

Law

Level 3 BTEC

Single

Edexcel

This BTEC in Applied Law is a practical approach to studying the law and focuses on the core knowledge and skills required for a successful career as a legal professional.

Course Structure

This course will explore four key units across the two years: (1) Dispute Solving in the Civil Law: understanding how the law and lawyers work to resolve conflicts through a specific focus on the law of negligence; (2) Investigating aspects of the criminal law and legal system with a focus on the non-fatal criminal offences; (3) Applying the Law: Exploring fatal and property offences within the criminal law and the scope of police powers in dealing with them; and finally (4) Contract Law: Exploring and evaluating the way legal agreements can be made, used and broken.

Skills & Knowledge

This is a heavily practical qualification which mirrors and develops the skills needed by legal professionals working in the legal profession. You will develop key skills of independence, research, time management and the ability to analyse and evaluate key areas of law to apply them to real-life scenarios.

Assessment

There are 4 key units assessed in the 2-year BTEC. Two of these units are externally assessed (1 in Year 1 and another in Year 2) and will require independent research of a set legal scenario or report. The final 2 units taught across the two years are internally assessed and will take the form of coursework.

Opportunities & Enrichment

There will be opportunities to develop advocacy skills through a mixture of debates and mock trials throughout the year. There will be a chance to investigate and research topical areas of law throughout the year.

Future Careers & Pathways

The BTEC is an excellent opportunity to develop and provide evidence of knowledge of the key skills needed for working in the legal profession. The BTEC is a good way to prepare to study Law at university (combined with other A Levels or BTEC qualifications). The BTEC is also good experience for other legal careers such as legal secretaries and paralegals. However, you're not just limited to law, lawyers are able to use their razor-sharp skills of analysis, evaluation, and advocacy in a variety of professions including politics, education, journalism and media and the business sector.