



Law

Exam Board: AQA

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Why study Law?

Law A Level is a fascinating course because it encourages you to understand and question the society that we live in. You will ask (and answer) questions such as:

- Have you ever wondered why some deaths are murder and some are manslaughter?
- What does “life in prison” mean? How are prison sentences determined?
- Have you ever wanted to know about what powers the police have in the UK?
- What human rights do you have, and where are they protected?
- Is law about what is morally right or wrong, or something different altogether?

Students who take Law acquire skills in critical thinking, written and verbal communication and societal understanding. Law A Level is a highly regarded course, so it opens many doors. Law A Level is useful for those wishing to study Criminology at university, students who may wish to work in a business (or set up their own), who are interested in joining the Police force, or any student who is looking to evidence their logical, analytical and critical thinking skills.

Course details

In the first year, the students will study the English legal system, the nature of law, Criminal Law and Tort. In the second year, the students will study Contract Law and consolidate their knowledge of what was learnt in their first year.

The A level examination consists of three exam papers:

- **Paper One** – 2 hours, 33% of A Level
 - Section A (25 marks) – The nature of law and the English legal system
 - Section B (75 marks) – Criminal Law
- **Paper Two** – 2 hours, 33% of A Level
 - Section A (25 marks) – The nature of law and the English legal system
 - Section B (75 marks) – Tort
- **Paper Three** – 2 hours, 33% of A Level
 - Section A (25 marks) – The nature of law and the English legal system
 - Section B (75 marks) – Contract Law

The course primarily assesses students knowledge of the law, but also their analysis and application of it to case studies.

- **Knowledge** - AO1 explores the demonstration of knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and the subsequent legal rules and case principles.
 - 40% weighting

- **Application** - A02 focuses on the application element, particularly in scenario-based questions, and looks to assess the application of legal rules and principles to scenarios – alongside the use of legal vocabulary.
 - 27% weighting
- **Analysis** - A03 embodies evaluative components and the analysis and evaluation of such legal concepts
 - 33% weighting

How is the course taught and assessed?

The course is taught by two members of staff. Students are given a 'long-term plan' for each module. They are expected to complete the 'pre-lesson requirement tasks' which often involve research and reading around the subject. There are 8 lessons given per fortnight and an expected 10 hours per fortnight independent study to ensure full understanding.

Entry requirement

This qualification is available to anyone who achieves at least five grade 4s at GCSE level, including English or Maths.