



Sociology



What our students say:

"I chose to do Sociology 'A' level because I am interested in learning about our society. Sociology has helped me to understand the problems faced in society. It compliments Psychology and Politics nicely."

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics.

Exam Board and Specification Link:

AQA A Level Sociology, 7192: [AQA Sociology specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

Studying sociology will help develop your essay writing skills, allowing you to discuss different views on social issues in a critical and evaluative way. Being able to draw on a range of perspectives, evidence and contemporary issues is excellent preparation for university and employment. Sociology provides a strong understanding of social and political issues, past and present.

What will you study?

Paper 1 (33.3%) Education with Theory and Methods

Students will study the role and functions of the education system, including its relationship to the economy and to class structure. They will examine differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society and consider the relationships and processes within schools, with particular reference to teacher/pupil relationships, pupil identities and subcultures, the hidden curriculum, and the organisation of teaching and learning. They will assess the significance of educational policies for an understanding of the structure, role, impact and experience of and access to education and the impact of globalisation on educational policy. Alongside the study of education, you will also explore how sociological research is carried out in the real world. This will include examining the research process and assessing the usefulness of a host of primary and secondary research methods, including survey design, interviews and participant observation.

Paper 2 (33.3%): Topics in Sociology

Students will study two topics: Family and Households and Beliefs in Society. The study of these topics should engage students in theoretical debate while encouraging an active involvement with the research process. They will assess contemporary social processes and change, and draw together the knowledge, understanding and skills learnt in different aspects of the course.

Paper 3 (33.3%): Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Students will examine crime, deviance, social order and social control while looking at the distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class. They will study globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes.



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Why study this subject?

Sociology is a challenging and exciting discipline, and its aim is to understand how societies work. It investigates the structures and cultures of different societies throughout the world and throughout history. You will be looking at education, crime, theory and methods and the selected topics to probe beneath the surface of society to find out what is actually going on. At the centre of the course is the search for how our identities are formed, and how aspects of our identities such as class, gender and ethnicity affect our lives.

How will you be assessed?

- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods - 2 hour written exam
- Paper 2: Topics in Sociology - 2 hour written exam
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods - 2 hour written exam

Where can the subject lead?

Sociology is an interesting academic subject in its own right. It provides an excellent foundation for a wide range of degree and vocational courses. Sociology is invaluable for anybody aiming to enter the 'people professions'. It also develops a host of personal and academic skills, such as critical thinking, analytical writing and evaluation. As such an A level in sociology provides an excellent background for careers in journalism, the caring professions, teaching, the law, management and the police.

Contact Information

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