

Business and Law (Y035)

Summary

With this module you can develop an understanding of law and business, grow your confidence in academic writing and build your study skills. You will focus on some of the big issues in these important subject areas and the effects they have on our daily lives. By using case studies and considering key debates, you'll explore the wider themes of resolving differences and working together.

Course Provider	The Open University (OU) Students in Secure Environments, Berrill Building, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA 0300 303 6789 www.open.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	None
Academic level	Level 3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English. Applicants must be within eight years of release
Format of course material	Paper-based

Structure of course	<p>The module is divided into three blocks:</p> <p>Block 1 - Business, law and everyday life You'll follow case study characters through the first steps of setting up a business, learning about the legal system and how it affects their lives. You'll consider who counts as a 'legal person' and what that means for businesses, plus the differences between criminal and civil law. You'll also see how to start a business, consider what makes something a crime and learn to work with real legal materials. There is an emphasis on developing your study skills which lay the foundation for future academic work.</p> <p>Block 2 - Resolving differences and working together This block addresses ways of resolving differences and working together. You'll explore parts of the UK legal system, by considering when an individual might find themselves in court, why a business might choose to avoid court, and where to turn for legal advice. You'll learn about the significance of age in law and business. You'll also explore the practical and ethical issues businesses face in sourcing and marketing their products and key considerations, such as how to communicate with customers.</p> <p>Block 3 - Business and law case studies</p>
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	<p>In this block you delve into key questions surrounding business and law, including, why criminal courts punish people and the importance of business ethics and environmental responsibility. You'll explore some contemporary issues in depth to develop the ideas considered in previous blocks, including the age of criminal responsibility, and what happens when business cause harm.</p>
Assignments	4 written assignments and a few smaller pieces of work including multiple-choice assignments
Exam	None
Study hours	270
Course expiry date	7 months
Prison support requirements	<p>Register and reserve learner on the course before start date (February and October each year) by contacting the OU and Student Finance England/ Wales.</p> <p>Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost. Contact supplier for more info on assignment submission.</p>
Supplier tutor's support	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
Certificate	Upon request a diploma supplement to prove successful completion can be provided.
Progress	<p>There are a range of possible follow-up courses including an OU degree (funded via a student loan) so please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).</p>