



# LAW

**Level: AS and A-Level**

**Exam Board: OCR**

**Specification: H015/H415**

**Course description:**

Law is a very popular subject at Advanced Level, which has many obvious applications in the world of industry and commerce. Indeed, whatever one does in life, the need for an understanding of Law has never been more important.

**The AS and A Level Law specifications encourage learners to:**

- Develop their knowledge and understanding of the legal system and areas of both private and public law.
- Develop an understanding of legal method and reasoning as used by lawyers and the judiciary.
- Develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to problems, based on legal principles, legislation and case law.
- Develop the ability to construct conclusions and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities.

**The OCR AS Level in Law** content focuses on the English legal system and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales. Learners will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the nature of law and the English legal system. This will provide learners with the foundation for the study of both private and public law. This specification will develop learners' understanding of legal method and reasoning through the study of statutory interpretation and judicial precedent. Learners will be introduced to the concept of legal liability through the study of criminal law and the law of tort. This will enable them to develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to legal problems, based on legal rules and principles and develop the ability to construct and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities.

The English legal system is split into two sections:

- Component 01 Section A: the legal system
- Component 02 Section A: law making

Each of the two sections is worth 25% of the overall marks – the English legal system accounts for 50% of the overall qualification. The section on the legal system includes an introduction to the nature of law.

**The OCR A Level in Law** content focuses on the English legal system and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales. Learners will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the nature of law and the English legal system. This will provide learners with the foundation for the study of both private and public law. This specification will develop learners' understanding of legal method and reasoning through the study of statutory interpretation and judicial precedent. Learners will be introduced to the concept of legal liability through the study of criminal law and the law of tort. This will enable them to develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to legal problems, based on



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legal rules and principles and develop the ability to construct and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities.

The A Level in Law will develop learners' knowledge of law through advanced study of an additional legal subject – human rights law or the law of contract. They will develop their critical awareness of the law through the study of the nature of law.

**The English legal system and the nature of law is split into three sections:**

- Component 01 Section A: the legal system
- Component 02 Section A: law making
- Component 03: Section A: the nature of law

Each section A is worth 8 $\frac{1}{3}$  % of the overall marks – the English legal system and the nature of law accounts for 25% of the overall qualification.

**Entry requirements:** Minimum Grade 5 in GCSE English

**Career options:** The OCR A level specification requires learners to study the dynamics of legal decision making that will equip them with the skills necessary to study law at higher education.

Future careers could go on to include: Barrister, Solicitor, Chartered Legal Executive, Paralegal, Legal Apprentice.

Full Specification: [OCR website](#)