



## Course Overview:

A level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all. You will learn a number of skills including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts, and critical thinking.

## Topics covered

The first year will set the foundations of sociology looking at education, research methods and optional content. In year 2 you will delve more deeply into education with theory and methods, crime and deviance, as well as choosing from further optional content.

### TEACHERS SAY...

*A Level Sociology offers a great combination for studying many other A Levels. Students can combine with a mainly science programme or take a more social science route.*

**YOUR NOTES**

First year of A level	Second year of A level
<p><b>Compulsory content:</b> Education Methods in context Research methods</p>	<p><b>Compulsory content:</b> Education with theory and methods Crime and deviance with theory and methods</p>
<p><b>Optional content</b> You choose one of the following topics in the exam:</p> <p><b>Option one:</b> Culture and Identity Families and Households Health Work, Poverty and welfare</p>	<p><b>Optional content</b> You choose one of the following topics in the exam:</p> <p><b>Option two:</b> Beliefs in society Global development The Media Stratification and Differentiation</p>

## A level Sociology

Examination Board:



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**Entry requirements:** Five 9 to 4 (A\* to C) with a minimum 4 in English

### Type of Assessment:

The Sociology course is assessed solely by examination. Students will sit three two hour exam papers that each account for one third of your A level. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. There is no coursework.

**This course goes well with:**

Psychology, English and Humanities

### Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top six degree courses taken by students who have an A level in Sociology are:

- Sociology
- English Studies
- Law
- Psychology
- Business Studies
- Teaching

## What can I do now to help me prepare for my course?

The start of the A level course is always challenging, but you will find these tasks aid the transition from GCSE.

Keep up to date with the news media; written and broadcast.

Visit A Level Sociology websites and try out the activities and reading available e.g. Sociology Central. Complete the activities on Families & Households available online at [www.sociology.uk.net](http://www.sociology.uk.net), the website for the textbook. This will prepare you for the first unit of study at A level.

<http://www.sociology.org.uk/>

Sociology central, excellent website with many resources

[www.sociology.uk.net](http://www.sociology.uk.net)

Website of the textbook, lots of useful activities directly linked to the course.

<https://revisesociology.com/good-sociology-sites/>

Good starting point for many sociological websites

<https://sociologytwynham.com/>

Plenty of revision notes on the key chapters from the book.

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk>

A level Sociology revision guides and question banks covering History of the Sociology of Education, Labelling Theory, Poverty and all core A level Sociology topics

### Literacy, when you...

..read around the subject, and use several sources of information to write essays.

### Numeracy, when you ...

..analyse data using statistical techniques.

### ICT, when you

..research current theories, create presentations and complete assignments.

## Possible Career options:

Studying an A-level Sociology related degree at university gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

Social work

Human resources

Advertising

Policing

Marketing

Journalism

Broadcast media

Law

Teaching