Law

A Level Law aims to help you develop legal skills by studying the nature of law, legal issues the English legal system, and private and public areas of substantive law. You will learn how to analyse legal scenarios and develop legal arguments using case law. You will study different areas of private and public areas of law where you will analyse, apply, and evaluate the legal rules and principles of that area of law. You will apply legal rules to scenarios and formulate reasoned arguments which will be concise and logical legal arguments which are substantiated by legal authority, using appropriate legal terminology.

Course Structure & Content

3.1 The nature of the law and the English legal system

Nature of law • The rule of law • Law making: parliamentary law making, delegated legislation, statutory interpretation, judicial precedent, law reform, the European Union • The legal system: The civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution, the criminal course and lay people, legal personnel and the judiciary, access to justice and funding.

3.2 Criminal Law

Rules and theory of criminal law • General elements of liability • Fatal offences against the person • Non-fatal offences against the person • Property offences • Preliminary offence • Defences, capacity, and necessity

3.3 Tort

Rules and theory of tort law • Liability, physical injury, damage to property, economic loss and psychiatric injury • Occupiers' liability • Nuisance and the escape of dangerous things • Vicarious liability • Defences • Remedies

3.5 Human Rights (Elective, subject to change)

Rules and theory in Human Rights law • Human Rights in international law • Human Rights in the UK prior to the Human Rights Act 1998 • Human Rights in the UK after the enactment of the Human Rights Act 1998 • The European Convention on Human Rights 1953, Article, 2,5,8,10,11 • Restrictions • Enforcement • Human Rights and English law

Entry Requirements

Students would be expected to have achieved at least Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature and a Humanities subject

Progression

An A Level in Law, is highly respected by Universities and employers alike. A degree in Law can be a strong subject to combine with sciences, maths or humanities subjects as a knowledge of the Law is useful in all fields and walks of life.