

A2 Level Sociology

Sociology is the study of societies and the way that they shape peoples' shared behaviours, beliefs and identity. Sociology is an extremely diverse and compelling discipline, and this is a particularly fascinating time to study it. As society continues to change, Sociology develops and evolves with it. It enables us to make sense of the rapidly changing world that we live in, and understand our roles within it. This course explores the concept that the way we think, behave and feel, indeed our very sense of identity, is socially produced.

What will I be doing?

You will cover one area from both Units 3 and 4:

unit 3: beliefs in society; global development; mass media, power and politics

unit 4: crime and deviance; stratification and differentiation; theory and methods

How will I be assessed

unit 3: written paper, one hour and thirty minutes (weighting: 20 % of the total A Level marks)

unit 4: written paper, 2 two hours (weighting: 30 % of the total A Level marks)

Candidates answer one question on their chosen topic, one question on sociological research methods in the context of their chosen topic and one essay question on theory and methods.

You will also be assessed by your teacher on your writing and contributions throughout the course.

Where do I go from here?

Sociology is a route to a broad range of higher education courses and fulfilling careers. Any career that involves the interaction of people is one that would benefit from sociological insight. Typical careers include those in law, market research, academic research, advertising, politics, criminology, police, probation, social policy planning, teaching, social work, youth services, media, journalism and human resources.

Entry requirements

You will need to have successfully completed the AS Level at grade E or above.

Course Duration

1 Year

