

Frequently Asked Questions

A-Level Law

Question: What are some of the key topics I would cover?

Answer: Students study six modules over a two-year period.

The [full specification can be found here](#) but the modules and key topics are:

- **English Legal System**
Civil and criminal justice system, magistrates, juries, solicitors, barristers, judiciary.
- **Law Making**
Parliamentary law making, judicial law making, influences on law making and law reform.
- **Criminal Law**
Murder, manslaughter, non-fatal offences, property offences, defences.
- **Tort Law**
Law of negligence, occupiers' liability, torts connected to land, vicarious liability.
- **Philosophy of Law**
Law and morality, law and justice, law and society.
- **Human Rights Law**
European Convention on Human Rights, Human Rights Act 1998, enforcement/limitations of rights

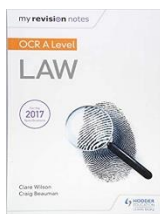
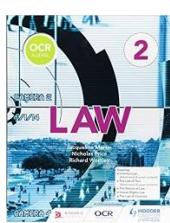
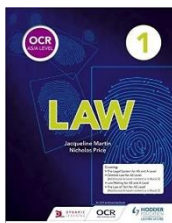
Question: What resources will I need?

Answer:

Students currently use two core textbooks (new books are being published in May 2021).

The textbooks can be purchased from any good book shop or Amazon.

Students are supplied with teacher made workbooks for each topic as a basis for their learning. The workbooks include a variety of tasks, exam board mark-schemes and exemplar student scripts. Students always comment on how helpful the workbooks are in breaking down the vast amount of information into manageable amounts.



Question: What is the learning style like within the subject?

Answer:

In Law, the learning style is a combination of teacher led lessons, group work and independent research and study, supported by the student workbooks as mentioned above.

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Question: How will I be assessed throughout the course?

Answer:

Students will be assessed throughout the course through weekly tests, end of unit tests, key assessments twice every half term and mock exams. All of these assessments allow teachers to track student progress and achievement, predict a final grade and intervene when necessary.

Question: How will I be assessed at the end of the course?

Answer:

As with all linear A-Level courses at the end of the two-year course students will sit three separate exams. Each exam is two hours long. The A-Level Law course is 100% written exam. There is no coursework.

Question: Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

Answer:

Students must have as a minimum grade 5 GCSE English Language **and** grade 5 GCSE English Literature. Students who achieve in A-Level tend to have a GCSE average point score of 6 and above. No prior knowledge or experience of Law is required.

Question: How much homework and independent study is there?

Answer:

Students are expected to study a minimum of 6 hours per week on homework and independent study.

Question: What sort of student should study A-Level Law?

Answer:

A-Level Law is a highly academic subject and whilst extremely interesting it is a demanding course. The very nature of the subject requires students to learn many Acts of Parliament, case law and legal rules. Students should have the ability to critically analyse and evaluate the law and in written form, so a good command of English language is essential. Students need to have a diligent and resilient attitude towards their legal studies including the discipline to study independently.

Question: What support can I access if I am struggling?

Answer:

The department has an open-door policy and staff can be contacted via email at all times. Where possible, the department try to match students with peer mentors. Students also set up their own small study groups. Students can access support through Collyers Study Support Department.

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Question: Are there normally any trips or enrichment events that take place?

Answer:

In a normal year the department arranges a variety of in-house enrichment events. In 2019 Goldsmiths University delivered a lecture on Human Rights and the University of Law held a careers event and a lecture focusing on murder and forensics. The department was planning to hold a mock trial led by practicing Circuit Judges at Horsham County Court but this was cancelled due to Coronavirus.

Question: What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyers'?

Answer:

Each year an average of 20% of students go onto to study Law or a Law related degree at a Russell Group university ie: Oxbridge, Durham, York, Exeter, Birmingham, Nottingham. A growing number of students are also applying for legal apprenticeships.

Law is a respected A-Level in its own right. As such it is a good qualification to have on a C.V.

Please refer to the [exam board guidance sheet](#) for further information on the benefits of studying A-Level Law and opportunities for future progression.

Question: Will studying A-Level Law limit my opportunities to pursue a degree in Law at university?

Answer:

No. I have been teaching A-Level Law for 20 years and during this time no student application has ever been rejected on the basis of them having studied A-Level Law. Students report that studying A-Level Law has really supported their learning of Law at university.

Expectations of a good law student

- Is self-motivated, disciplined, and organised
- Makes good use of the whole academic day
- Has excellent attendance, is punctual and ready to learn
- Takes responsibility for their learning
- Uses teacher feed-back to improve their work
- Actively revises early and often
- Reads around the subject to contextualise learning
- Is curious, ask questions and has an opinion
- Is a good role model within the classroom
- Regularly checks college emails, Teams notifications