

Working in Partnership

SIM University (UniSIM)



The Open University

The Partner

SIM University (UniSIM) is unique in Singapore. It is the country's first and only private university focusing on the upgrading and learning needs of working professionals and adult learners. The University has a rich education legacy, having evolved out of the highly successful SIM Open University Centre that has seen more than 9,000 students graduate since 1991. UniSIM currently offers over 40 academic programmes and has an enrolment of more than 10,000 students.

The Project

Originally, the partnership was a collaboration between the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) and The Open University (OU), offering a number of OU courses and qualifications including degrees to directly registered OU students. In June 1992, the Singapore Ministry of Education chose SIM and The Open University to run the country's only distance taught university degree programme. In 2002 there were just over 8,000 student registrations on 32 courses spanning six academic units.

During 2002 SIM became an accredited institution through Open University Validation Services (OUVS). SIM took full responsibility for assessing and examining OU courses and the awarding of course results (introduced over a three year transitional period) in accordance with OUVS standards.

In 2005 the Ministry of Education in Singapore approved in principle SIM's proposal to set up an independent and private university in Singapore. From January 2006, UniSIM achieved their own degree awarding powers and continue to licence OU content to form part of their own degree programmes.

The Aim

To make university education available to the adult working population and to give a second chance to those who did not go through the conventional university systems.

The Benefits

- More than 9,000 students have graduated to date
- Tutors have the opportunity to teach on OU programmes and receive training. OU academics benefit from trans-national academic collaboration and co-operation
- UniSIM have expanded their academic portfolio and provide international exposure for OU courses

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