



SOCIOLOGY

Course

A level Sociology

Exam Board

AQA

Entry requirements

At least three GCSEs above level 5 including GCSE Maths and English. GCSE Sociology is not essential.

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is a fascinating study of how human beings shaped the society they live in and are shaped by that society. It explores the various factors that make us who we are culturally and socially and allows student to explore why there is so much differentiation in terms of our individual identities.

It examines main sociological perspectives such as Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism and offers the student the opportunity to understand the mechanisms in society that can lead individuals down different and often conflicting social paths. It is a truly enlightening and absorbing study taught by highly experienced practitioners.

Course content

The course is made up of the following modules -

Compulsory content

- Education
- Methods in Context
- Research Methods
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

Option 1 Topics in Sociology

Students choose one from:

- Culture and Identity
- Families and Households
- Health
- Work, Poverty and Welfare

Option 2

Students choose one from:

- Beliefs in Society
- Global Development
- The Media
- Stratification and Differentiation

Assessment

Paper 1

- 2 hour written exam
- 80 marks
- 33.3% of A level

Questions

- Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks
- Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks
- Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks

Paper 2

Section A: one from option 1

Section B: one from option 2

- 2 hour written exam
- 80 marks
- 33.3% of A-level

Questions

- Section A: extended writing, 40 marks
- Section B: extended writing, 40 marks

Paper 3

- 2 hour written exam
- 80 marks
- 33.3% of A level

Questions

- Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks
- Theory and Methods, 30 marks

Progression after Sixth Form

Sociology offers students the opportunity to gain a highly respected academic A level that can contribute to UCAS applications for a variety of university courses, or to pursuing a dedicated Sociology degree course, which many universities offer.

Career opportunities

Qualifications in Sociology, both at A level and degree level can help students access a variety of careers such as law, teaching, social work, counselling, lecturing, the police force and the armed forces.

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