

## Law

### Online Independent Learning

**Distance learning provider: Oxford Learning College** [www.oxfordcollege.ac](http://www.oxfordcollege.ac)

#### What do you study?

#### Unit 1 – The Nature of Law and the English Legal System

##### Section A: The Nature of Law

This topic assesses your understanding of law within an ethical and moral context. You will look at the historical context of law and engage with key contemporary debates. You will examine the overlap and conflict between law and morality; social norms and values, concepts of justice and different types of legal responsibility and liability.

##### Section B: Law Making

You will learn about the law-making process within the United Kingdom. You will understand the Parliamentary law-making process. You will look at the reasons for delegating legislation and its advantages and disadvantages. You will also look at the public bodies which manage delegated legislation. You will learn about the role of the courts in making law and how it compliments Legislation. You will look at the rationale of statutory interpretation, the hierarchy of the courts, precedent and the role of judges.

##### Section C: The Legal System

You will learn how the different branches of the court and legal system operate. The Civil courts and other Forms of Dispute Resolution, including negotiation, mediation, conciliation and arbitration, will be evaluated. You will look at the criminal court structure and the advantages and disadvantages of a jury system. You will gain an understanding of how the legal profession and other sources of advice and funding are accessed within the United Kingdom. This topic covers the varying roles within the legal professional, for example, barristers, solicitors, legal executives and judges. You will look at the role of legal aid and its funding.

#### Unit 2 – Criminal Law

You will study the principles of criminal liability including actus reus, mens rea, intention and strict liability. You will also learn about offences against the person, including fatal and non-fatal offences as well as property offences. The range of defences, such as insanity and duress, will be discussed.

#### Unit 3 – Tort

You will study the rules and principles concerning civil liability and fault with regards to negligence, occupier's liability, nuisance and vicarious liability, and associated defences and remedies.

#### Unit 4 – Contract Law

You will study how valid contracts are formed – offer acceptance, consideration; and how they can be lawfully terminated. Examine and evaluate the differences between express and implied terms; warranties and conditions. The growing legislative measures to protect consumers, such as the Consumer Rights Act 2015, will be studied. You will learn what constitutes a breach of contract and what remedies are available to parties to the contract.

#### Beyond A Level

Students wishing to continue their legal studies after A Levels can opt for a university degree or work-based apprenticeship. Both of these routes can lead to the qualifications required to become a solicitor, barrister or legal executive. Other popular careers include the police, teaching, social work, business and accounting.

#### Examinations

Examination board AQA

**Specification code: 7162**

The course is assessed entirely by examination – there is no coursework. All three examinations are taken at the end of the complete course. Each examination comprises of a mixture of multiple choice questions, short answer questions and extended writing questions.

**Paper 1** (2 hours) The Nature of Law and the English Legal System (25%) Criminal Law (75%)

**Paper 2** (2 hours) The Nature of Law and the English Legal System (25%) Tort (75%)

**Paper 3** (2 hours) The Nature of Law and the English Legal System (25%) Contract Law (75%)

#### The Course

Materials are delivered online through the Oxford Learning College Campus portal. An online tutor will regularly assess student submissions and provide support and feedback throughout the course. Our CCHSG onsite co-ordinator for the course will be Mrs Sanderson.

