

How long is the course? 2 years

Who is the course for? This course is suited to students who have a strong sense of justice and fairness and a keen desire to learn about the legal process in the English legal system. You will be interested in how laws are created and interpreted and also the process by which a court determines the guilt or liability of a defendant in a legal case. Law requires excellent memory and literacy skills, as legal cases often hinge upon the exact meaning of words or phrases. You should also have an acute sense of accuracy and attention to detail, in law, a lot can often depend on very little! Law students also tend to be very good at critical analysis and verbal reasoning. Finally, you must be intrinsically motivated by the human experience; much of the law learned is case law and involves people's real conflicts, both with one another and also with the system.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed by examination only. All examinations are held in May /June of the second year.

What could I do after the course?

You might want to study law because you see yourself as a barrister or a solicitor, in which case the A-Level would be ideal for you and if you do well, it will provide a perfect stepping stone to a Law degree or a degree in a related subject, such as Criminology or International relations. Law is also well suited to careers in the following fields: business, economics, accountancy, media, government, politics, civil service, public relations, international relations, social work and the police. Alternatively, you might want to choose law because it is a fascinating course where you study some juicy stuff while developing transferable skills such as critical analysis and verbal reasoning. Law is an empowering subject as everyone, at some point, has to negotiate laws that affect their everyday lives. Also, today every career path at some point includes a legal element, studying law gives you the advantage here.

What else do I need to know?

There are many extra-curricular opportunities and the department works closely with several international law firms and Russell group universities. These opportunities include taster days, work experience placements, careers talks, scholarship possibilities (law firms paying your University tuition), visiting speakers and even dinner with leading barristers at the Middle Temple! We also visit Criminal courts and encourage our students to follow criminal cases as they happen.

What will I be studying?

You will study the English legal system, law making, criminal liability, defences, tort law, contract law, and the nature of law.

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