



## SOCIOLOGY

Exam Board: AQA

### Why should I study the course?

This specification offers candidates the opportunity of developing the essential knowledge and understanding of central aspects of sociological thought and methods. It is designed to encourage candidates to demonstrate the application of a range of skills and understanding of sociological theory applied to the family, education, beliefs in society, crime and deviance.

### AS outline

At this level, candidates will acquire knowledge of contemporary social processes and social changes. Candidates will be encouraged to develop their own social awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world.

There are three compulsory units:

3.1.1 Education

3.1.2 Methods in Context

3.2.1 Research Methods

There is also one optional unit from those listed below:

3.2.2.1 Culture and Identity

**3.2.2.2 Families and Households**

3.2.2.3 Health

3.2.2.4 Work, Poverty and Welfare

**A2 outline**

At this level, candidates will continue to focus on contemporary society but they should demonstrate a wider range and greater depth of knowledge and understanding and more highly developed skills of application, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

There are two compulsory units at A level:

**1. Education and research methods**

4.1.1 Education

4.1.2 Methods in Context

4.1.3 Theory and Methods

**2. Crime and deviance with research methods**

4.3.1 Crime and Deviance

4.3.2 Theory and Methods

**How is the course assessed?**

The AS specification is designed to be taken over one or two years with all assessments taken at the end of the course. The A-level specification is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken at the end of the course.

These are linear qualifications. In order to achieve the award, students must complete all exams in May/June in a single year. All assessments must be taken in the same series.

Students must provide extended responses that draw upon the Integral elements and Core themes as threads throughout all written assessments for Sociology

**What career opportunities will I have?**

It is an asset to careers in a full range of social science, including health, welfare, medicine, law, teaching, the police and the media.

**Entry requirements**

Students required a minimum of 5 A\* - C grades at GCSE, including a B grade or above in English and Humanities.