

Sociology (AQA) - A Level

Sociology engages the learner with the skills and knowledge to interpret, analyse and evaluate social structures, agencies and concepts. It is a subject that complements the other social sciences well, while also being specialised in social stratification and the engagement of human behaviours.

Course Content & Assessment

The following is an integral part of the study of each topic area:

- sociological theories, perspectives and methods
- the design of the research used to obtain the data under consideration, including its strengths and limitations. socialisation, culture and identity
- social differentiation, power and stratification.

The themes should be understood and applied to particular substantive areas of Sociology. These themes are to be interpreted broadly as threads running through many areas of social life and should not therefore be regarded as discrete topics.

In addition, students must understand the significance of conflict and consensus, social structure and social action, and the role of values.

Examinations: Year 13

3 Examinations (2 Hours each):

- **Paper 1:** (Education and Research Methods)
- **Paper 2:** (Families and Households & Beliefs in Society)
- **Paper 3:** (Crime and Deviance and Core Theories)

Future opportunities

Sociology aids with further academic study, particularly in the fields of Criminal science, Sociology, Psychology and Law. This may lead to work and employment in such diverse fields as governmental research, academic research, police intelligence/investigation, forensics and jurisprudence, alongside social work.

Entry Requirements:

GCSE	Minimum requirement: Grade 5 in English Language and Literature.
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