

Law

Awarding Body: OCR

Content and Examination Requirements

Law is a fascinating subject to study. It is challenging to the mind, and very demanding. At the same time, it offers a tremendous insight into the legal framework within which we live. Since laws affect every member of our society, it is desirable that we all know and understand our legal system. Studying law at this level offers the student to develop an appreciation which is competent and thorough. Those who choose to study AS and A2 Law have the opportunity to research the English Legal System in depth, and to specialise for one year in the Principles of Criminal Law.

Year 12	Year 13
AS Level Units	A2 Units leading to a full Advanced GCE
Unit 1 The English Legal System Dispute solving (courts and alternatives); police powers, sentencing; those who work in the legal system; funding; advice.	Unit 3A Criminal Law Criminal Liability; Attempts; murder; manslaughter, defences including insanity, intoxication and duress, non-fatal offences including robbery and burglary.
Unit 2 Sources of Law The role of Parliament, Judiciary and Europe in the creation of law; law reform.	Unit 3B Criminal Law Special Study This unit takes a topic from Unit 2 and an area of law studied in unit 3 and creates a pre-release of sources which are studied in class and then examined at the end of the course.

There is no coursework in Law either at AS or A2. The course is examined through 4 examinations—2 at AS Level and 2 at A2 Level.

Entry Requirements

Since a high standard of written English is expected, an A/B pass in English Language is desirable.

Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

Law is a highly competitive field. Standards at university are high, demanding A/B grades at advanced level. Not every student who studies Advanced Law necessarily progresses to a Law course at university. Nevertheless, it is an excellent qualification to have in its own right. In terms of those students who prefer to continue with Law, our 'track record' is good, with a considerable number currently studying law at Durham, Newcastle and Northumbria universities. Whatever your ambitions, a qualification in law opens up to a wide range of career opportunities including the legal profession (solicitors and barristers), the police, social work, probation officer, criminologist and so on.

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