

SOCIOLOGY - A LEVEL



Exam board	AQA
QAN	60139948/4890
Entry requirements	Students must have achieved a minimum of Grade 6 GCSE Sociology or similar subject as well as in English for entry onto this course.
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Course description

Sociology is the exciting study of behaviour by people in society; theories that attempt to explain what created that behaviour and how it came about. Sociology examines institutions within society, how they are organised and developed and theories what they may become in the future.

Higher education opportunities

Sociology is accepted for entry onto a wide range of higher education courses particularly those in the public services sector such as nursing and midwifery, occupational therapy, psychology and teaching. It is also respected in the fields of law and humanities.

Employability skill	Example of how it may be developed
Communication	Discussions and debates concerned with topic issues within the subject.
Teamwork	Students work together to develop their interpersonal and confidence skills.
Leadership	Students work together to develop leadership qualities within teams.
Taking responsibility	Students are required to be proactive in the tracking and monitoring of their progress. They are also required to identify areas for development and to utilise the support systems that are in place.
Problem-solving	Application of knowledge to the demands of the subject area.
Reflective thinking	Monitoring of progress and reflecting on how to further develop and the ability to reflect on how key sociologists view society.
Independent enquiry	Students work together and independently to research and to consider how key concepts fit into our understanding of sociological debates. Students will also show independence through home learning activities.

What do students say about the course?

"Sociology has covered all aspects of the employability skills that universities and employers look for after Post 16, such as conducting research, analysing material, communicating effectively and working both independently and as part of a team."

"Sociology is definitely a worthy A level, it's interesting and is really valued by universities."

How is the course arranged and assessed?

Compulsory content:

Paper 1- Education with theory and methods (Year 2)

Paper 2- Topics in Sociology: Families and Households (Year 2) & Beliefs in Society (Year 1)

Paper 3- Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods (Year 1)

A level qualification			
	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
What's assessed?	Any area from the topic area of Education with Research Methods.	Any area from the topics of Families and Households and Beliefs in Society.	Any area from the topics Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods.
Assessment	2 hour written examination. 80 marks 33.3% of A Level	2 hour written examination. 80 marks 33.3% of A Level	2 hour written examination. 80 marks 33.3% of A Level
Types of 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families and Households: extended writing, 40 marks.• 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: extended writing, 30 marks.