

A-LEVEL LAW



WHY STUDY LAW AT A-LEVEL?

Studying A-Level Law gives students a foundational understanding of the legal system, covering topics like criminal law, contract law, and human rights. It helps develop critical thinking, argumentation, and analytical skills, which are valuable in a wide range of careers, not just law. Additionally, it prepares students for further study in law or related fields, and it's useful for understanding rights, responsibilities, and the role of law in society.

TOPICS STUDIED

TOPIC 1

THE ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM

The structure and roles of courts, judges, juries, solicitors, and barristers, as well as the basics of legal personnel and processes.

TOPIC 2

CRIMINAL LAW

Key principles of criminal liability, including topics like offenses against the person (e.g., assault, battery) and property (e.g., theft, burglary) as well as defences such as self defence and insanity.

TOPIC 3

TORT LAW

Civil wrongs, including negligence, liability, and remedies. This covers how individuals can claim compensation for harm or injury.

TOPIC 4

CONTRACT LAW

Basics of forming and enforcing contracts, terms and conditions, and remedies for breach of contract.

TOPIC 5

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Rights protected under UK law and the European Convention on Human Rights, including freedom of expression, privacy, and fair trial rights.


TOPIC 6

LAW-MAKING AND LEGAL THEORY

How laws are created, the role of Parliament, statutory interpretation, and an introduction to legal philosophies and theories.

ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

A-Level Law is assessed through written exams, covering each topic and containing a mix of essay and short-answer questions. There may be scenario-based questions or hypothetical situations and must apply their legal knowledge to advise on possible outcomes.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 in GCSE English

CAREER PATHWAY

A-Level students can pursue various career pathways. Many students go on to study law at university, aiming for careers as solicitors, barristers, or legal executives. The analytical and communication skills developed are also valuable in fields like business, politics, journalism and public service. Some students may enter roles in law enforcement, human resources, or compliance, where knowledge of legal principles is advantageous. Overall, A Level law opens doors not only to legal professionals but also to careers requiring critical thinking and an understanding of the legal system.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This course is for you if you find yourself interested in how laws shape society, protect rights and resolve conflicts. This course involves analytical and critical thinking, it requires you evaluate arguments and apply legal principles, so you must have an interest in developing this skill. If you're considering a career in law, politics, public service, or business, this course provides a valuable foundation.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact Mr Brookes, Head of Sixth Form, at sbrookes@lighthall.co.uk if you have any questions.

