

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Law

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Subject specific entry requirements:

- A minimum of Grade 6 or above in English Literature and/or Language

What skills are required of students?

- The ability to research actively and methodically
- The ability to analyse information (e.g. case law and legislation), to reach conclusions
- The ability to solve problems
- The ability to write effectively
- The ability to follow instructions in order to complete written assignments.
- The ability to study independently and work as part of a group
- The ability to meet regular deadlines
- The ability to prepare and make presentations

Course Details

Ever wanted to know how law gets made or the difference between the civil and criminal courts? Or how a snail changed the law of negligence? Then this course is for you!

The Extended Certificate in Applied Law is a fascinating course that aims to provide students with a coherent introduction to the legal sector. The course allows students to explore Law and the legal system through practical activities and by applying the law to scenarios. Students will study key aspects of the English legal system, how laws are made, and areas of criminal and civil law. Students will develop their interest for Law through seeing the legal system in action. As the course consists of a combination of continual assessment through written assignments, and external examinations, it is likely to appeal to anyone interested in studying Law, but who prefers a course with some coursework assignments rather than exams.

A variety of different methods will be used and this will vary for each topic. To enrich the course, students will visit the Law Courts and guest speakers will be invited in. Seeking work experience in a legal environment will be encouraged.

The course assumes that students will have not studied the subject before, however, they will need to be organised, have the ability to work independently and meet regular deadlines.

Module titles and codes:

Mandatory Units. The following units are compulsory and have to be studied by all students:

Unit 1

Dispute solving in Civil Law – Externally assessed (Written examination – 1hr 30mins. 60 marks. Based on a pre-released case study).

In this unit, students will explore how civil disputes are resolved, both in the courts and by alternative means. They will examine the making and working of precedent and its application in the law of negligence.

Unit 2

Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System – Internally assessed.

In this unit, students will research how laws are made and interpreted, who advises and decides on the outcome of criminal cases and the punishments that can be imposed if laws are broken. They will then present advice to clients on non-fatal offence case studies.

Unit 3

Applying the law – Externally assessed (Written examination – 2hrs. 72 marks. Based on two pre-released cases).

In this unit, students will examine the law related to specific crimes, including homicide and offences against property. They will explore the police procedures for dealing with such offences.

Optional Units – Internally assessed (maximum of 3 assignments). Choice of one from:

Unit 6: Contract Law

Unit 7: Aspects of Tort

What kinds of work will you do in class and at home?

Keeping class notes

Work independently

Writing extended answers

Participate in discussion, role play and activities

Research and pre-reading is essential

Complete assignments in accordance with instructions.

What other A-levels does your subject connect well with?

The BTEC in Applied Law links well to both humanities and science-based subjects, including A-levels in: English Literature, History, Politics, Religious Studies and Sociology and BTECs in Psychology, and Applied Science.

What types of university course will be helped by this BTEC?

The qualification is recognised by universities as contributing to the admission requirements for a range of courses, including Law, Politics and Criminology. Students should however, always check the entry requirements for degree programmes at their chosen higher education provider.