

Why study BTEC Applied Law?

The BTEC National in Applied Law is equivalent to one A Level. It is an exciting and interesting course which focuses more on applying the law to case studies rather than learning huge quantities of information, therefore there will be more emphasis on learning skills rather than learning information. The topics that are covered in the course are useful if you are thinking about going on to studying Law at undergraduate level but are interesting and relevant to everyday life, as you will see the topics covered in news articles on a daily basis. If you are hardworking, enjoy solving problems, follow current affairs, enjoy a challenge and have an eye for detail then this is the course for you.

What new skills will I learn?

- You will learn the skill of research as you research different areas of the law to find relevant cases and statutes to apply.
- You will learn the skill of application as you have to take law that you have learnt and apply it to scenarios to decide if the defendant in the scenario is guilty of an offence.
- You will learn the art of debating as you learn to put forward well-reasoned and justified opinions.

Career routes in Law

The BTEC National in Applied Law will open the door to a number of different career routes. If you are thinking about going on to university, you will be well prepared for any essay based subject such as English, History and Journalism.

Contrary to popular myth, most universities are happy to accept people who have studied BTEC Applied Law on to Law degree courses, and do not discriminate against them. Every year we have a number of Brooksbank students who successfully make the transition from Level 3 Law to studying Law at university.

Alternatively, if you are wanting to go straight into employment, the course will prepare you for jobs such as: police officer, paralegal, legal executive and legal secretary.

There are also an increasing number of Law apprenticeships, which are open to students who have studied Law at Level 3.

**Many Law students think that they have to become a solicitor or barrister because they have chosen to study law - not true!
Studying Law opens up lots of career pathways.**

Course Outline

Unit 1 Dispute Solving in Civil Law. In this unit, learners explore how civil disputes are resolved, both in the courts and by alternative means. They will examine the making and working of precedent and its application in the law of negligence, together with sources of advice, funding, resolution and remedies. This is an examined unit, where students are given a case study two weeks before the exam. Learners then complete one set task within a one-and-a-half-hour exam period.

Unit 2 Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System. In this unit, learners research how laws are made and interpreted, who advises and decides on the outcome of criminal cases and the punishments that can be imposed if laws are broken. They will then present advice to clients on non-fatal offence case studies. This is a coursework unit.

Unit 3 Applying the Law. In this unit, learners will cover a selection of criminal offences including: murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, theft, robbery, burglary, fraud, criminal damage, and the defences of duress, intoxication, self-defence, insanity and automatism. In addition, learners will also look at a range of different police powers, including the power to stop and search, arrest, detain, interview and take samples from suspects. This is an examined unit, where students are given a case study two weeks before the exam. Learners then complete one set task within a two-hour exam period.

Unit 4 Family Law. Learners will look at the law relating to both the creation and dissolution of marriage, including divorce and annulment. They will then go on to look at the types of orders which can be awarded post dissolution in relation to both property and children.

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Exam Board: EDEXCEL

Sixth Form Entry Requirements:

To study **Level 3** (academic A Level) courses students must have a minimum of at least **five** GCSEs at 9 - 4 grades (or equivalent). These must include a grade 4 in Mathematics and grade 5 in English Language.

Additional Requirements:

There are no additional requirements to study this course.

Assessment:

Unit 1 Exam based on a pre-released case study.
Unit 2 Coursework.
Unit 3 Exam based on a pre-released case study.
Unit 4 Coursework.

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