

Type of course – A Level

Course Overview

Law is the study of how's laws are made and how they affect us in our day-to-day life. This course will teach you about the law and also how to apply them to everyday scenarios in a range of settings from when the police can enter your home to how can you be convicted to when can you sue for negligence. Law is an exciting and ever changing subject with new legal precedents being set and old ones being refined.

Course Content

Nature of law and English Legal Systems:

- The Constitution of the UK
- How laws are made
- Delegated legislation and statutory interpretation
- The role of the Courts
- Different legal personnel
- The role of magistrates and the judiciary
- The role and effectiveness of juries
- How to access justice

Criminal Law:

- The law relating to fatal offences – murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter
- Non-fatal offences – common assault, ABH and GBH
- Property offences – theft, robbery, burglary, criminal damage and arson
- Defences to criminal charges
- Strict liability crimes – speeding

Human Rights

- What are Human Rights? How do they protect our civil liberties?
- How do we ensure our rights are protected? How do the courts protect our rights?
- What restrictions are there on our Human Rights? How can the police infringe our rights?
- How do people enforce their rights? What legal mechanisms are available to them?
- Are our Human Rights fit for purpose? Are there areas needing reform?

Tort Law:

- What is the law of Tort?
- How do we establish liability in negligence?
- What is vicarious liability? When are our employers liable for our acts?
- Occupiers liability – what duties do you owe to people visiting your house? What duties do you owe to trespassers?
- Defences to tort actions
- Remedies for tortious claims

Assessment

No coursework

Paper 1: Nature of Law and English Legal Systems

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

Paper 2: Substantive Law in Practice

- Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes

Paper 3: Perspectives of Substantive Law

- Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes

Careers and Opportunities for Further Study

Studying Law will open doors for further study, but direct employment opportunities include:

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Judiciary
- Legal clerk
- Teaching
- Criminal justice system
- Probation, youth offending
- Prisons
- Researchers for government bodies

Entry Requirements

English language grade 6