

Law A Level

Who is the course for?

Law develops your analytical skills and critical thinking. It develops problem solving through the application of legal rules. It provides excellent background knowledge to the further study of law either as a main subject, part of a degree or foundation degree as many professional qualifications have a law component.

What does the course involve?

You will need great organisation skills and be able to manage time effectively. An interest in current affairs and the legal system would be very useful, with a great memory and an ability to work independently and as part of a team. You will also need good communication skills and ability to articulate cases and law principles to themselves and others. Good literacy skills and an ability to structure extended writing for the exam are essential.

Modules include:

This course has 3 core exams:

1) The legal system and criminal law

Court structures, legal personnel and access to justice. Fatal and non-fatal offences against the person, property and general defences. Criminal liability and evaluation of this area of law including reform

2) Law making and the law of tort

Delegated legislation, statutory interpretation, judicial precedent, reform and EU law, parliamentary law making. Liability of negligence, occupiers liability, vicarious liability, defences, remedies and tort connected to land

3) The nature of law and the law of contract

Law and morality, justice, society and technology. Formation of contract, terms of contract, remedies and discharge of contract, vitiating factors and the theory of law of contract

In year 1 you will cover the majority of paper 1 and 2, leaving plenty of time for paper 3 and synoptic revision in year 2 of teaching.

Assessment Methods

100% examination

Progression Options

This course gives students a great grounding for any career in business, law, politics, economics or having a general interest in current affairs and its historical reference. Typical careers might include a barrister, solicitor, a member of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, a member of the police force, or in general working where the law is present.

Awarding Body

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