

## What is Law?

Law is a social science. It explores whether laws are needed, how they are made and how judges apply them to make their decisions. Students also examine the different types of courts and how they operate. The three main substantive law topics are criminal law, tort law and contract law. Criminal law will cover fatal offences, non-fatal offences, property offences, attempts, strict liability offences, and several defences. Tort law will cover various types of liability in negligence. Contract law will examine formation of a contract, terms, vitiating factors, and breach of a contract.

## Why students choose this course

Some students take 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. It demystifies the law. 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 subjects and humanities including history, sociology, philosophy, economics and business to name just a few!

## What the course covers

Students study the legal system, the law-making process, criminal law and tort law in YR1. Students will then study some additional aspects of criminal law and tort law, as well as the nature of law and further law in YR2.

### YR1:

- The legal system
- Law-making
- Criminal law

### YR2:

- Tort law
- The nature of law
- Further law: contract law

**The complete specification can be viewed on the OCR website: [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)**

## What students can do with this course

A Level Law is particularly useful and sometimes helpful for progression to many law-based university courses such as government and politics, criminology, sociology, economics and business, or any other subject related to the legal world.

Possible career choices that require A Level Law include becoming a barrister, solicitor, paralegal, legal executive, parliamentary youth speaker or politician, among others.

## How this course is assessed

100% examination, three exams at the end of the course.

A Level content is assessed through three 2 hour exams. The first exam covers the legal system and criminal law, the second exam

covers law-making and tort law, and the third exam covers the nature of law and further law. The content required for paper 1 and 2 is taught across YR1 and YR2. The content required for paper 3 is taught in YR2.

## Entry requirements

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

## Further Reading

A Really Basic Introduction To English Law and The English Legal System

Michael A Lambarth

Create Space Independent Publishing Platform  
ISBN-10: 1502915219

(You can get a Kindle Edition for £1.99)

### Listen to:

Law in Action - Radio 4 Monthly on Tuesday 4 p.m. but archive available on iPlayer

## Student Profile:



Before Sixth Form, Alishba studied at Dixons City Academy.



**I studied Law, Psychology and Geography at Dixons Sixth Form. Overall I had an excellent experience at Dixons thanks to my subject teachers and all the support they provided me with. My destination university, University of Law, has been named the best university in England for Overall Student Satisfaction in the National Student Survey (2020)**

