



**Singapore Corporate Governance**  
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**Course Description**

Since Singapore's independence in 1965, its economic development has been remarkable. Singapore's unique system of corporate governance is one of the keys to its economic success. This course will begin by providing a historical and comparative overview of Singapore's system of corporate governance. It will then undertake an in-depth and comparative analysis of the core features of Singapore corporate governance, highlighting aspects which make it unique. The course will then examine the latest developments in Singapore corporate governance, with an emphasis on analysing the details, policy rationale, and implications of recent reforms. The course will conclude by considering what the future may hold for Singapore's system of corporate governance and what other jurisdictions may learn from it.

**Course Objectives**

The objective of this course will be to build on some of the most important black letter legal concepts learned in the core Singapore company law course by examining how they interact with Singapore's unique historical, institutional, economic, and cultural contexts. The course will encourage students to expand their knowledge of black letter company law by examining how it interacts with other areas of market regulation and by viewing it from economic, political, and social perspectives. It will also undertake a comparative analysis to illuminate features of Singapore corporate governance that make it unique.

Specifically, this course aims to:

- introduce the core features of Singapore's corporate governance system by examining them in historical, institutional, economic, cultural, and comparative contexts;
- develop an in depth and real-world knowledge of important aspects of Singapore company law and securities regulation by examining how they shape, and are shaped, by Singapore's unique legal system and economic models;
- gain a critical insight into the most recent corporate law and governance reforms and to understand the policy rationales for their implementation and potential impact in the future;
- develop a level of knowledge that will allow students to discuss Singapore corporate law and governance confidently and intelligently in a local and international context; and,
- spark students' interest in comparative corporate governance by placing the developments in Singapore into a comparative context.