A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

During the two-year course you will investigate human societies today, and study differences between cultures over time. We will look at four key areas: Family and Households, Education, Crime & Deviance, and Beliefs, as well as the cross-cutting topics of gender, social class, ethnicity, sociological theories and research methods.

HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED?

PAPER 1 - Education with Theory and Methods

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

Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks

Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks

Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks

PAPER 2 - Topics in Sociology

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

Section A: extended writing, 40 marks - FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

Section B: extended writing, 40 marks - BELIEFS IN SOCIETY

PAPER 3 - Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

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

Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks

Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE TAKING THE COURSE?

You do not need to have studied Sociology at GCSE, although if you have then you can use the knowledge you have gained as a foundation to the A-Level material. It is important to be interested in society and issues such as gender, ethnicity and social class differences. It will also help if you take an interest in current affairs.

You need a 5 in GCSE English or a HUMANITIES subject in order to study Sociology.

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HOW CAN SOCIOLOGY DEVELOP MY FULL RANGE OF SKILLS?

Visit the AQA website:

Check out the course in greater detail to see what content is included in each topic.

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During the Sociology A-Level course you will:

- Learn how to use evidence from research to support your arguments
- Learn research skills
- Develop your ability to explain your point of view fluently
- Have to learn how to work as a team to achieve results
- Have to take increasing responsibility for your own learning

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Sociology is a really good choice for students who would like a career such as social work or nursing. It is also useful in a number of other careers, for example marketing, advertising, PR, journalism, law or teaching.

The British Sociological Society:

Have a look at what Sociology is all about and the potential career opportunities.

Is there anything you would like to do?

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WHAT CAN I DO TO SEE IF SOCIOLOGY IS FOR ME?



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INTERESTING DOCUMENTARIES:

Watch some of these documentaries to give you an insight into sociological concepts in the real world. Watch the following shows and documentaries and make a mind map of the key issues you came across in each:

- The Great British School Swap
- Feral Families
- The Secret Life of 4 and 5 Year Olds
- The Secret Teacher
- Growing up Gifted
- Muslims like us

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