

SOCIOLOGY A-LEVEL

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For whom is this course suitable?

Sociology is the study of society. It is a social science which uses various research methods to develop a body of knowledge about human social activity. Sociology studies different groups and institutions within society, it looks at how they interact and affect one another. Sociology is the one social science which embraces the whole range of human activities and this makes it a very wide field of study.

This course will appeal to students who have any interest in human behaviour and how societies work. The topics studied make reference to the experience of everyday life and as such many students find they are studying aspects which they have an awareness of already.

There is no need to have any knowledge of sociology before commencing the course. Most students quickly get used to the way the subject operates and the language we use.

To be eligible for the course students must have gained at least six '5' or above grades.

What will I learn on this course?

There are four main areas of study:

- Family and Households
- Education
- Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance

In each area we investigate the process and relationships which operate within it as well as investigating its place in society.

In addition to this we look at sociological theory and research methods.

What could I do at the end of my course?

Sociology is about studying the society we **all** live in. It is therefore a very useful subject whatever your plans after your sixth form studies. Most areas of work will accept Sociology as a good traditional subject that is relevant to the outside world.

- Health and social welfare work
- Teaching
- Media and journalism
- Business/personnel
- Police/legal work
- Politics
- Prison service
- Tourism

