

# AQA Advanced Level Sociology



## Entry Requirements

Students should have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSEs (Please note that subjects can only be counted once); national data shows that this course is not suitable for students with an average GCSE points score of less than 38.3. Experience shows that successful students in this subject previously acquired a grade C at English at GCSE level. Previous experience of the subject is not essential, yet a keen interest and commitment is crucial to enter AS Sociology.

## Course Description

Sociology is the study of society. The world we live in is strange and confusing yet fascinating. The sociologist questions our everyday existence. For example: are men adopting a new role within family life? Are more people motivated to commit crime? Can your social class determine your life chances?

The aim of Sociology is to help provide answers to these fascinating questions. What makes Sociology an exciting subject is that it helps us learn more about ourselves and the way we live our lives within the social system known as society.

The course is divided into four modules:

At AS Level:

- Families and Households
- Education and Sociological Methods

At A2 Level:

- Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods

## Assessment

Assessment at AS will be in the form of:

- Families and Households - a 1 hour written exam
- Education and Sociological Methods - a 2 hour written exam

Assessment at A2 will be in the form of:

- Beliefs in Society - a 1 hour 30 minutes written exam
- Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods - a 2 hour written exam

## Benefits of studying this subject

Sociology can be combined with a range of 'A' level courses and several ideas and concepts used in Sociology cross over with Psychology, History, English and Media Studies. The ideas used are challenging and will give a different way of looking at the modern world.

## Career Opportunities and Pathways

A graduation in Sociology provides a well-recognised qualification for those seeking employment in such areas as politics, education, social work, finance and commerce. It can also lead into areas such as the police force and industry.

## Subject staff contacts for further information

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