

Sociology

Exam Board: AQA

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Why study Sociology?

Why is there crime, education and the mass media? What do they serve to do? Why are they here? Why do we live the way we live?

This course has been designed so that candidates will acquire the essential knowledge and understanding of central aspects of sociological thought and methods, together with a range of skills. This course lays an appropriate foundation for further study in Sociology and related subjects in higher education.

Sociology is the systematic study of society's structure, development and composition. The focus is on topics such as The Family, Education, Stratification, and Crime and Deviance. There is also a focus on research skills, reviewing sociological methods and the application of collecting, collating and analysing data.

Sociology is a rigorous academic subject that is also rooted in the real world. Studying Sociology A-level enables you to develop critical thinking skills, to analyse, and to interpret the world around you.

Course details

Paper 1	Education with research methods in context	2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A Level
Paper 2	Research Methods and Topics in psychology: Culture and Identity and the Media	2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A level
Paper 3	Crime and Deviance with theory and methods	2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A level

How is the course taught and assessed?

- Critical Thinking
- Investigative skills
- Analytical skills
- Recognising impact of context in which decisions are made (political, social, economic).
- Problem Solving
- Focus on behaviour in groups

Entry Requirements

Anyone intending to take Sociology at A level will normally be expected to have achieved the Standard College entrance requirements.

Career routes and popular combinations

Students who follow A Level Sociology often find careers in fields such as:

Anthropology, Public Relations, Criminology, Human Rights, Law Enforcement, Counselling, Statistics, Teaching.

The course combines well with History, Geography, Business Studying, Psychology