

A Level Law

What the course covers

A Level Law includes the study of the following topics:

- **The nature of law and the English legal system**

This covers what Law consists of, its relationship with society and morality and the difference between civil and criminal law. This part of the course will examine theories of justice, the rule of law, how laws are made, reformed, interpreted and ultimately enforced through the courts system.

- **Criminal law**

This covers the rules, theory and nature of liability in criminal law. It will examine how the law applies in fatal, non-fatal, and property crimes. It will also examine the types of defences that can be put forward in criminal law cases.

- **Tort**

Tort is the exploration whether a legal right has been infringed and then consequently where liability lies, whether negligence has occurred and therefore what the extent of culpability is. The tort section will examine the theories, arguments for liability and negligence, as well as defences found in tort law.

- **Law of contract**

This section will study the rules, regulations and theories behind contract law. It will examine the types, limits and restrictions on contracts that can be made, and where the law applies to overrule contracts.

- **Human rights**

This section examines the theories, rule and reform of human rights law. This examines how international and national law interlink and the way that the European Convention of Human Rights has shaped English law, leading to the Human Rights Act of 1998 and how this has shaped the law.

The complete specification can be viewed on the AQA website. www.aqa.org.uk

What students can do with this course

A Level Law is excellent preparation for the study of Law at University, as well as being particularly useful for careers in business. Law is well complemented by history, English literature, politics and economics, but complements the other social sciences and humanities. Law is also useful for anybody hoping to progress into politics, public service, the Armed forces or finance.

How this course is assessed

100% Examination

This course is assessed by three 2 hour external examinations at the end of Y2.

Paper 1 and 2 cover the Nature of Law and the English Legal System, and Paper 3 covers either Law of Contract or Human Rights and the Nature of Law and the English Legal System.

Entry requirements

All our course entry requirements are detailed in the Entry Requirements document located in the admissions section of our website.