

Sociology

A Level



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What is Sociology?

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you? Whether men or women are more likely to commit a crime? Studying sociology offers insights into social and cultural issues. It helps you develop a multi-perspective and critical approach to understanding issues around culture, identity, religion, crime, families and social power. More than once during the course you're bound to ask yourself the question, "why has society developed like this? With poverty, ignorance, crime and injustice."

What will I Study?

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology

- Families and Households
- Beliefs in Society

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements you will need a grade 5 in English Language.

How will I be taught?

In mostly seminar style lessons with the expectation of note taking and pre-reading to be undertaken outside the timetabled lessons. In our timetabled lessons, we aim to develop your ability to:

- use evidence to support your arguments
- investigate facts and use deduction
- develop your critical thinking
- develop opinions and new ideas on societal issues
- analyse and better understand societal issues.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: 2 hour written paper (worth 33.3% of the A Level)

Paper 2: 2 hour written paper (worth 33.3% of the A Level)

Paper 3: 2 hour written paper (worth 33.3% of the A Level)

What career opportunities does this open up?

Studying sociology can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including: Social work, Human resources, Journalism and Law.