

Law A Level

What qualifications do I need to begin the course?

A minimum of 5 GCSEs grade 9-4 or equivalent, with a grade 6 specifically in English Language.

What does the course involve?

An A-Level Law student will be challenged to apply and develop their analytical ability, decision making, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

You will be taken on a journey to understand how law functions in society, the ways laws develop, and how laws incorporate the ideas of justice and morality.

Students will learn about the distinctions between criminal and civil courts, including the many roles and duties that exist within each, such as the role of jurors in a criminal trial.

The criminal law unit enables students to discover a wealth of case law and statutes (laws passed by Parliament), focusing on offences against the person, and offences against property. The available defences for certain criminal charges also offer a fascinating insight for students.

Subsequently, tort law explores civil issues such as liability, and negligence of individuals or groups of people, causing damage to another, either physically or financially.

How is the course assessed?

Paper 1 (Year 12):

The nature of law and the English legal system (25 marks out of 100)

Criminal law (75 marks out of 100)

Paper 2 (Year 12):

The nature of law and the English legal system (25 marks out of 100)

Tort law (75 marks out of 100)

Paper 3 (Year 13):

Law of contract (75 marks out of 100)

The nature of law and the English legal system (25 marks out of 100)

OR

Human rights (75 marks out of 100)

The nature of law and the English legal system (25 marks out of 100)

*choice for Paper 3 to be decided in due course, and will be studied in Year 13

Each paper is assessed as follows:

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks
- 33% of A-Level
- Students will face a combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions

The future?

Studying law will open up many potential avenues for you, whether you intend to study law at university or not. You may want to pursue a legal career as a solicitor; dealing with a range of issues e.g. family law, or perhaps aspire to be a barrister in a criminal court. You may be inspired to delve deeper into the world of local or national politics.

In terms of subjects to complement your study of Law at A-Level, perhaps consider English Language/Literature, Government and Politics, Sociology, R.E et al

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