | Fine Art | Fine Art, Biophilic Design 42 |
| Bachelor of Arts (Hons) | Performing Arts | Performance Making (Dance, Theatre) 42 |
| Bachelor of Music (Hons) | Music | Music Performance, Composition, Instrumental & Vocal Teaching 42 |
| Diploma | All Schools | 3D Design (Furniture, Interior, Exhibition, Landscape, Object, Jewellery), Arts Management, Art Teaching, Dance, Design & Media, Fashion Studies, Fine Art, Music, Theatre 42 |

## Private Education Institutions (PEIs) and External Degree Programs (EDPs)

The PEI sector provides a critical supplementary pathway for higher education in Singapore. These institutions are not universities themselves but "External Degree Providers" that deliver curriculum and assessment on behalf of international universities.2 For fact-checking, it is common for students to name the partner university (e.g., "University of Wollongong") rather than the local delivery site (e.g., "SIM"), so verification lists must map partners to institutions.2

### SIM Global Education (SIM GE)

SIM GE is the largest PEI in Singapore and maintains partnerships with several of the world’s leading universities in the UK, USA, Australia, and Europe.6

| **Awarding University** | **Region** | **Fields of Study** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| University of London | UK | Accounting, Banking, Business, Computing, Data Science, Economics, Finance, International Relations, Politics 47 |
| RMIT University | Australia | Business Management, Communication, Design, Marketing, Logistics & Supply Chain Management 46 |
| University of Wollongong | Australia | Computer Science (Big Data, Cybersecurity, Game Development, Digital Systems Security), Business Information Systems 46 |
| University at Buffalo (SUNY) | USA | Business Administration, Communication, International Trade, Psychology, Sociology 46 |
| University of Birmingham | UK | Business Management, International Business, MBA 47 |
| University of Stirling | UK | Marketing, Retail Marketing, Sport and Marketing 48 |
| University of Sydney | Australia | Nursing 47 |
| La Trobe University | Australia | Event Management, Hospitality, Tourism 2 |
| Grenoble Ecole de Management | France | Fashion, Design and Luxury Management 48 |

### Kaplan Higher Education Academy

Kaplan is a major competitor to SIM, offering degree programs through a multi-partner model that focuses on employability and industry-aligned curricula.6

| **Awarding University** | **Discipline Focus** | **Degree Examples** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Murdoch University | Business, IT, Social Science | Bachelor of Business (Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing), Bachelor of IT (Cyber Security, Data Science), Bachelor of Arts (Psychology, Criminology) 50 |
| University College Dublin | Business, Finance | MSc Management, MSc Finance, Bachelor of Business (Honours) 50 |
| Northumbria University | Health, Business, Media | Bachelor of Science (Nursing), MSc Healthcare Leadership, Bachelor of Arts (Business & Marketing) 50 |
| University of Portsmouth | IT, Data Science | MSc Data Analytics, Bachelor of Science (Cyber Security and Forensic Computing) 50 |
| Birmingham City University | Education, Law | Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Bachelor of Arts (Childhood and Early Years Studies) 50 |
| Royal Holloway, Univ. London | Business | Bachelor of Science (Management with Marketing/International Business) 50 |
| Monash University | Counselling | Master of Counselling, Graduate Certificate of Counselling 49 |

### PSB Academy

PSB Academy has a historical link to Singapore’s Productivity and Standards Board and continues to focus heavily on science, engineering, and cybersecurity.25

| **Awarding University** | **Degree Level** | **Programs** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Coventry University | Bachelor / Master | Ethical Hacking and Cybersecurity, Global Business, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science 54 |
| Edith Cowan University | Bachelor / Master | Cybersecurity, Master of Cyber Security, Exercise and Sport Science 53 |
| University of Newcastle (Australia) | Bachelor | Business, Commerce, Information Technology, Communication, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety 54 |
| La Trobe University | Bachelor | Biomedical Sciences, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology 54 |
| Edinburgh Napier University | Bachelor / Master | Hospitality and Tourism Management, MSc International Business Management 54 |
| University of Hertfordshire | Master | MBA 54 |

### Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)

MDIS is one of Singapore’s oldest not-for-profit professional institutes, with a wide range of schools covering everything from fashion to engineering.17

| **Awarding University** | **School** | **Field of Study** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| University of Sunderland | Business / Tourism | Business and Management, Tourism and Hospitality Management 2 |
| Teesside University | Business / Design | Doctorate in Business Administration, Fashion Design, Graphic Design 2 |
| Edinburgh Napier University | Health / Nursing | Bachelor of Science (Nursing) 2 |
| University of Roehampton | Psychology | Bachelor of Science (Psychology) 2 |
| Northumbria University | Life Sciences | Biotechnology, Biomedical Science 58 |
| University of Central Oklahoma | Business | Bachelor of Business Administration 2 |

## International Branch Campuses and Specialized Institutions

Singapore hosts several international universities that operate direct campuses in the city-state, as well as niche institutions that focus on specific professional training.2

### James Cook University (JCU) Singapore

JCU Singapore is a branch campus of JCU Australia and is unique in that it is the first PEI to be granted "University" status by the Singapore government, though it remains a branch campus.6

| **Level** | **Programs** |
| --- | --- |
| Undergraduate | Bachelor of Business (Accounting, Banking & Finance, Management, Marketing), Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of IT, Bachelor of Cybersecurity, Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Science (Aquaculture, Data Science), Bachelor of Tourism 59 |
| Postgraduate | MBA, Master of IT (Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity), Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management, Master of Guidance and Counselling 60 |
| Research | Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 60 |

### Curtin Singapore

Curtin Singapore is the branch campus of Curtin University, Australia. It is heavily focused on business and health sciences.25

| **Level** | **Programs** |
| --- | --- |
| Undergraduate | Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting, Finance, International Business, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Marketing) 63 |
| Postgraduate | Master of International Business, Master of Supply Chain Management, Master of Science (Project Management), MBA 64 |

### Specialized Business Schools and Institutes

Singapore is a global hub for executive education, with several of the world’s top-ranked business schools maintaining a permanent presence.2

| **Institution** | **Home Country** | **Primary Offerings** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| INSEAD | France | Global MBA, Executive MBA, Master in Management 2 |
| ESSEC Business School | France | Global MBA, MSc in Management, Bachelor in Business Administration 2 |
| S P Jain School of Global Management | India | Global MBA, Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Global Business 2 |
| DigiPen Institute of Technology | USA | Computer Science in Real-Time Interactive Simulation, Game Design, Digital Art and Animation 2 |
| TUM Asia (Technical Univ. Munich) | Germany | MSc in Industrial Chemistry, MSc in Aerospace Engineering, MSc in Integrated Circuit Design 2 |
| Amity Global Institute | India | MBA (Univ. London / Univ. Northampton), LLM (Univ. Northampton), Bachelor of Laws (Univ. London) 65 |

## Verification Framework: Mapping and Resolving Data Inconsistencies

To utilize the data presented above for survey fact-checking, analysts must apply a multi-layered resolution logic. This is necessary because respondents frequently utilize vernacular institution names or focus on the degree’s awarding body rather than the local delivery partner.

### Key Conflict Resolution Logic for Fact-Checkers

1. **Institution Name Discrepancy:** If a respondent names a university that does not have a physical campus in Singapore (e.g., "University of Essex"), the analyst must check the awarding body lists for SIM, Kaplan, or PSB Academy.2 A claim of "BSc Accounting from University of London" is likely delivered via SIM GE.47
2. **Field of Study vs. Degree Title:** Respondents may use the field of study (e.g., "I did Cybersecurity") instead of the official degree title (e.g., "Bachelor of Science with Honours in Ethical Hacking and Cybersecurity"). The analyst should accept both if the keywords match the institution's verified program list.54
3. **Autonomous University Special Programs:** High-performing students from NTU or NUS often report the name of their scholarship program (e.g., "CN Yang Scholars" or "E-Scholars") as their field of study. These are valid academic tracks within the AUs and should be verified against the list of "Flagship Programs".13
4. **Applied Learning Conflation:** Graduates from SIT often report their degree as being from the partner institution (e.g., "University of Glasgow") without mentioning SIT. These are valid "joint" or "partnered" degrees and should be treated as SIT credentials for domestic institutional reporting.33
5. **Pre-University Conflation:** Respondents may list "Junior College" or "Polytechnic" credentials as university degrees. This can be flagged by checking if the field of study corresponds to a "Diploma" (standard for Polytechnics like SP, NP, NYP) rather than a "Bachelor".3

### Common Field-of-Study Rebranding and Nomenclature Shifts

Higher education in Singapore is highly responsive to market changes, leading to frequent rebranding of departments. Analysts should use the following lookup table for legacy vs. modern program names.

| **Legacy Field / Major** | **Modern Field / Major** | **Primary Institution(s)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Information Systems | Business Artificial Intelligence Systems | NUS 13 |
| Industry 4.0 | Smart Industries and Digital Transformation | NUS 4 |
| Information Systems Tech & Design | Computer Science and Design | SUTD 8 |
| Arts Management | Arts and Cultural Entrepreneurship | NUS / NAFA / LASALLE 15 |
| Computing (Web/Mobile) | Computer Science (Global) | Kaplan-Murdoch / SIM-Uow 48 |
| Banking & Finance | Digital Financial Technology / Fintech | NUS / SMU / SIT 4 |

## Conclusion: Implementing a Resilient Fact-Checking Protocol

The data provided in this report establishes a comprehensive baseline for the verification of higher education credentials in Singapore. By categorizing programs into autonomous, private, and niche tiers, and mapping international awarding bodies to local delivery partners, research teams can significantly improve the accuracy of their survey data. Furthermore, understanding the nuances of interdisciplinary degree structures—such as the "Pillars" of SUTD or the "Common Curriculum" of NUS—prevents the false rejection of valid but unconventional academic backgrounds.

For a verification protocol to be resilient, it must account for:

* The transition of arts degrees to the University of the Arts Singapore (UAS).3
* The "applied" nature of SIT and SUSS degrees, which often use industry-specific titles.33
* The extensive use of external degrees in the PEI sector, where the awarding university’s location is offshore but the study is local.2

By adhering to this systematic taxonomy, analysts can ensure that survey results accurately reflect the educational attainment of Singapore’s diverse academic population.

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