

Industry Practice Master of Digital Economy (IPMDE)

Recommended Programme Journey and Timeline



Intake
January



Delivery Mode: F2F and Online
(85% In-Person/ 15% Online)*
*Subject to module requirements

PHASE	KEY MODULES/ ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE (INDICATIVE)
1 Admission & Matriculation	- Online application - Document verification - Admissions interview - Offer acceptance - Matriculation - Exemption application review (post-matriculation)	SEP - NOV Term Starts Jan
2 Programme Core & IPMDE Examinations (7 Core Modules)	- Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & Smart Contracts - Innovation Culture Catalyst: The Game Changer - Going Digital the Smart Way: The Right Approach to Digital Transformation - Harnessing the Power of Internet of Things (IoT) and Creative Digital Marketing - Jump Start in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning & Deep Learning - Unearthing the Potential of Databases, Big Data & Analytics - Climate Change: Past, Present & Future - IPMDE Programme Core Examinations	JAN - MAR (~12 WEEKS) IPMDE Examination: Apr / Nov
3 Industry Graduate Diploma (IGD) & Industry Practice Master of Digital Economy (IPMDE) Electives and Personalised Learning (10 to 14 IGD modules & 8 elective modules)	IGD 10 to 14 IGD modules - Across selected advanced certificate tracks - Industry-focused Specialisation IPMDE Electives and Personalised Learning (Industry Certification) - Complete 8 elective modules and personalised learning component - Eligible exemptions may apply - Flexible selection based on career goals - Overseas Immersion Programme (OIP) *Considered as 2 elective units to offset from the 8 elective modules	APR - AUG (~20 WEEKS) 1 Module Per Week
4 Digital Economy Capstone Project - (SMU-X Lifelong Learning), Integrated Learning Project (ILP) and Enrichment Workshops and/ or Networking Sessions	IPMDE: Digital Economy Capstone Project - (SMU-X Lifelong Learning) - Real-world industry project - Employer/ industry project statement - Solution-prototype development - Faculty & mentor guidance IGD: ILP or Enrichment Workshops and/ or Networking Sessions - Applied workplace project - Industry implementation - Knowledge integration - Professional presentation	JAN - APR / AUG - NOV FEB - MAY / SEP - NOV for ILP Workshops - Evenings or Saturdays
5 IGD Examinations (Mandatory)	Examinations based on the selected IGD tracks, covering: - Advanced certificate modules - Applied concepts	APR / NOV
6 Commencement (Programme Completion)	Completion Requirements - IPMDE Programme Core Modules & Exam - IPMDE Electives & Industry Certification - Capstone Project - IPMDE Commencement in July - IGD Modules & Exam - ILP or Enrichment Workshops and/ or Networking Sessions	JUL



Flexible & Stackable Learning
Pathway with Eligible Exemptions*



Earliest Completion Time: ~10 months
(Up to 44 weeks of learning activities)



Evening classes apply to most modules.
Networking & industry engagement sessions included throughout the programme

Notes:

- Programme structure and timelines are indicative and subject to change
- Eligible learners may apply for module exemptions based on prior qualifications, certifications, and relevant work experience
- Capstone project, ILP, enrichment workshops, and networking sessions are non-funded components
- Delivery mode may vary by module

*Exemptions are subject to SMU Academy's prevailing policies and approval process. Up to 6 exemptions may be granted under the IPMDE framework. Programme core modules cannot be exempted.