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.

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.