



A Level

SOCIOLOGY

Specification: AQA

Compulsory topics

- Education
- Crime and Deviance
- Research Methods
- Sociological Theory

Optional topics (decided by faculty)

One from:

- Culture and Identity
- Families and Households
- Health
- Wealth, Poverty and Welfare

One from:

- Beliefs in Society
- Global Development
- The Media
- Stratification and Differentiation

How will I be assessed?

Sociology is assessed by 3 end-of-course examinations which consist of a mixture of short answer and extended (essay) questions.

How will I learn?

Our learning depends on a variety of lesson techniques including:

- Reading and note-taking
- Individual research e.g. interviews, questionnaires, observations
- Debate and discussion
- Presentations
- Research of, and application to, current events

What skills will I need?

- An ability to select and deploy relevant information to support arguments.
- Independent study skills, including keeping up to date with sociological trends in the news.
- Willingness to ask questions and participate in discussion in class.
- Ability to analyse information critically.
- Eagerness to understand our society and how it works.
- Willingness to think critically about the world around you.
- A keen interest in writing essays and the ability to think reflectively about feedback.

Careers & Progression

Sociology links to a range of careers that involve analytical thinking, an understanding of politics and society, and a range of critical thinking skills. These include:

- Law
- Politics
- Journalism
- Social Work
- Care Work
- Teaching
- Sociological and political research