A Level Law

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: grade 6 or above in English

Why study Law?

A Level Law provides an introduction to law. It allows students to learn about a fascinating subject, one which covers many aspects of life. Students of A Level Law will develop an understanding of law and how it works and learn more about society from a legal perspective – both contemporary and historical. We will learn some useful transferable skills such as analysis and evaluation. A Level Law will also enable you to make an informed decision about future careers. Finally, it is important to advise you to please ignore a common myth that 'Universities do not like you do have studied law' – this is old advice because in the past it was not taught by subject specialists. Universities have confirmed this.

What does the course involve?

The course is split into three Units, which are examined separately in three exams.

Unit 1: The Legal System and Criminal Law	Exam
Civil Courts and other forms of dispute resolution	100 marks 2 hour paper 33.3% of total A Level
Criminal Courts and Lay People	
Legal Personnel	
Access to Justice	
Criminal Law: Fatal Offences, Non-Fatal Offences, Offences against Property, Defences	

Unit 2: Law Making and The Law of Tort	Exam
Parliamentary Law Making	100 marks 2 hour paper 33.3% of total A Level
Delegated Legislation	
Statutory Interpretation	
Judicial Precedent	
Law Reform	
EU Law	
Tort: Negligence, Occupiers' Liability, torts connected to land, Vicarious Liability, Defences	

Unit 3: The Nature of Law and Contract Law	Exam
Nature of Law	100 marks 2 hour paper 33.3% of total A Level
Law and Morality	
Law and Justice	
Law and Society	
Law and Technology	
Contract Law; Formation, terms, vitiating factors, discharge, remedies.	

Where will Law lead me post Sixth Form?

Students wishing to continue their legal studies after A Levels can opt for a university degree or work-based apprenticeship. Both of these routes can lead to the qualifications required to become a solicitor, barrister or legal executive. Universities recognise the advantages of A Level Law and, as stated above, the old view that it should not be studied has long since faded away. The OCR course has been developed following the advice of teachers, students and universities.

A Level Law is not just for students who want to enter the legal professions. Other popular careers include the police, teaching, social work, business and accounting. It is a well-respected subject and is a welcome addition to many A Level programmes of study. A Level Law links well with science subjects and humanities and social science subjects including, history, sociology, philosophy, economics and business, to name just a few!

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