

Full time, 22/23

A-Level Law

Level 3 | GCE AS Level in Law

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Summary

This course will provide you with a general overview of the English legal system. It includes the structure and procedures of the courts and their personnel – for example, juries, barristers and solicitors. The course will also consider cases and Acts of Parliament. The aim is to improve your knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of a whole range of issues affecting the legal system. Law complements many other disciplines, such as economics, English, sociology and psychology. It serves as a perfect precursor to studying at university, as it develops reasoning skills and relies heavily on argument to inform discussions and essays. Many of our learners leave to study law at university.

A-level Law is almost unique in that it covers a wide range of topics that will give you a broad understanding of the various laws that affect us all in our everyday lives:

The nature of Law and the English Legal System

- Considers how law functions in our society, drilling into how the law interlinks with society and attempts to provide justice. This topic helps you discover what the various legal personnel and laypeople do, such as juries and magistrates, and considers how laws are made and how judges apply law.

The Law of Tort

- You've seen the adverts that say, 'Have you been injured in an accident?' Well, in this topic you will learn more!

Criminal Law

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From Assault to Murder, you will learn about offences against the person and crimes against property such as Theft and Robbery. This is the focus of the second year of study, when these crimes are studied in depth, with some interesting case law!

Human rights or Contract Law

At South Gloucester and Stroud College we pride ourselves on empowering the student to be an independent learner and it is because of this ideology that the students decide which of these two they wish to study.

How will I know how I am doing?

AQA changed the Law syllabus in September 2017. You will now take three exams in the second year in May/June. Each exam is worth 33% and can be on content from either of the years.

What do I need to join?

To study this course, you will need five GCSEs at grade 4–9, including English and Maths. You must also have a grade 5 or above in English Literature.

How will I learn?

This A Level course is based at our Filton campus, located in South Gloucestershire which is easily accessible from the city of Bristol by train (Bristol Parkway / Bristol Abbey Wood) and bus.

Work Experience

You will be required to do a minimum of 36 hours of work experience. This is usually completed in a week during your first year in term time, where you will have the opportunity to explore a career field which takes your interest. In the lead-up to this week, you will be asked to create an exciting CV during a group tutorial period. The aim of this activity is to give you an idea of what full-time employment is like and to help you think about which career you would like to follow.

What can I do next?

Law complements many disciplines and is suited to run alongside Economics, English, Sociology and Psychology, to name but a few.

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Law is useful for learners interested in joining the police force or training to become a social worker.