

Sociology



Aims of the course

Sociology encourages learners to be inspired and changed by gaining a deeper understanding of the world. Sociologists tackle some of the most pressing problems confronting humanity. Sociology examines the workings of our everyday world and attempts to make a difference. What could be more important than that? It equips you with a new way of interacting with the world for the rest of your life. Absolutely everything can be looked at from a sociological perspective. The course is designed to enhance skills in evaluation, critical thinking and effective oral and written communication.

What is the outline of the course?

You will study four core topic areas and alongside this will be the interleaved study of theory and methodological frameworks. We will study a range of theoretical perspectives and apply these to the topic areas that we study, for example Marxism, Feminism and Functionalism.

Overview	Content	Marks
Paper 1 – Education with Theory and Methods	- Core theories - Policies - Educational achievement differences - Research methodology	80 marks 2 hrs
Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology- Families and Media	- Core theories - Family structure - Media representations	80 marks 2 hrs
Paper 3- Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods	- Core theories - Explaining patterns of crime - Research methodology	80 marks 2 hrs

You will develop a range of transferable skills such as:

- Written communication: *essay writing developing reasoned arguments with evidence from real life studies on people and society*
- Verbal communication: *sharing ideas in discussions, debating difficult topics*
- Decision making: *by assessing a range of information coming to a conclusion of your own whilst also considering other viewpoints*

- Using evidence/studies: *using data and studies to formulate explanations of society based on evidence*
- Data collection: *developing research skills including ethical and moral factors, types of sampling and evaluating methods*
- Analysis: *using knowledge to make judgements whilst considering a various range of possible reasons*

What careers can sociology lead to?

Universities, colleges and employers value sociology students and recognise the impact that knowledge of this subject can have in increasingly 'people-centric' businesses. It's a respected A level which will give you access to a vast range of HE course and degree.

"Studying sociology has made me look at the world in a whole new way..."

"I like the fact that we debate and discuss issues in lesson, and I can use my own experiences as a way of learning about sociological thinking."

Potential related careers are- social worker, journalist , teacher, market researcher, public health officer, probation worker, government adviser, human resources manager, welfare rights officer, community development worker.

Further information

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Previous grades

	A	A	B	C	D	E
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2025	0	0	7	3	2	1
2024	1	5	5	10	5	0
2023	2	2	8	4	4	0

What are the entry requirements?

We require a grade 5 in a humanities subject and in English at GCSE

Want more information?

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