



Sandwell Academy

BTEC NATIONAL APPLIED LAW – EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

WHY BTEC APPLIED LAW?

This qualification is for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the legal sector. It aims to give a coherent introduction to study of the legal sector. It provides the basis of an excellent route for learners to pursue a career in the legal sector. This can be through higher education (degrees in business and law) or through an Advanced Apprenticeship in Legal Services.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 4 in English

COURSE DETAILS

There are three mandatory units that learners must complete, one internal and two externals. Learners must complete and achieve at Near Pass grade or above in all mandatory external units and achieve a Pass or above in all mandatory internal units

Unit 1 – Dispute Solving in Civil Law (Externally assessed)

In this unit, you will learn about the courts that deal with civil law disputes, in addition to alternative methods of resolution. The basic principles of the law of negligence are considered and applied, together with sources of advice, funding, resolution and remedies. You will develop legal skills in research and will use these research skills to investigate the way in which the law is applied. You will learn how to reference legal sources and how to communicate professionally with colleagues and clients.

This unit is assessed under supervised conditions. Learners will be given information about a case one week before a supervised assessment period in order to carry out research. The supervised assessment period is one and a half hours in one session. During the supervised assessment period, learners will be given a set task that will assess their ability to explain, analyse and make informed judgements relating to precedent and its application in the law of negligence.

Unit 2 – Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System (Coursework, Internally assessed)

Everyone has to live and operate within the law; punishments can be imposed for breach of the law. This unit will enable you to understand how laws are made and used, particularly criminal laws, and where advice on those laws can be obtained.

In this unit, you will develop the skills to investigate and research how different laws are made both inside and outside Parliament and then interpreted in courts. You will use these research skills to investigate the way in which the law is developed and applied. You will investigate who decides the outcome of criminal cases and where advice and representation can be obtained and how it can be paid for. You will apply and present this information professionally to clients with the aid of non-fatal offence case studies.

Learners will submit a portfolio of work to be internally assessed.

Unit 3 - Applying the Law (Exam, externally assessed / synoptic assessment)

Crime has an enormous impact on society and particularly on those directly involved in a case. In this unit, you will be encouraged to consider the impact and consequences of crime. You will examine homicide offences, including murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter. You will examine crimes against property such as theft, robbery and burglary. You will also examine the law relating to arrest, detention and searching people and property.

This unit is assessed under supervised conditions. Learners will be given information about two cases two weeks before a supervised assessment period in order to carry out research. The supervised assessment period is one morning session of two hours.

Optional unit – (Coursework, internally assessed)

Learners will have an opportunity to study an optional unit in either Aspects of Family Law, Consumer Law, Contract Law or Aspects of Tort. Learners will submit a portfolio of work to be internally assessed.

