
LAW

Examination Board: OCR

Syllabus: H418

WHY STUDY LAW?

A Level law gives many transferable skills including problem solving, applying theory to real situations, communication skills, research and using evidence to reach logical, objective conclusions. Success in Law demonstrates academic acumen and higher level thinking skills. In addition, legal knowledge is interesting and relevant to daily life. Students find that knowing about civil and criminal law and the legal process gives them a deeper understanding of current affairs and encourages them to find out more about important legal issues.

THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Unit	Unit contents	Assessment and duration
Paper 1 The legal system and criminal law	Learners will study the civil and criminal courts, the legal professions and access to justice. In addition, an introduction to criminal liability through the study of offences against the person and offences against property	External exam 2 hours
Paper 2 Law making and the law of tort	Learners will study law making in England and Wales as well as the European Union. In addition, learners will focus on the rules of tort, liability in negligence, occupiers' liability and remedies	External exam 2 hours
Paper 3 The nature of law and the law of contract	Learners will explore the nature of law in a wider context and develop their understanding of how the law interacts with morality, justice, and society. In addition, learners will focus on the central elements of contract law from the formation of contracts to their enforcement	External exam 2 hours

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Progression in Further Education could include a Legal Secretarial or CILEX course which can lead to a career as a Legal Executive. In Higher Education, Law can be studied as a degree on its own or as a joint honours degree. The legal knowledge gained is useful in many future careers such as banking, retail, insurance, policing, criminal justice and, of course, work in the legal professions as a solicitor or barrister. Students always find it an interesting and useful option choice for their future plans.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Good English skills and logical thinking are required and students must be prepared to research cases and write detailed essays. Students will be required to have grade 5 or above in GCSE English and a grade 4 or higher in GCSE Mathematics.

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