



COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

URBAN IMMERSION SINGAPORE

Onsite portion of class
9 May 2025 - 16 May 2025

Online portion of class
1 April 2025 - 30 June 2025

The theme for the Singapore Immersion is “Singapore: A City by His Grace”.

Through this unique immersion experience and course, you will be exposed to the principles and practices of transformational leadership in the global city of Singapore. The course will cover characteristics and experiences of transformational leaders, as well as the practices of various transformational ministries within the context of Singapore’s historical past and Christian legacy.

With a focus on BGU’s 8 Transformational Leadership perspectives, you will explore the role of Christians in the public domain, considering how faith has influenced public life, social justice, and cultural development in a multi-religious and rapidly secularizing society. You will visit several Christian organizations that work with the poor, migrant workers, and social justice initiatives. You will see how the hand of God is at work in the city. These visits will also give you practical insights into how Christian ministries are addressing the challenges faced by marginalized communities in Singapore.

BGU Logistics Coordinator

Glen Ng is the BGU Logistics Coordinator for this class. He is your go-to person! Please be sure you are communicating with him about your flight itinerary, hotel reservation, whether you have any food allergies, etc. His information is:

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The following information in reference to the above course is updated as of January 5, 2025 (this date will be changed if new information has been added).

Students' To Do List

1. You will have to plan your own air and ground transportation arrangements. You may contact BGU's Logistics Coordinator if you face difficulties making your own accommodations. Information about hotels options are provided below.
2. Email to the Logistics Coordinator:
 - Flight Itinerary
 - Picture page of passport
 - Special diets (vegan, etc.)
3. Check in your country whether you need a visa invitation and/or visa to enter Singapore. Please contact Bunmi Morgan, the BGU Registrar, if you need a letter of invitation for a visa. Her email address is bunmi.morgan@bgu.edu. Her phone number is (240) 409-6587.

Flight Information

Students are responsible for making their own air travel arrangements. Rules and regulations upon entering Singapore will depend on your country of residence. Visit the following link for current travel rules into Singapore.

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore/sg-arrival-card>

Local Airport: Changi International Airport (SIN)

Insurance: Flight or travel insurance is not included in your tuition. We **highly recommend** you get comprehensive travel insurance as healthcare in Singapore is extremely expensive.

VISA

Entering Singapore: If you are *not* a Singaporean citizen, your country of residence will determine your need for a visa. Please contact Bunmi Morgan, the BGU Registrar, if you need a letter of invitation for a visa. See her contact information above.

To ensure a smooth journey, you should comply with the general entry requirements list in the following link:

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore>

Shots

Infectious Diseases: The COVID-19 epidemic has had a major impact on international travel. While the situation is no longer as dire, travel to and from Singapore is subject to change, depending on the actual situation of other potential health infections in Singapore. Please check the current status by checking the Public Health Requirements of the following link:

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore>

Note that currently there is a need for a yellow fever vaccination certificate if you have been to certain affected countries in the past six days prior to arrival in Singapore. You can find more information at

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore/yellow-fever-vaccination-certificate>

Are other vaccines needed to travel to Singapore?

No other vaccinations are mandatory, but it is advisable to consult your doctor about your specific health needs and to also check the links above.

SG Arrival Card: All visitors upon arrival into Singapore *will be required* to fill in an electronic SG Arrival Card that allows to submit your health declaration to the immigration authorities electronically.

<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore/sg-arrival-card>

Immersion Gatherings

Our **Central Immersion Location** for daily gatherings during the immersion will be held at the *Father's House at 173A Geylang Road Singapore 389245.*



Hotels

Students are responsible for their own housing reservations and payment.

We have compiled a list of recommended lodgings that you can locate using the following Google Maps link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/V3QSGUCQUy6QcoK69>

The hotels listed in this link are close to our Central Immersion Location and offer a variety of price options.

Note that Singapore forbids short term rentals of residential units (stays less than 3 months in duration). This means that you should avoid using Airbnb or other short-term rental platforms because you risk that your stay might be disrupted by the authorities. You can get more information at the following link:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/airbnb-singapore-hosts-illegal-short-term-stays-rental-condos-hdb-4376726>

We recommend that you book either one of the hotels in the link above or find accommodation with family or friends who live in Singapore.

Ground Transportation

Plan your flight to arrive by the early morning of 9 May 2025. Class begins in the afternoon. Plan your return travel to be no earlier than 16 May. The last gathering of the immersion will end at 12:00pm on 16 May, Friday.

Students are responsible for making their own ground travel arrangements to and from the airport and to the venue site on the first day, 9 May 2025.

When the program starts on 9 May 2025, each student will be issued a stored-value transportation card to be used for travelling throughout the program.

Public transportation: The local transportation system consists of both trains and buses. The Logistics Coordinator recommends taking the train (known as the MRT in Singapore. It stands for Mass Rapid Transport.) and using Google Maps to get directions to get to your hotel. You can get more tips at the following link:

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/getting-around-singapore>

Grab or Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport. Depending on where your hotel is located, this cost may be between \$30.00-40.00 per ride. Grab, the local ride-hailing app (similar to Uber), is available as well. If you have more questions, please contact the Logistics Coordinator.

Fees

Your account balance must be paid in full (including the Administration Fees) not later than two weeks prior to class start date.

- **Onsite Administrative Fee** of USD\$**450.00** covers the costs associated with this course that are outside of the normal tuition, such as transportation costs, and entrance fees to venues.
- **Spouse:** If your spouse will be accompanying you, the cost is USD\$**950.00** (This includes the above-mentioned administrative fee).
- **Auditor:** To attend as an auditor, your cost is USD \$**950.00** (This includes the above-mentioned administrative fee).

General Information

- **Packing:** BGU advises only *one* suitcase and *one* carry-on per person. You will be carrying your own bags more often than not. Plan to carry on essentials, i.e. change of clothes, medication, etc. in case your luggage does not arrive with you.
- **Clothing:** Breathable fabrics are recommended. Singapore is a country with a tropical climate, so it is hot and humid all year round. Good walking/hiking shoes are a *must* for city excursions. UV levels are high here, so bring along some protective gear as well (sunblock, sunglasses, umbrellas etc.).
- **Extra Spending Money:** Not all meals are covered in your Admin Fee. Each student should have extra cash or a credit card available prior to arriving. You can pay almost everything with your credit / bank card – so you do not have to carry much cash. However, at most of the local eateries, cash is generally preferred. Currency exchange is available at the airport upon arrival and at most malls around Singapore. Since not all meals are included in your Admin Fee, you can estimate an additional SGD **\$25-40 per day per person** to cover extra costs.
- While it is illegal to sell and import chewing gum into Singapore, it is legal to bring in small amounts for personal or medical use, but we highly suggest that you avoid this if possible.
- Bringing drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin and other controlled substances into Singapore is illegal and will result in severe penalties, including the death penalty.
- **Internet: Please note that 3G is NO LONGER SUPPORTED in Singapore.**
- The following are the more established telcos in Singapore:

1. Starhub

StarHub is one of the top 3 mobile operators in Singapore. The conventional StarHub Prepaid SIM card and the StarHub Travel Prepaid SIM card are used by tourists. The prepaid SIM cards offered by StarHub are contrasted below.



StarHub provides its clients with a wide range of mobile operator services

- Changi Airport
- SingPost StarHub Counters (Terminal 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- UOB Currency Exchange Counters at Terminals 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Traveler Counters (Terminal 2 and 3, Arrival Halls)
- \$12 in advance for Starhub Happy Travel Prepaid, and pick up at Changi Airport in Singapore.
- SkyHub Stores
- Outlets run by StarHub's Exclusive Partners
- StarHub Approved Stores
- 7-Eleven outlets
- Salutations, convenience shops

2. M1

M1 is also a popular option for SIM card at Changi Airport. The M1 Tourist SIM Card is the same as the M1 Prepaid SIM Card, which is the company's standard prepaid SIM card. The comparison of all M1 prepaid cards can be seen below.



One of the best Singaporean sim cards for tourists is M1

- Purchase a \$12 M1 Tourist SIM in advance and pick it up at Changi Airport or nearby.
- \$12/\$30 for a tourist SIM at M1 Shops
- Changi Meet & Greet (\$30/\$50 Tourist SIM) at the arrival halls of Changi Airport's Terminals 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Public Area)
- Changi Recommends (\$30/\$50 Tourist SIM) at the Terminal 4 Arrival Hall of Changi Airport (Public Area)
- a few Cheers and 7-Eleven locations (\$12 Tourist SIM)

3. Singtel

The conventional prepaid SIM card from Singtel is known as the hi! SIM card, whereas the tourist SIM card from Singtel is known as the hi!Tourist SIM card. The list of Singtel's prepaid and tourist SIM cards can be found [here](#).



The image displays two Singtel SIM card offers side-by-side. The left offer is for a \$50 SIM card, featuring a red and orange background with a racing car. It includes 120GB of 5G data for 28 days and 10GB of data roaming. The right offer is for a \$30 SIM card, featuring a blue and green background with a racing car. It includes 100GB of 5G data for 28 days and 5GB of data roaming. Both offers include free data access to social media apps (Facebook, WhatsApp, WeChat, LINE) and free data roaming to Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. The \$30 offer also includes free local calls and SMS, 90 minutes of IDD calls, and the option to top up on the hi!App to extend validity.

Offer	Price	Data	Roaming	Additional Features
hi! SIM CARD	\$50	120GB 5G data for 28 days	with 10GB data roaming.	• FREE data access to Facebook, WhatsApp, WeChat, LINE • Data roaming to Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand
hi!Tourist SIM CARD	\$30	100GB 5G data for 28 days	with 5GB data roaming.	• FREE local calls and SMS • 90 mins IDD calls • Top up on hi!App to extend SIM validity

Singtel has completed countrywide coverage of its 5G network.

- Travellex Currency Exchange Counters, Changi Recommends Counters in Singapore Changi Airport (Terminals 1, 2, and 3)
- Website of Singtel
- Singtel stores
- Selected Singtel Exclusive Retailers Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, HarbourFront Ferry Terminal, Causeway Points, and Sentosa FUN Shops are all authorized Singtel Prepaid Retailers.
- 7-Eleven and Cheers