

LAW

Examination Board: AQA

Syllabus Number: AS-5161 A-6161

Why Study LAW to AS Level?

Law is a popular A Level subject because a knowledge and understanding of our legal system is relevant to all of our lives will be an asset when applied to a wide range of career paths.

Why Study LAW to A2?

Students who wish to expand upon the knowledge gained at AS level Law with a view to entering employment or continuing their studies at university. The units on this course are a continuation from the AS level but will go into more depth and substance and this will enhance your critical knowledge of the subject.

Entry Requirements

GCSE in English at C or above with a proven ability in other GCSE subjects.

Higher Education

Law is particularly helpful in developing logical and analytical skills. The course also develops students' powers of argument and written expression. This makes it an ideal basis for most Higher Education courses.

Law is a particularly useful option for those contemplating a career in business. It is not simply the fact that much of the subject matter is relevant in a commercial context, students also learn to analyse information and situations and to apply legal principles to their business decisions.

Careers

The Legal Profession and Business but also useful in a wide variety of professions including the Civil Service, the Internet, media and journalism.

Course Content

During the first year you will learn:

- about the role of the lawyers
- how to become a judge and what that entails
- how laws are made
- about the idea of liability and what happens to someone breaks the law.

In the second year you will study certain areas of law in more depth, chosen from criminal law, tort law and Concepts of law.

Assessment

Assessment is exam based with 3 exams in AS and 3 in A2 including a synoptic assessment

- Module 1 (AS) - Law Making
- European and domestic legislative processes
- Influences on Parliament
- Statutory interpretation
- Judicial precedent

Module 2 (AS) - Dispute Solving

The court structure

Alternatives to courts

The legal profession

Financing advice and representation

Judges, magistrates and jurors

Module 3 (AS) - The Concept of Liability

Introduction to criminal liability

Introduction to tort liability

Criminal sanctions and civil remedies

Liability of children

Module 4 (A2) - Offences Against the Person

Murder

Voluntary and involuntary manslaughter

Non-fatal assaults

Insanity, self-defence and other defences

Intoxication and mistake

Module 5 (A2) - Law of Tort

Negligence

Occupiers' liability

Private and public nuisance

Strict and vicarious liability

Defences

Module 6 (A2) - Concepts of Law

Law and morals

Law and justice

Balancing conflicting interests

Meaning and importance of fault

Judicial creativity

Assessment

3 x 1 hour exams in AS, one for each module

2 x '1 ¼ hour exams, plus another '1 ½ hour' exam in A2, one for each of the three modules.