



Sociology A Level (AQA Specification Code: 7191,7192)

The function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden

Pierre Bourdieu



Sociology is the study of how society is organised and how we experience life. It has been taught in British universities since the very beginning of the twentieth century, first at the London School of Economics and soon after at Liverpool University.

Curriculum Intent:

As a Sociology student, you'll develop a wide range of skills such as how to analyse and interpret data and arguments and how to apply theories and concepts to explain our social world.

Most crucially though, you'll gain an understanding of, and learn to think critically about, the way individuals and social groups behave.

Some of the questions we will examine:

- To what extent does your gender / ethnicity / social class affect your chances of succeeding in education?
- Does the education system benefit society or merely benefit one class in society?
- How have recent governments tried to raise standards in education?
 - Is crime useful for society?
 - How do deviant acts come to be defined as crimes?
 - Why are some groups more likely to commit / be a victim of crime?

What will you learn?

Over the course of two years a variety of topics will be covered.

These topics cover a range of ideas and look at social institutions such as school, family and how they influence our behaviour and achievement. We will also study research methods and statistics in order to find out how sociologists collect their evidence to arrive at their theoretical conclusions.

In Year 12:	In Year 13:
Education	Crime and Deviance
Families and Households	Media
Research methods	Theory and Methods

How will you learn?

- Textbooks
- Independent and Flipped Learning
- Classroom discussions
- Independent and exam practice
- Documentaries

How will you be assessed?

At the end of Year 13 there will be three Exams lasting 2 hours each (please note you will also have pre public exams throughout the year to assess your progress and offer you feedback).

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written exam• 80 marks• 33.3% of A-level	Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written exam• 80 marks• 33.3% of A-level	Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written exam• 80 marks• 33.3% of A-level
Questions <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	Questions <p>Section A: extended writing, 40 marks</p> <p>Section B: extended writing, 40 marks</p>	Questions <p>Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks</p> <p>Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks</p>

Who to talk to?

Mr Angeletos

What will you need to study this course?

Students studying at A Level will require 5 or more GCSEs graded 9-5 or A-C. To study Sociology, you will also need a minimum of at least a grade 5 in English and preferably a grade 5 in another humanities subject (ie: Geography, History, RS)

Where will it take you?

Studying Sociology is a great starting point for a career in both science and the arts, as it equips you with a range of skills and opens up opportunities with a variety of employers. The requirement to reason and critically analyse the workings of society makes sociology an effective medium of intellectual development and all employers recognise this. Below is a list of just some of the jobs linked with Sociology.

Careers:

Teacher - Education, Market research and Advertising , Researcher / Statistician
Civil Service , Police / Nursing, Social and Youth Worker , Charity and Human Resources
Public Relations , Life Coach, Probation Officer, Postgraduate study, Council / Office work