A Level Sociology

Exam board and specification: AQA (7191)

What you need to study this course: Grade 6 in GCSE English

Why you should consider this course

Sociology will give you insight into how the world around you shapes your identity as an individual within society. It will also challenge your pre-existing ideas of the world in institutions such as, the police, courts and beyond. Moreover, the course will widen your understanding of how groups of people act as cogs within a much larger machine (society). Overall, Sociology will further your critical thinking skills.

What you will study

Year 12: Families and households, Education, Research Methods and Methods in Context

Year 13: Social Stratification, Crime and Deviance, Theory and Methods

How you will be assessed:

Year One:

Paper 1: Year 12 content, Written exam – 1 hour 30 minutes (50%)

Paper 2: Year 12 content, Written exam – 1 hour 30 minutes (50%)

Year Two:

Paper 1: Year 12 content, Written exam – 2 hours (33%)

Paper 2: Year 12 content, Written exam – 2 hours (33%)

Paper 3 – Year 12 and 13 content, Written exam, 2 hours (33%)

All exams will assess you on:

Short and long answer questions, extended response questions,

Critical analysis of perspectives and studies that are discussed in lessons.

Where can it take you?

The top 5-degree courses taken by students who have the qualification are Sociology, Law, Criminology, Psychology, Social Work. There are also several degree apprenticeships that you can apply to.

Studying A-level Sociology gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

- University Lecturer,
- Family Support Worker,
- Social Worker,
- Teacher,
- Civil Servant,
- Human Resources Officer,
- Journalist,
- Media Researcher.

A Level Sociology Alumni Destinations:

University of Swansea – Criminology

University of Manchester – Anthropology

University of Leeds – Sociology and Society