

AS-LEVEL LAW

This AS Level aims to develop the learner's knowledge and understanding of the English Legal System. It enhances the ability to evaluate its operation and performance. The new specification introduces substantive law and develops the ability to apply aspects of both criminal and civil law. Additionally, it develops the learner's skills acquisition for either University or work by enhancing:

- An understanding of legal method and reasoning.
- The techniques of logical thinking and the skills necessary to analyse and solve problems by applying legal rules.
- The ability to communicate legal arguments and conclusions with reference to appropriate legal authority.
- A critical awareness of the changing nature of law in society.

Course content and assessment:

Unit 1: Law Making and the Legal System: Written Paper: 1 h 30 mins

Section A: Law Making

Parliamentary law making

Delegated legislation

Statutory interpretation

Judicial precedent

Section B: The Legal System

The civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution

The criminal courts and lay people

The legal profession and other sources of advice and funding

The judiciary

Unit 2: The Concept of Liability- Written Paper: 1 h 30 mins

Section A: Introduction to Criminal Liability

Underlying principles of criminal liability

The courts: procedure and sentencing

Section B: Introduction to Tort

Liability in negligence

The courts: procedure and damages

Teaching and Learning

In addition to the lectures there is a significant amount of discussion of legal and moral issues. Learners will analyse Cases and develop their written ability to present arguments.

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus: Specification 5161