

Applied Law BTEC

Course Title: BTEC Applied Law	LARS/QAN Code: 601/9042/5
Level: Three	Awarding Organisation: Pearson
Delivery: Classroom based	Start Date: September
Location: Headlands School	Url: http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/
Cost: Covered by EFA funding	Duration: 2 years
Full-time or Part-time: Full-time	Attendance: Daytime

Who is the course for?

The Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Law is an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the legal sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A Level and aims to provide a detailed introduction to the legal sector.

Entry requirements:

Typical grades needed 5 x GCSE grade 5 and above. Beneficial to have a Grade 6 in English Literature.

What you'll learn:

Studying Law gives students an understanding of the role of Law in today's society and raises their awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals. By learning about legal rules and how and why they apply to real life, students also develop their analytical ability, decision making, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. All these skills are highly sought after by higher education and employers.

Unit 1 - Dispute Solving in Civil Law You will study basic principles of Civil law including the law of negligence, damages, contributory negligence and some aspects of the civil court system including Funding, types of legal representation, judicial precedent and alternative dispute resolution.

Unit 2 - Criminal Law and the Legal System You will study the basic principles of criminal law including the non-fatal offences and sentencing and some aspects of the legal system including; Juries, Magistrates, the judiciary, statutory interpretation, Parliamentary Law making, European Union.

Unit 3 - Applying the Law You will study the criminal law including criminal offences such as Murder, Manslaughter, Theft, Robbery, Burglary, Fraud, Criminal Damage. You will also study defences to crimes such as Loss of Control, Diminished Responsibility, Self-Defence, Intoxication, Insanity and Automatism and finally key principles of Police powers of Stop & Search, Arrest and Detention.

Unit 7 - The Law of Tort You will study key aspects of the law of tort including; psychiatric harm, pure economic loss, occupiers' liability, vicarious liability, Nuisance and Rylands v Fletcher.

Year 1

		Assessment
UNIT 1	Dispute Solving in Civil Law	Externally assessed task – 1 hr 30
UNIT 2	Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System	Internally assessed

Year 2

		Assessment
UNIT 3	Applying the law – Criminal law	Externally assessed task – 2 hours
UNIT 7	Aspects of Tort Law	Internally assessed

How you'll learn:

Lessons will be delivered in a lecture style with discussions on each topic. All topics are in booklets that are completed as we explore the topic and cover all scholar's points of views and arguments. Regular essay writing is essential to learn skills and style of writing required to achieve. You will have to do wider reading to formulate your own opinions and arguments on issues and legal ideas.

How you'll be assessed:

Informal assessment will be ongoing throughout the course, using homework, timed essays and pre-public exams.

Formal assessment will be completed at the end of unit 1 in year 12 and unit 3 in year 13. In addition to this there are two units of coursework which will be internally assessed and a sample sent to externally verify.

Where next:

This course will offer a range of transferable skills which can be applied far beyond legal studies, such as the ability to reason and express views coherently. It will fine tune your reasoning which can help in many careers such as criminal justice, law, politics, civil service, journalism, advertising, education and many more.

It is looked upon by universities in a positive light, as you will be able to analyse, critique and explain legal cases.

The course will develop your resilience, ability to understand real-life criminal and civil wrong-doing and build your confidence debating and contributing to team discussions.

Whatever your chosen next steps may be, applied law will set you in great stead for future career and life opportunities.