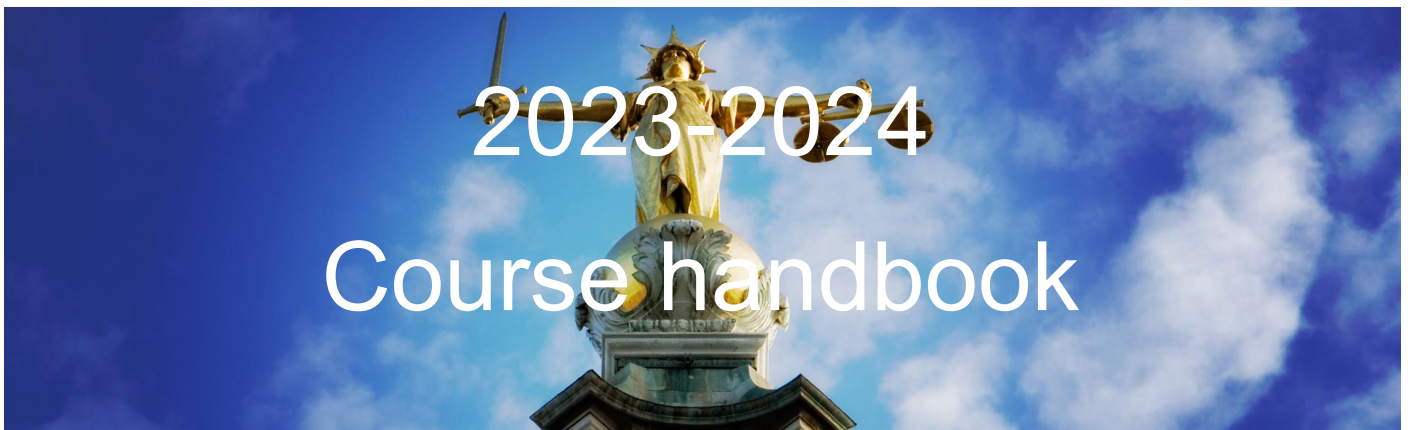


# AS LAW

# HARLOW COLLEGE



## **Welcome**

Welcome to Harlow College and the Sixth Form Academy. We wish you the very best of luck for your studies and hope you have an enjoyable experience at the college.

This handbook contains important information which will be useful throughout your course.

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## **Teaching rooms**

Economics will be taught in B building, room B117. There will be a common room available for quiet work while on campus and all students are provided with an iPad to assist them with their studies.

## **Equipment**

You must bring the following to all lessons:

- Stationary - Pen, pencil, rubber, ruler
- Lined paper or notebook (or Ipad for taking notes)
- Textbooks and/or Workbooks as prescribed
- Your college iPad with any apps you have been told to download

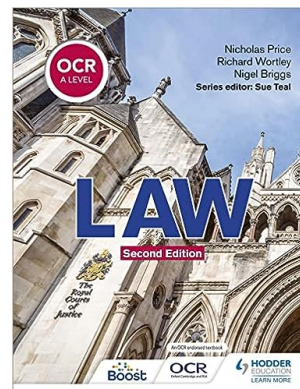
## **Textbooks**

The textbook required for your first year of study is as below:

### **Prescribed Textbook:**

OCR A Level Law 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Richard Wortley and Nicholas Price  
(ISBN 978-1398326477)

A free [digital copy of this book](#) is available through eBooks Central.



### **Prescribed Workbooks:**

There are several OCR prescribed student workbooks available. The workbooks are optional.

## **Progress check**

After 4 weeks of the term, you will have to complete a progress check test for each of your subjects. The results of these tests are important, as they let us know how you are progressing at the start of the term and whether you are suitable to continue on the course. The test also tells us how hard you have been working and the effort you put in to the test will be quite evident. Your work ethic is also important to determine your suitability of continuing on the course.

## **Health and safety**

Here at Harlow College, we take your health and safety very seriously and hope you do to. At the start of the programme you will have been given a short talk regarding fire safety and evacuation. Please make yourself aware of the notices for exiting the building quickly and safely and assemble where you have been instructed. You may not re-enter the building until told to do so by a safety office.

## **What you need to do**

Home study is an essential part of any learning process and you will be expected to complete any homework to the deadline agreed. In order to gain the most out of the course and to ensure your success you should:

- Attend 100% of classes and arrive punctually for each class.
- Ask if you do not understand any part of the work.
- Revise your notes thoroughly each week.
- Read and research each topic whenever the opportunity arises.
- Contribute in class – your opinions and ideas are valuable.
- If you are going to be absent or late for an unavoidable reason, please email/call your tutors in advance.

### **About the course**

The AS law course is the first year of a two year A Level Law qualification. While it is a stand-alone qualification, the majority of students will progress to the second year of law. The qualification is designed to develop knowledge and skills for the further study of law and related subjects, such as business. Learners will develop their knowledge of the law in England, and an awareness of law in a European and global context. The course will enable learners to know and understand the changing nature of law. The AS law course will:

- develop the students' knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales
- develop an understanding of legal method and reasoning as used by lawyers and the judiciary
- develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to problems, based on legal principles, legislation and case law
- develop the ability to construct conclusions and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities.

### **Course Content**

The OCR AS Level in Law content focuses on the English legal system and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales. Learners will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the nature of law and the English legal system. This will provide learners with the foundation for the study of both private and public law. This specification will develop learners' understanding of legal method and reasoning through the study of statutory interpretation and judicial precedent.

Learners will be introduced to the concept of legal liability through the study of criminal law and the law of tort. This will enable them to develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to legal problems, based on legal rules and principles and develop the ability to construct and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities.

The English legal system is split into two sections:

- Component 01 Section A: The legal system
- Component 02 Section A: Law making

Each of the two sections is worth 25% of the overall marks – the English legal system accounts for 50% of the overall qualification. The section on the legal system includes an introduction to the nature of law.

#### The Legal System

- Introduction to the nature of law
- Civil Courts and other forms of dispute resolution
- Criminal courts and lay people
- Legal personnel
- Access to justice

- Parliamentary law making
- Delegated legislation
- Statutory interpretation
- Judicial precedent
- Law reform
- European Union Law

#### Criminal Law

- Rules
- General elements of criminal liability
- Non-fatal offences against the person
- Evaluation of cases

#### The Law of Tort

- Rules
- Liability in negligence
- Occupiers' liability
- Remedies
- Evaluation

#### Law Making

##### **Course Skills**

This qualification:

- develops competence in using legal skills during the study of the nature of law, legal issues and the English legal system, and the private and public areas of substantive law.
- requires learners to demonstrate their ability to analyse a factual scenario by identifying the key facts from which legal issues arise.
- requires learners, when formulating a legal argument, to be able to analyse legislation by applying the rules and principles of statutory interpretation; and analyse case law by applying the doctrine of precedent.
- requires learners, in respect of each private and public area of substantive law they are required to study, to analyse, apply and evaluate the legal rules and principles of that area of law. Analysis and application must include the ability to identify and breakdown into constituent parts the relevant legal rules and principles for each area of law and apply those legal principles to a hypothetical scenario. Evaluation must require learners to formulate a reasoned argument to support a particular proposition by reference to the relevant legal rules and principles that support that argument.
- requires learners to construct clear, concise and logical legal arguments that are substantiated by legal authority, using appropriate legal terminology.

## Why study law?

Students will learn about the legal system, law making, the nature of law, criminal law, the law of tort and human rights law or the law of contract. Law students develop a range of skills including the application of legal rules and principles to present an argument, analysis and evaluation of the law, legal issues and concepts. There are many benefits of studying AS and A Level Law. It links all aspects of society. It helps students develop a range of transferable skills: analytical skills, attention to detail, logical thinking, research skills, essay writing skills and the ability to produce a balanced argument. It is a useful qualification that has application in many fields, not just the legal profession.

## Educational Trips/Guest Speakers

Trips to courts and guest speakers will be arranged during the course.

## Exam information

<b>Content Overview</b>	<b>Assessment Overview</b>
<p><b>H018/01 The legal system and criminal law</b></p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section A: The legal system</li><li>• Section B: Criminal law</li></ul>	<p><b>Written paper: 1 hour 30 minutes</b> <b>50% of total AS Level</b> <b>64 marks</b></p> <p>Section A is worth <b>32 marks</b>. Learners answer four 8-mark questions.</p> <p>Section B is worth <b>32 marks</b>. Learners answer four 8-mark questions.</p>
<p><b>H018/02 Law making and the law of tort</b></p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section A: Law making</li><li>• Section B: The law of tort</li></ul>	<p><b>Written paper: 1 hour 30 minutes</b> <b>50% of total AS Level</b> <b>64 marks</b></p> <p>Section A is worth <b>32 marks</b>. Learners answer four 8-mark questions.</p> <p>Section B is worth <b>32 marks</b>. Learners answer four 8-mark questions.</p>

**EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAY/JUNE 2024. FINAL DATES FOR EXAMS WILL BE CONFIRMED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.**