

A Level Sociology



Exam Board: AQA

What is the purpose of education? Who chooses our government - the media or us? Would you be the same person had you been born into a different family? What does the average criminal look like? If these questions intrigue you then this could be the subject for you.

Sociology is the study of how society is organised and how people interact and experience life. It investigates the now and analyses the roles that various institutions have in shaping our culture and beliefs. Delving into various theories, Sociology's subject matter is our society and our own behaviour. The subject develops skills that are incredibly valuable within higher education and employment. These are: critical thinking, producing clear and coherent arguments and the ability to confidently express oneself verbally.

Course Overview:

Year 12:

- **Introduction to Sociology**
- **Families & Households**
- **Education with Theory and Methods**
- **Methods in Context**

Year 13:

- **Beliefs in Society**
- **Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods**

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Entry requirements:

Grade 6+ in an essay-based subject such as History, Media or English is preferred.

Assessment:

Unit 1: Education, Methods in Context, Theory & Methods.

Written Paper – 2 hours. Questions include short answer and extended writing.

33.3% of the A-level.

Unit 2: Option Topics – Families & Households, Beliefs in Society, The Media

Written Paper – 2 hours. Questions include short answer and extended writing.

33.3% of the A-level:

Unit 3: Crime and Deviance, Theory and Methods.

Written Paper – 2 hours. Questions include short answer and extended writing. 33.3% of the A-level.

Who is the course for?

- Students who have a desire to know more about the world we live in and the institutions in contemporary Britain that regulate our behaviour.
- Students wishing to take degrees in Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Health and Social Care, Anthropology, Theology, Philosophy, English, History and Education.
- An ability to present a reasoned and balanced argument both verbally and in writing and to evaluate views other than your own.

Career pathways

This course compliments many other A-levels such as the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities.

Students who are looking for careers in: education, health and social care, HR, marketing, counselling, politics, social work, journalism, government research, childcare and PR/advertising.

"Sociology helps me understand different view points on a variety of topics in society. I think it's very useful and interesting to learn about and the teachers encourage you to think outside the box and challenge what we see around us"