

A Level Sociology

Why study Sociology at A Level?

Sociology is the study of people and society. It aims to find out why people act the way they do, usually focusing on groups of people. You will get to look at a range of topics which try to understand why the world is the way it is.

If you are someone who questions why inequality exists, why those in power are in control or how the world can be improved, sociology is the subject for you!

Sociology is a fascinating subject and a flexible choice that sits very well alongside most other subjects.

What will I study?

Over the two years, you will cover the following topics: education; families and household; beliefs in society and crime and deviance.

You will also cover research methods over the two years. You will study the various sociological theories such as: functionalism; feminism; Marxism and postmodernism.

Assessment

100% examined.

Paper 1: Short answer questions, two 10-mark questions and two extended essays of 20 and 30 marks.

Paper 2: Four 10-mark questions and two 20-mark questions.

Paper 3: Short answer questions, two 10-mark questions and two extended essays of 20 and 30 marks.

Study trips, visits and events

You are encouraged to go to guest speaker lectures at Bristol and Bath University. You will also be directed to the many sociologically related films and plays.

You will also go to either the magistrates or crown court to watch a case and then analyse it using your knowledge of sociology.

Subject entry requirements

5 in either English Literature or Language.