



A Level Law - OCR H015, H415 (from 2017)

This is an engaging and wide ranging introduction to law exploring the English legal system and nature of law and the key foundation areas of criminal law, human rights law, law of contract and the law of tort.

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Our core text will be **Jacqueline Martin 'English Legal System' Eighth Edition Paperback** – 26 Aug 2016.

Reading:

Before studying Law it is important to think about what the subject involves. There are no particular books that we require you to read. Many books provide an introduction for Law students so you should browse through your local library and see which you find most useful/interesting. If you would like some suggestions, the following may help in introducing you to legal skills/how lawyers think (don't worry if you can't find the latest edition):

Glanville Williams, Learning the Law (14th Edition by ATH Smith, 2010) This is a popular introductory book. It will not give you any specific, substantive legal knowledge, but it will provide you with useful information ranging from how to read cases to what the abbreviations mean.

Ian McLeod, Legal Method (7th Edition, 2009)

James A. Holland and Julian S. Webb, Learning Legal Rules (7th Edition, 2010)

Nick McBride, Letters to a Law Student (2nd Edition, 2010).

For a short introduction to the substantive topics and themes that arise in the study of Law, see **Jeremy Waldron, The Law** (1990).

Some leading cases are discussed in a highly accessible manner in **Catherine Barnard, Janet O'Sullivan and Graham Virgo (eds.), What about Law?** (2nd Revised Edition, 2011).

Activities:

- Visit the Old Bailey. The website also includes information on talks, tours and seminars. (<https://old-bailey.com/visiting-the-old-bailey/>)
- Gresham College (www.gresham.ac.uk) sometimes has some (free) law-related lectures, and you can also watch past lectures online.
- Go on a tour of the Inns of Court: <https://www.london-walking-tours.co.uk/inns-of-court-tour.htm>
- Go on a tour of the Royal Courts of Justice: <https://theroyalcourtsofjustice.com/>
- Watch a TED talk on an area of Law that you think looks interesting: <https://www.ted.com/topics/law>
- Watch one of The Law Bank's mini lectures: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheLawBank>