Singapore’s third law school, which will specialise in training criminal and family lawyers, will open in January.

Called UniSIM Law School, it will have a first intake of up to 60 students and applications will open next month, the Ministry of Law announced yesterday.

Most of these spots – 80 per cent – will go to mature students with life and work experience who are seeking a mid-career switch to law. They may include paralegals, law enforcement officers and social workers. The other places will be taken up by A-level school leavers and polytechnic diploma holders. Classes will be conducted in the evening.

Those who already have a first degree are expected to take three to six years to complete the Juris Doctor course, while fresh school leavers will take four to six years to finish their Bachelor of Law degree.

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