

Sociology

Level: A Level

Exam board: OCR

Overview of course content The Sociology course is designed to provide students with an insight into a number of areas within society. The course is a linear two-year course and the units studied are listed below:

Year 1 Modules

Unit 1: Socialisation, Culture and Identity. We look at how our identities are formed by our family, media and education. We then look in detail at how youth subcultures are formed and at levels of youth deviance.

Unit 2: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities. We look at how sociologists study the world around them using a variety of research methods. This leads into an in-depth study of how class and gender are sources of inequality.

Year 2 Modules

Unit 1: Socialisation, Culture and Identity. This includes a more in-depth study of the AS unit of the same name, as well as exploring the impact of globalisation on our families and our culture.

Unit 2: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities. We take a more evaluative look at social research. We then add age and ethnicity to our understanding of social inequality.

Unit 3: Debates in Contemporary Society. We look at how globalisation and the digital world have changed society. We then explore sociological explanations of crime and deviance.

Key skills development Students will learn through reading, independent research and exam practice. The subject is useful in enhancing social and communication skills and provides a deeper understanding of the impact of society on human behaviour.

Costs None

Entry requirements: 5 or above in GCSE English

Progression There are many occupations that involve a sociological background including teaching, politics, social work, human resources and research occupations.