

A Level

# Law

AQA



All universities accept A level Law as an entry qualification for their Law courses, including the most highly selective universities

If you choose not to continue this subject onto year 2, you are able to sit an AS exam at the end of year 1.

## Course Content

### Year 1

An introduction to the English Legal System, the Criminal Law and the Law of Contract.

- Learn about the courts, including trial by jury and the sentencing of offenders.
- Study how the law is developed via judicial precedent and the interpretation of statutes.
- Develop understanding of the general principles of criminal liability.
- Gain an insight into the civil law of contract.

### Year 2

Study the Criminal Law in depth, including

- Offences against the person, such as murder, manslaughter and non-fatal offences;
- Property offences, such as burglary, blackmail and fraud;
- Defences, such as self-defence, duress and intoxication.
- Develop detailed knowledge and understanding of legal rules, principles and concepts.
- Learn how to apply the law to issues and problems in order to present a legal argument.
- Demonstrate skills of analysis and evaluation, including the ability to relate the law to contemporary issues of justice and morality.



## Methods of Teaching

- Activities include lectures, discussions, group work, research and essay writing.
- You will be given study booklets, which reduce the burden of note taking, but be aware that there is a lot of reading.
- You will practice exam questions regularly in order to build your confidence and exam technique.
- You will need to be organised and thorough in your command of detail, have a mature approach to independent learning and be willing to contribute to class discussion.
- You will have the opportunity to visit the courts, take part in mock trials and listen to guest speakers including magistrates, university lecturers and ex-students who are now practising lawyers.

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## Methods and Patterns of Assessment

- All units are assessed by external examination. There is no coursework.
- You will be entered for two exams in May/June.

## Year 1 Examinations

### Unit 1: Law Making and the Legal System

- 50% of AS, 25% of A level
- 1 hour 30 minutes
- Answer questions on 3 topics

### Unit 2: The Concept of Liability

- 50% of AS, 25% of A level
- 1 hour 30 minutes
- Answer questions on 2 scenarios - 1 on Crime and 1 on Contract

## Year 2 Examinations

### Unit 3: Criminal Law (Offences against the Person)

- 25% of A level
- 1 hour 30 minutes
- Answer 2 problem-solving questions and 1 essay question

### Unit 4: Criminal Law (Offences against Property) and Concepts of Law

- 25% of A level
- 2 hours
- Answer 2 problem-solving questions and 1 extended essay question

## Financial Implications

Payment of £10 is required to cover the costs of study booklets specifically designed for the course.

Single or group copies of books that you need to consult will be available in the classroom and the Learning Resources Centre.

The College has a Student Support Fund for those students who have difficulty meeting these costs.

## Career Possibilities

Law at A level combines well with many different subjects.

It is a good preparation for higher education and for a wide variety of careers, both within and outside the practice of law.

It provides a head-start in three of the components of any qualifying law degree; Legal System, the Criminal law and the law of Contract.

## Minimum Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade A\* - C, including Maths and English.

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