新大法学院
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新加坡管理大学新设的法学院将于来临8月正式开班收生；首批收生额定为90人，但明年将增至120人。

这是我国的第二所法学院。

新大法学院除了将推出长达4年的法学位课程以外，也将同时提供5年的双学位课程，让获选优秀生结合法律与会计、经济、社会科学、商科或资讯系统等课程。

不过即使是仅攻法学位的学生，也得上至少11个法律以外的课程单元，如金融、亚洲现代历史、政治等。

新大法学院署理院长刘启扬副教授在今早的记者会上说：“与我国现有的法律课程相比，让非法律单元在课程中占有显著较重的比例，是为了让学生掌握的作业将成为评估学生的重要准则，而笔试最多只占总评分的50%。

学院也要求所有学生到相关的律政部门和律师行实习10个星期，并参与至少80个小时的社区工作。”

至于课程收费，新大将在日后宣布。

教育部今早指出，2010年至2015年间，本地法律界估计每年将需140至150名额外的律师，而新大法学院就能协助填补这需求。

于此同时，国大法学院也将在今年内把招生人数从220人提高至240人。政府也将允许两所大学招收更多外籍人才攻读法律。

教育部也表示，新大学生将如国大法学院毕业生一样，得考获至少二等（乙级）荣誉法学位（或相当）并完成相关执业课程和实习，符合条件后才可在本地执业。

SMU's new School of Law will take in its pioneer batch of students in August this year. The first cohort will be 90 students and will increase to 120 from 2008 onwards.

This is Singapore's second law school.

In addition to the four-year bachelor's programme in law, SMU will also provide the option for outstanding students to take up a double degree programme combining law with accountancy, economics, social science, business management and information systems management.

Law undergraduates will have to complete 11 units of non-law subjects such as finance, Asian modern history and politics.

Interim dean of the law school Associate Professor Low Kee Yang said: “The significantly higher proportion of non-law courses, as compared with what is currently offered in the existing law degree programme in Singapore, is designed to give the SMU student clarity of vision as to the context and environment within which law functions and to prepare them for the impact of globalisation of law and commerce.”

SMU will adopt a seminar-style teaching pedagogy like in American law schools where students have to do substantial pre-class preparatory reading and thinking in order to participate and contribute actively in class.

Class participation and work assignments will have heavy weightage in assessment while written examinations will account for a maximum of only 50%.

Students are also required to serve a 10-week internship with law firms or government legal agencies and fulfil 80 hours of community service.

SMU will announce the tuition fees in due course.

The Ministry of Education said that 140 to 150 lawyers are needed each year from 2010 to 2015. SMU's new law school will produce lawyers to help meet this demand.

The NUS law school will also increase its intake from 220 to 240 this year. The government is also permitting both law schools to accept more foreign students to study law.

Like in NUS, the Ministry of Education said that SMU law graduates need to achieve the equivalent at least a Second Lower Honours and complete the relevant practice requirements before they can be admitted to the Singapore Bar.