

A Level

Sociology

AQA



If you choose not to continue this subject onto year two, you are able to sit an AS exam at the end of year one.

Course Content

Sociology is an interesting and dynamic subject that studies the way our society is organised and how we experience life. We are living through a time of enormous change and Sociology is the one social science to equip you with the knowledge and understanding to analyse, interpret and evaluate a range of perspectives on how change affects us all. Sociology is not just about Britain, we also analyse a range of global issues such as the environment, immigration, global crime, state crime and how globalisation is shaping our lives. Sociologists engage in research to test their theories and explain the way our society is organised. Consequently consideration of research methods and theoretical perspectives underpins both Year 1 and Year 2 units. The course will help you develop essential skills for university and future employment; for example analysing and interpreting data, using evidence to support your arguments, communication skills and critical evaluation.

Year 1 – Course Overview:

Paper 1	Paper 2
Education with Methods In Context	Research Methods and Families and Households
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour and 30 mins written exam 60 marks 50% of AS Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour and 30 mins written exam 60 marks 50% of AS Level
Exam structure:	Exam Structure:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: short-answer and extended writing, 40 marks Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A – Research Methods; short-answer and extended writing, 20 marks Section B – Families and Households; short-answer and extended writing, 40 marks



Year 2 – Course Overview

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Education with Theory and Methods	Families and Households; Beliefs in Society	Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A level
Exam structure:	Exam structure:	Exam Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing 10 marks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - Families and Households - extended writing, 40 marks Section B - Beliefs in Society - extended writing, 40 marks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime and Deviance: short-answer and extended writing, 50 marks Theory and Methods: short-answer and extended writing, 30 marks

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Methods of Teaching

We use a combination of teacher-led discussions, debates, research and presentation tasks and ICT-based tasks to enhance students' learning and enjoyment of the course. You will be expected to engage in independent reading and research outside of the formal classroom teaching to support your learning.

Financial Implications

You are expected to buy your textbook (approximately £20.00) and we strongly advise you buy a revision guide for each unit (approximately £5.00). In addition to this the Learning Resource Centre has an excellent collection of Sociology texts and journals. We do run trips to London museums, theatre productions and student conferences and the college has a Student Support Fund for those students who require assistance with these costs.

Career Possibilities

AS and A Level Sociology provide an excellent preparation for university and employment as you will develop an in-depth understanding of the key changes shaping contemporary society and the ability to engage in higher level thinking, analysis and evaluation of competing sources of evidence. Sociology is highly recommended for students considering careers in teaching, social research, criminal justice / probation service, social work, a range of health and social care professions (e.g. nursing, midwifery) the Police and human resources / personnel.

Minimum Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade A* - C including Maths and English.

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