A+ Programme National Extended Certificate in Applied Law



Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3

Campus: Newcastle

Subject Type: Accounting, Business, Travel & Legal

Course Overview:

Dive into the complexities of the legal system with our Applied Law course. From understanding court procedures to interpreting legislation, students learn how to apply legal principles in real-world situations. Law is a stimulating, fascinating subject and 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 resorting to violence.

What's Covered:

The Extended Certificate in Applied Law is a unique qualification in the legal sector, providing an excellent introduction to law and giving you an edge when progressing to higher education and employment. The aim of the course is to explore the underlying framework of the law via a wide variety of legal topics, broken into four units, they are:

- Dispute Solving in Civil Law which includes civil dispute resolution, enforcement of civil law and how judicial precedent works.
- Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System, including exploring how statutory rules are made and interpreted and how legislation is made outside of Parliament.
- Applying the Law and Aspects of Tort Law which includes general defences in criminal law and police powers.

As well as an excellent understanding of the law, you will also develop key and essential employability skills including problem-solving, communication, negotiation, self-management, resilience and presentation.

If you are looking to enter Higher Education then the course provides skills that are vital for success at university including the ability to learn independently, the ability to research actively and methodically and being able to give presentations.

Much of the subject matter is approached through class discussion, the use of video material, internet activities, text books and reference to topical events. You will be given a course handbook that contains information, activities and homework tasks to be completed. You will be encouraged to draw on your own experiences in order to look at the world and analyse current affairs within a legal framework. This course is designed to be studied alongside two A Levels and combines well with subjects such as Business, Economics, English, History, Politics and Psychology.

100%

pass rate

100%

achieved D*-D in 2025

Entry Requirements:

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your A Level or A+ Programme subject choices.

Assessment Information:

Your BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Law qualification takes a unit-by-unit approach and offers a combination of assessment styles. 58% of the qualification consists of externally marked assessments which are set and marked by the examining board and require you to respond to a pre seen case study. The remaining assessments are set and marked internally

using a variety of styles to ensure a broad range of transferable skills. All units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P), Near Pass (N) and Unclassified (U).

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):

Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

You will gain a nationally recognised qualification accepted by employers and as an entry requirement in Higher Education. Law qualifications are well regarded in banking, the Civil Service, Local Government and industry. Besides leading to a career in the legal profession, it can help to develop a career in marketing, personnel and retail management.

What else do I need to know?

In addition to the classroom activities, the Law department runs an annual study visit to London and has a number of guest speakers to visit the college such as solicitors, barristers and the CPS to provide career advice.

Think of what you're capable of. Then think beyond it.

Step up to a top university or move into a competitive programme like Medicine or Law with our Honours Programme. Perfect for ambitious and high-achieving students.

The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as those in the Russell Group. Once accepted onto the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

Find out more here

How do I find out more?

For more information contact Laura Burt, Course Leader by emailing laura.burt@nscg.ac.uk