

Law

Level 3 National Certificate and Extended Certificate

Entry Qualifications

In addition to the standard College entry requirements (see below) this course requires students to have achieved grade 3 or above in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?

This course is delivered over one or two years, and is equivalent to 0.5 A Levels (Certificate) or one A Level (Extended Certificate).

Consists of three mandatory and one specialist unit:

Unit 1 - The mandatory units provide learners with an introduction to Dispute Solving in the Legal System

Unit 2 - Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System

Unit 3 - Applying the Law

Unit 6 - The specialist unit allows the student to understand the rules of Contract Law

The qualification is suited to learners who want to experience vocational education involving production of coursework based assignments throughout the year. Students have been offered the opportunity to visit local law courts during their study, to the Supreme Court and Royal Courts of Justice in London and will hopefully benefit from visiting speakers from a range of legal professions. Each year we rotate enrichment to provide the most relevant and up to date experience possible.

There has been a collaboration with the Faculty of Business and Law at De Montfort University who now facilitate, as part of the College's Level 3 Applied Law course, the opportunity for all students to take part in a one-day legal skills masterclass to work towards presenting a mock trial based on a fictitious case.

Students receive tuition and feedback from legal academics and practitioners, and this provides a unique opportunity to benefit from the training that most students of Law do not receive until post-graduate level. This opportunity has been developed to ensure that students have direct interaction with practising members of the legal profession, to embed employability skills.

How will I study?

Students will learn through a variety of teaching methods with teacher led lessons. Students will produce individual projects and assignments involving research which students will be expected to work on their own account. Homework is a regular feature.

How is the course examined?

Students will be assessed by internal assignments for Unit 2 + Unit 6, and will sit external exams for Unit 3 and Unit 1.

Where next?

Students can progress on to higher education, or into employment .

What does the course combine well with?

Public Services or any other level 3 subjects.

Equivalents

The Certificate is equivalent to half an A level, and the Extended Certificate is equivalent to 1 A level.

College Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs, at Grades A* - C/4 – 9, including English Language, from a mixture of GCSEs and equivalents.

Students undertaking a Level 3 'hybrid' programme comprising at least one A Level element are required to meet the standard College A level entry criteria.