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A guide to co teaching the OCR AS and A Level Law specifications

Introduction to co teaching

The following curriculum plans have been produced to support and suggest different ways to approach the co teaching route. This guide includes a standard co teaching route, guidance for centres who share the teaching of classes, a linear route and finally, an alternative route.

There is a complete overlap of content for the AS and A Level meaning that all of the topics studied for the AS exams are also required for the A Level exams. This means whether you decide to enter your A Level students for the AS exams or not, the AS exam papers are an excellent form of assessment that can be used as mock exams or homework assignments to gradually introduce the students to the skills required and the assessment objectives that are examined.

Features of the co teaching route

The A Level Law specification has been designed to allow co teaching of the AS and A Level content so that students have the opportunity to sit the AS exams in the summer term of year 1 of their studies. It is to be remembered that the AS exams are a stand-alone qualification and do not contribute to the overall A level.

The first term covers the content required for Section A of Component 1 (H015/01) – The Legal System and Section A of Component 2 (H015/02) – Law making. Rather than teaching the content of the whole of Component 1 and then Component 2, this route allows you to introduce your students to the way laws are made and the workings of the legal system before attempting any substantive law.

The spring term then covers the Criminal Law and The Law of Tort content required to complete Section B of both AS Components. The students are now equipped to sit the AS exam at the end of year 1. It is however, necessary to start the A Level content in the summer term of year 1 to allow enough time to complete the remaining topics of Criminal Law and The Law of Tort required for the A Level papers (H415/01 and H415/02).

Year 2 is then set aside for the study of the content for Component 3 of the A Level (H415/03). This includes the Nature of Law in Section A and a further option in Section B – either Human Rights or The Law of Contract. The autumn term starts with the option of either Human Rights Law or The Law of Contract and the first half of the spring term is used to teach the Nature of Law. These are generous allowances of time, so you may find that there is scope to continue some of the study of Criminal Law and The Law of Tort in year 2. Time for revision is then available from the second part of the spring term up until the dates of the examinations.

Features of the shared teaching classes (co teaching route)

This route is designed for centres where the teaching is shared between two members of staff. A general plan is outlined below, however it may be necessary to adapt this plan according to how many hours of contact time each teacher has with the class and/or subject specialisms within the department.

Features of the linear route

The linear route is designed as a two year course. The content is delivered in a similar way to the co teaching route but without specific links to the AS exams or content. The AS sample exam papers can however be very useful as assessments for students following the linear route.

The autumn term of year 1 covers the content for both Section A of paper 1 (H415/01) – The Legal System and Section A of paper 2 (H415/02) – Law making. Rather than teaching the content of the whole of paper 1 and then paper 2, this route allows you to introduce your students to the way laws are made and the workings of the legal system before attempting any substantive law. (You may prefer to teach the content according to each paper. The plan can easily be adapted to allow for this but be aware that more time should be set aside for the substantive areas of law on each paper as they make up much more of the marks on the exam papers.)

The spring term of year 1 then covers the content for Criminal Law (H415/01) and the summer term covers The Law of Tort (H415/02).

Year two then follows the same format as the co teaching route described above.

Features of the alternative route

The alternative route has many similarities to the co teaching route described above however, this version follows the content of each AS paper separately. In the autumn term of year 1 all of the content for AS paper 2 (H015/02) – Law Making and The Law of Tort is covered. The spring term then covers all of the content for AS paper 1 (H015/01) – The Legal System and Criminal Law. This route prepares the students for the individual exams and allows assessment opportunities such as full paper mock exams at the end of the first and second term. The summer term of year 1 is then used to complete the remaining topics of Criminal Law and The Law of Tort required for the A Level papers (H415/01 and H415/02) as it would be if following the co teaching route.

Year two then follows the same format as the co teaching route described above.

NB

It is intended that the topic 'An introduction to the Nature of law' is taught at the beginning of the course. This forms the first topic of AS Component 1 and A Level Component 3.

Co teaching route

YEAR ONE	UNIT / CONTENT
Autumn Term Part 1	The legal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Nature of law (AS C1 SA, AL C3 SA) • Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution • Criminal courts and lay people • Legal personnel • Access to justice
Autumn Term Part 2	Law making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary law making • Delegated legislation • Statutory interpretation • Judicial precedent • Law reform • European Union law
Spring Term Part 1	Criminal Law (AS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules • General elements of criminal liability • Non-fatal offences against the person • Evaluation of non-fatal offences
Spring Term Part 2	Law of Tort (AS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules • Liability in negligence • Occupiers' liability • Remedies • Evaluation of liability in negligence and occupiers' liability, including ideas for reform
Summer Term Part 1	Criminal Law (AL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory • Fatal offences against the person • Offences against property • Mental capacity defences • General defences • Preliminary offences • Evaluation of offences against the person, offences against property and defences including ideas for reform
Summer Term Part 2	Law of Tort (AL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory • Torts connected to land • Vicarious liability • Defences • Evaluation of torts connected to land and vicarious liability, including ideas for reform

YEAR TWO	UNIT / CONTENT	
Autumn Term Part 1	Human Rights Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Protection of the individual's human rights and freedoms in the UK • Key provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights • Restrictions on human rights law • Enforcement of human rights law • Evaluation 	Law of Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Formation • Terms • Vitiating factors • Discharge • Remedies • Evaluation
Spring Term Part 1	The Nature of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law and morality • Law and justice • Law and society • Law and technology 	
Spring Term Part 2	Revision	
Summer Term	Revision and GCE exam	

Shared teaching classes (co teaching route)

YEAR ONE	UNIT / CONTENT – teacher 1	UNIT / CONTENT – teacher 2
Autumn Term	The legal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Nature of law (AS C1 SA, AL C3 SA) • Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution • Criminal courts and lay people • Legal personnel • Access to justice 	Law making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary law making • Delegated legislation • Statutory interpretation • Judicial precedent • Law reform • European Union law
Spring Term	Criminal Law (AS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules • General elements of criminal liability • Non-fatal offences against the person • Evaluation of non-fatal offences 	Law of Tort (AS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules • Liability in negligence • Occupiers' liability • Remedies • Evaluation of liability in negligence and occupiers' liability, including ideas for reform
Summer Term	Criminal Law (AL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory • Fatal offences against the person • Offences against property • Mental capacity defences • General defences • Preliminary offences • Evaluation of offences against the person, offences against property and defences including ideas for reform 	Law of Tort (AL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory • Torts connected to land • Vicarious liability • Defences • Evaluation of torts connected to land and vicarious liability, including ideas for reform

YEAR TWO	UNIT / CONTENT – teacher 1	UNIT / CONTENT – teacher 2
Autumn Term	Human Rights Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Protection of the individual's human rights and freedoms in the UK • Key provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights • Restrictions on human rights law • Enforcement of human rights law • Evaluation or Law of Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Formation • Terms • Vitiating factors • Discharge • Remedies • Evaluation 	The Nature of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law and morality • Law and justice • Law and society • Law and technology
Spring Term Part 1	Continues Human Rights Law or Law of Contract	Revision
Spring Term Part 2	Continues Human Rights Law or Law of Contract (if necessary)	Revision
Summer Term	Revision and GCE exam	Revision and GCE exam

Linear route

YEAR ONE	UNIT / CONTENT
Autumn Term Part 1	The legal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Introduction to the Nature of law (AS C1 SA, AL C3 SA) • Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution • Criminal courts and lay people • Legal personnel • Access to justice
Autumn Term Part 2	Law making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary law making • Delegated legislation • Statutory interpretation • Judicial precedent • Law reform • European Union law
Spring Term	Criminal Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • General elements of criminal liability • Fatal offences against the person • Non-fatal offences against the person • Offences against property • Mental capacity defences • General defences • Preliminary offences • Evaluation
Summer Term	Law of Tort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Liability in negligence • Occupiers' liability • Torts connected to land • Vicarious liability • Defences • Remedies • Evaluation

YEAR TWO	UNIT / CONTENT	
Autumn Term Part 1	Human Rights Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Protection of the individual's human rights and freedoms in the UK • Key provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights • Restrictions on human rights law • Enforcement of human rights law • Evaluation 	Law of Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Formation • Terms • Vitiating factors • Discharge • Remedies • Evaluation
Spring Term Part 1	The Nature of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law and morality • Law and justice • Law and society • Law and technology 	
Spring Term Part 2	Revision	
Summer Term	Revision and GCE exam	

Alternative route

YEAR ONE	UNIT / CONTENT
Autumn Term Part 1	Law making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Nature of law (AS C1 SA, AL C3 SA) • Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution • Criminal courts and lay people • Legal personnel • Access to justice
Autumn Term Part 2	Law of Tort (AS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules • Liability in negligence • Occupiers' liability • Remedies • Evaluation of liability in negligence and occupiers' liability, including ideas for reform
Spring Term Part 1	The legal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution • Criminal courts and lay people • Legal personnel • Access to justice
Spring Term Part 2	Criminal Law (AS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules • General elements of criminal liability • Non-fatal offences against the person • Evaluation of non-fatal offences
Spring Term Part 3	Criminal Law (AL) part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatal offences against the person • Preliminary offences
Summer Term Part 1	Criminal Law (AL) part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory • Offences against property • Mental capacity defences • General defences • Evaluation of offences against the person, offences against property and defences including ideas for reform
Summer Term Part 2	Law of Tort (AL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory • Torts connected to land • Vicarious liability • Defences • Evaluation of torts connected to land and vicarious liability, including ideas for reform

YEAR TWO	UNIT / CONTENT	
Autumn Term Part 1	Human Rights Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Protection of the individual's human rights and freedoms in the UK • Key provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights • Restrictions on human rights law • Enforcement of human rights law • Evaluation 	Law of Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and theory • Formation • Terms • Vitiating factors • Discharge • Remedies • Evaluation
Spring Term Part 1	The Nature of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law and morality • Law and justice • Law and society • Law and technology 	
Spring Term Part 2	Revision	
Summer Term	Revision and GCE exam	



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