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A LEVEL

Law

WHAT IS LAW?

A level Law helps develop an understanding of law under the English legal system and how it operates. Students study the legal system and law-making which explores why and how laws are made, the criminal and civil court structure and how they operate and the application of law by the judiciary.

Additionally, A level Law entails examining three main substantive areas of law, namely, criminal, tort and contract law. Criminal law covers offences such as fatal, non-fatal and property offences and defences such as self-defence and duress. The study of tort law enables students to develop an understanding of various civil offences such as negligence, occupiers' liability and vicarious liability and civil law defences such as statutory authority. Contract law requires students to examine the formation of a contract as well as studying topics such as implied terms within a contract and vitiating factors such as economic duress.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THIS COURSE

Some students choose A Level Law because they already know that they want a career in law. The A level gives an excellent introduction for students who want to read law at university or start a legal apprenticeship and confirms whether they should pursue the subject further. It demystifies the law.

Universities recognise the advantages of A level Law and the very old view that it should not be studied at A level has long since faded away. However, A level Law is not just for students who want to enter the legal profession. It is a well-respected subject and links well with science and social science subjects, Maths and Humanities to name just a few!

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO WITH THIS COURSE

Students wishing to continue their legal studies after A levels can opt for a university degree or work-based apprenticeship. Other related courses include policing, criminology and social work or you can pursue a degree or an apprenticeship in a complete non-law related field. A level Law is not just for students who want to enter the legal professions. It is an academic, well-respected subject.

HOW THIS COURSE IS ASSESSED

A-Level Law is a two-year course and assessed at the end of the two years by three written examinations on the three units above. There is no coursework. The exam for each unit is 2 hours long and each is worth 331/ 3% of the marks. The exam questions include Essay questions and legal scenario questions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

FURTHER READING

- OCR A Level Law Textbook (the second edition, 2021, N. Price et al)
- The Law supplement in the Times - (https://www.thetimes.co.uk/topic/law?page=1)
- https://www.legalcheek.com/
- https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/

What the course covers

YR1:

- The legal system
- Criminal law
- Law-Making

YR2:

- Tort law
- Contract law
- The nature of law

At D6A, we follow the OCR specification for A level Law and the following three units are covered:

- The legal system and criminal law (H418/01)
- Law making and the law of tort (H418/02)
- The nature of law and the law of contract (H418/03)



FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete specification can be viewed on the OCR website: www.ocr.org.uk