

Law A Level

AQA

A Level Law considers a variety of the fundamental elements of legal knowledge from the make-up and operation of the English Legal System to the use and purpose of the criminal law and of private law.

Course Structure

Over the course of the two year A level, you will study 4 key topics: the nature of law and the English legal system, the criminal law, the law of tort and the law of contract. The nature of law and the English legal system will explore the nature and philosophical purpose of the law, key institutions and players in the legal field such as Parliament, the EU, Judges, Lawyers and laypersons. This will be assessed across all three papers at the end of the two years. The criminal law (Paper 1), the law of tort (Paper 2) and the law of contract (Paper 3) elements of the A Level will explore practical legal rules and how these can be applied to real life scenarios to establish liability. You will also evaluate certain aspects of these areas of law and consider possibilities for reform.

Skills & Knowledge

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge on the fundamental institutions of the English Legal System and understand and explain how law and justice is administered in England and Wales.

Assessment

This A Level is 100% exam based, equally weighted across 3 papers worth 33% each. These papers will be a mixture of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

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 A Level in Law is a well-regarded pathway for students looking to continue their studies in Law either at university or through vocational options such as legal apprenticeships. This is a solid route towards becoming a solicitor or barrister.

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.