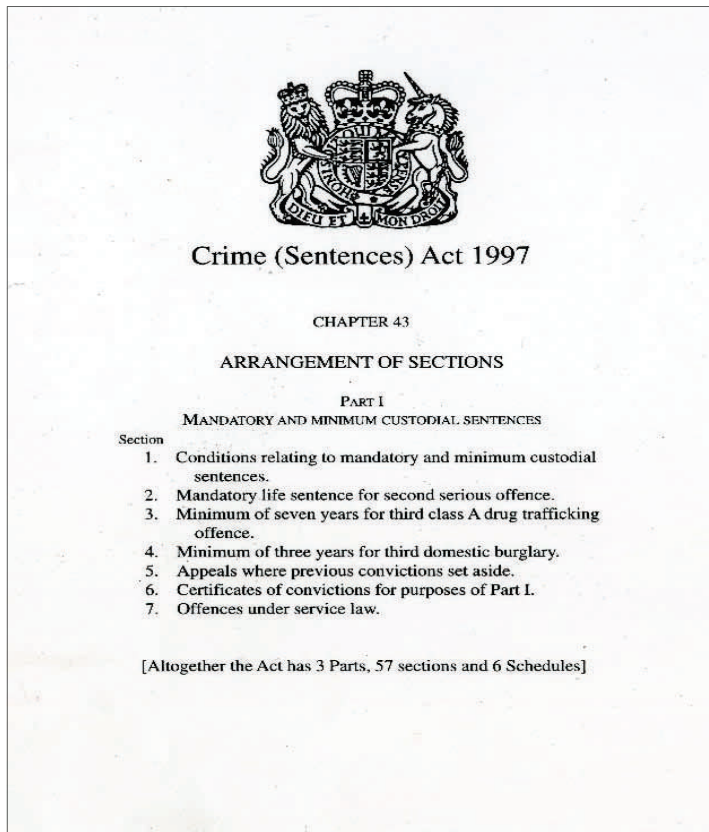


HOW ACCEPTABLE IS A-LEVEL LAW TO UNIVERSITIES?

While it is not necessary to pass Law at A-level in order to get a place on a Law degree course (all that is required is three good grades at A-level in at least two traditional academic subjects), you would be well advised to study it at some level to get a useful insight of the subject before committing yourself to three or four years of intensive (and expensive) study at degree level.

A-level Law is regarded as equal to other A-levels by Ofqual, the examining boards and the vast majority of British universities, with even the most highly selective universities being willing to commit themselves to a public list of institutions that do so.



For more information see the college website at: www.greenhead.ac.uk.

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**GREENHEAD COLLEGE
LAW DEPARTMENT**



The Law Department at Greenhead College is a large and thriving department. Law is taught in a well-resourced subject base, with the most up-to-date texts and ICT facilities. The department has its own intranet site to assist student study. Links have been forged with local law enforcement agencies, legal professionals and courts.

WHAT IS LAW?

Law plays a vital role in society. The law helps define a society's values and also provides a means to solve problems and disputes without resort to violence. Knowledge of the law can give people more control over their lives and more confidence in their dealings with others.

It is unlikely that you will have studied Law before as few schools offer the subject at GCSE. However, your own experience, recent emphasis by the government on the need for people to learn about 'citizenship' and the media's fascination with law-related stories means that this subject is relevant, interesting and popular. The course is designed to remove any feelings of uncertainty and confusion that may arise from taking a new subject.



LAW AT GREENHEAD

The Law Department teaches the **OCR** specifications. The 'AS' is a 'stand-alone' qualification and also forms 50% of the assessment weighting of the full A-level. Assessment is by means of four units. The first two units will be taken after one year.

AS (Year 1)

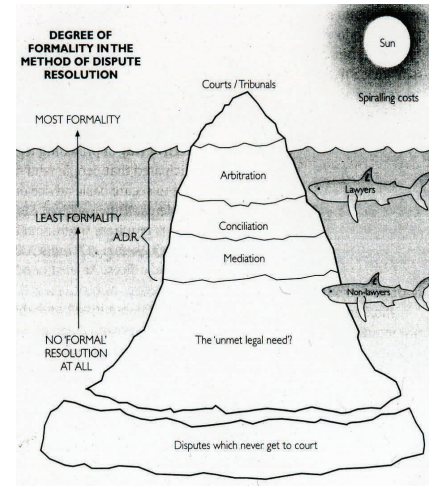
1. **Sources of Law.** This covers law reform and the three main sources of law: law made by parliament, law made by the judiciary and EU law.
2. **English Legal System.** This includes the civil and criminal courts, police powers, sentencing, the legal profession, lay people and the provision of legal services.

A-level (Year 2)

Criminal Law (2 units) Sets out the types of behaviour which are harmful to society as a whole and are forbidden. The units include the general principles of criminal liability; preliminary crimes; general defences; murder; manslaughter; non-fatal offences against the person; property offences (including theft, burglary and robbery.)

WHAT GOES WELL WITH LAW?

Studying Law at Greenhead College will help you develop a strong vocabulary, excellent evaluative skills, effective research skills and the ability to write efficiently, analysing and solving complex legal problems. It links particularly well with English, Psychology, Business Studies, Sociology, Politics and History. However, through Law's literate and logical aspects, it complements virtually any subject.



TRIPS AND VISITS

We hope to enrich your study by offering the following:

- Visits to local courts, the law museum in Nottingham, Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice and the 'Old Bailey' in London;
- Undertake sessions led by visiting speakers from a range of legal professions;
- Attend conferences around the country.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH LAW A-LEVEL?

The course encourages you to develop the skills necessary to analyse and solve problems by applying rules and to develop the ability to communicate arguments and conclusions clearly and succinctly. It will help you substantiate arguments and develop an enquiring and critical mind. As such, an A-level in Law provides an excellent background for university and careers not only in law, but also in journalism, local and central government, public relations, teaching, and a range of management and business areas.



Law students outside the Royal Courts of Justice, London.