

Applied Law

QUALIFICATION: BTEC

Awarding Body:

Pearsons

Length of Course:

2 Years

This BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Law is equivalent in size to one A-Level.

It is anticipated that all students will complete the full National Extended Certificate in Applied Law.

The course consists of 4 core units, 3 mandatory units and a choice of specialist unit. This qualification is following new specifications and as such the units may be subject to change.

Year 12

Unit 1 Dispute Solving in Civil Law. This unit involves looking at all aspects of civil law including how the court system works, how to settle disputes, the roles of those working in the civil courts including solicitors and judges, remedies offered in the civil courts such as damages, the appeal system and how to obtain advice and funding for civil cases.

Unit 2 Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System. This unit involves looking at how laws are made, the role of those who work in criminal law such as judges and lay magistrates, Rylands v Fletcher, and private non-fatal offences, how guilty people are sentenced and the types of sentences available.

Year 13

Unit 3 Applying the Law. This unit involves looking at different criminal offences such as murder, theft and robbery, defences such as intoxication, insanity and self-defence and the powers of the police to arrest and question suspects.

Unit 4 Aspects of Tort. This unit involves looking at negligence, occupiers' liability, vicarious liability, nuisance as well as how damages and other remedies are decided.

All units also require students to acquire specific legal skills including referencing legal authorities and writing case notes and solicitors' letters.

Units 1 and 3 are externally assessed. Students will have two weeks to prepare a case study for these units and will then complete their answers in timed examination conditions. These are then assessed by the exam board.

Units 2 and 4 are internally assessed. Students work through the case studies in class and in their own time and the work is then assessed by the class teacher and subject to external verification.

Students are expected to show a high level of commitment and organisational skills during the course. Students are encouraged to actively seek work experience during this course to support their learning and skills development.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should have at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or better preferably including Mathematics & English Language at Grade 4

FURTHER INFORMATION

Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

This course provides the opportunity for progression to degree courses in Law or related areas and will also support those who seek to enter the work place or apprenticeships in this area.

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