

A Level Sociology

AQA



"My students often ask me, 'What is Sociology?' And I tell them, 'It's the study of the way in which human beings are shaped by things that they don't see'."

Sam Richards

"I love to study people, and that's basically what sociology is."

Kamaru Usman

Course Description:

Sociology is a subject that you will be able to relate to. It's relevant to your everyday lives and you will immediately engage with the subject. Studying Sociology encourages you to develop critical and reflective thinking skills, and a respect for social diversity.

Course Content:

Over the course of two years you will study:

- Education
- Theory and Methods
- Methods in Context
- Families and Households
- Media
- Crime and Deviance

You will develop a wide range of skills that are essential for your next steps, whether that be university, apprenticeship or employment:

- Critical thinking skills
- Analysis skills
- Debating and empathy
- Questioning skills
- Evaluation
- Application of theory

Assessment:

All exams are to be taken at the end of the final year of study. There will be three exams at the end of the course.
Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods
Paper 2: Topics in Sociology
Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
Each exam is a 2 hour written exam worth 80 marks and they all have an equal weighting of 33.3% of your A-Level.

Entry Requirements:

English at grade 5, as well as an interest in the wider world and the structures that form our society. An enjoyment for learning about people behaviours and their behaviour in society.

What our students say:

"I enjoy learning about peoples' behaviours and how these work in the real world and trying to explain issues, such as the Brexit."

Charlotte, Former Student

"I really value that I can have an opinion and this is respected within the classroom. I like being able to discuss current issues and the behaviour of people in our and other societies."

Caitlin, Y13

"THE FUNCTION OF SOCIOLOGY, AS OF EVERY SCIENCE, IS TO REVEAL THAT WHICH IS HIDDEN."

PIERRE BOURDIEU

Future opportunities:

Sociology is the study of people and therefore the skills and knowledge you develop within the course are relevant to a wide variety of careers: Civil Service, Local Government, Department for work and pensions, Community or Social Work, Housing Manager, Information Scientist and Journalist.

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