

BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Law Level 3

Qualification Aims and Objectives

Law continues to be a popular subject in Post 16. It is designed not only for those wishing to pursue a career in Law, but also for those who wish to become more empowered about their rights and responsibilities.

Through studying Applied Law, it is hoped that students will:

- Develop and sustain an enjoyment and knowledge of selected areas of law in England and Wales
- Develop important techniques such as critical thought, analytical and problem solving skills, which are highly desirable in the workplace and higher education.

Course Outline

Certificate (First Year):

- Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law
- Unit 2: Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System

Extended Certificate (Second Year):

- Unit 3: Applying the Law
- One Optional Unit

All units will require you to complete Pass, Merit and Distinction Tasks. Units 1 & 3 are externally assessed through a one-and-a-half-hour controlled assessment, which is worth 50% of your grade; you will be given a case study two weeks prior to the assessment which will require you to conduct research and give advice of a legal issue. Unit 2 and the further optional unit are internally assessed through a series of coursework tasks, spread over two terms.

The Law qualification is widely held in high regard by employers across many industries as the course helps you to develop important skills, knowledge and understanding. With further training, this course is a sound grounding from which to enter into a career in the legal profession such as a solicitor, barrister or paralegal.

If you choose not to undertake university study, Law is also an excellent foundation on which to build a career in the police, as a teacher/lecturer, as a legal secretary or within the civil service or political arena.

Employers value this course due to the range of analytical skills and focus on independent learning students develop during the course. There are also a growing number of apprenticeships available in the legal sector.



Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 9-4 grades in GCSE examinations including English and Maths.

Future courses & possible careers

- Police
- Teacher
- Civil Service
- Politics
- Solicitor

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