



# Sociology

## So, what exactly is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts.



## What will I learn on this course?

Through the specification, students can acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary social processes and social changes. They have the opportunity to develop a broad set of desirable key skills, including the ability to analyse and formulate clear, logical arguments with scope for extensive evaluation from a range of theoretical perspectives. Developing strong critical thinking skills and being able to consider issues with a global outlook will be of huge benefit to your students moving forward, whether this is in further education, the workplace or society in general.

## What can you with your qualification?

A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector. Graduates of sociology have higher Levels of employment than many other subjects.

## How will you be assessed?

There are a range of forms of assessment, all exam based. These range from short answer to longer essay questions. There is no coursework. Assessment will take place at the end of each year.

Examination Board: OCR  
Qualification: AS or A Level

### AS COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

#### Component 01: Socialisation, Culture and Identity

Introduces students to key themes of socialisation, identity and culture, which are developed in closer study of one of three contexts:

- Families and relationships
- Youth subcultures
- Media

#### Component 02: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities

Explores the methods of sociological enquiry and uses the context of social difference and inequality to develop knowledge and understanding of contemporary social processes. This fosters the development of critical thinking around social diversity in terms of social class, gender, ethnicity and age.

### A2 COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

#### Component 01: Socialisation, Culture and Identity

Introduces students to key themes of socialisation, identity and culture, which are developed in closer study of one of three contexts:

- Families and relationships
- Youth subcultures
- Media

#### Component 02: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities

Explores the methods of sociological enquiry and uses the context of social difference and inequality to develop knowledge and understanding of contemporary social processes. This fosters the development of critical thinking around social diversity in terms of social class, gender, ethnicity and age.

#### Component 03: Debates in Contemporary Society

This component introduces students to contemporary theoretical debates and how they relate to global society. Section A is a compulsory topic, 'Globalisation and the digital social world', and in Section B students choose one of the three following options:

- Crime and deviance
- Education
- Religion, belief and faith

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