

ST MARY'S COLLEGE



INTRODUCTION

In Law we will be offering the OCR course, which is modular. Normally students will complete 2 modules in the first year and obtain an AS certificate. Students will then complete a further 2 modules in the second year to obtain an A level certificate.

AS LEVEL

Content

Module	Assessment
G151 Unit 1 English Legal System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Courts and other methods of dispute resolution • Criminal process and Criminal Courts • Penal System • Judiciary • The Legal Profession • Lay people in the legal system • Provision of legal services 	Written exam 2 hours 120 marks To be taken in May
G152 Unit 2 Sources of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctrine of precedent • Legislation • European Union Law • Law Reform • Statutory Interpretation 	Written exam 1 hour 60 marks To be taken January or May

How is the course delivered?

A variety of methods will be used to deliver the course and develop legal skills. These will include teacher led activities, presentations, group/individual work, case scenario exercises, internet research and problem solving. You will see how the law works during visits to the Crown Court. Each AS group will have four 70 minute lessons and will have access to support sessions.



Entry requirements

To study AS Law you need to have GCSE grade C or better in English Language. Please note that entry requirements for an AS programme depend upon the number of AS/GNVQ courses you intend to take.

What skills and interests do I need?

You will enjoy reading and be interested in social issues and current affairs. You will probably enjoy crime programmes on television and finding out about how the legal system works. The course is assessed by examinations, so you will need good written communication skills and an ability to learn facts. To develop the skills and knowledge needed for the exams you will be required to complete regular homework tasks.

How does it build upon studies in Key Stage 4?

Most students will not have taken Law before, so no previous knowledge is needed. The skills you use are similar to those you have developed through studying GCSE English and History.

How is the course assessed?

Student's progress is assessed regularly during and at the end of each topic area. Both modules are assessed by end of module exams, which can be taken in January and May. It is possible to retake exams to improve grades.



A2 LEVEL

Content

Module	Assessment
G153 Unit 3A Criminal Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of criminal liability• Attempted crimes• Offences against the Person – murder and manslaughter• General defences – insanity, automatism, duress, necessity, intoxication• Non-fatal offences• Offences against property	Written Exam 2 hours 120 marks To be taken in June
G154 Unit 4A Criminal Law Special Study <p>This unit expects students to draw together knowledge of legal processes and or legal issues and make connections between these and the substantive law. It is based on a topic area from Criminal Law.</p>	Written Exam 1 hour 30 minutes 60 marks To be taken in January or June

How is the course delivered?

The teaching methods will be similar to those used for AS. However, there will be much more emphasis on the use of judgments, essay writing skills and the application of legal knowledge to problem questions. Students will be expected to learn a large number of cases and principles and to take more responsibility for their own learning.

Entry requirements

A pass in AS Law.

How is the course assessed?

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Progression routes

A-level Law will develop many skills, which will be useful for further study of a variety of subjects at university, not just for a law degree. It is widely accepted by universities for entry onto Law and other degree courses. Apart from the legal profession itself, ie solicitors and barristers, law can lead to careers in banking, business, local and central government, journalism, police and teaching.

Further Information

For further information please contact Elizabeth Burke

Full specifications can be found at www.ocr.org.uk

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