

A Level Courses 2025

Sociology



Entry Requirements

Minimum:

Standard Entry Requirements:

5 GCSE's at a grade 4 or above and Grade 5 in GCSE English preferred..

What you will learn:

In year 12, students will study the following two topic areas:

Education – functions including its relationship to the economy, class and structure. Achievement of social groups by class, gender and ethnicity. Relationships within schools e.g. teacher/student, student identity and the importance of Educational Policies.

Theory and Methods – data collection and analysis, sources of data, primary and secondary sources, positivism and sociological research methods. The relationship between sociology and social policy.

In Year 13, students will build on their knowledge to study the compulsory element of Crime and Deviance as well as two further topics:

Option 1 - One topic chosen from: Culture and Identity; Families and Households; Health or Work; Poverty and Welfare.

Option 2 - One topic chosen from: Beliefs in Society; Global Development; The Media or Stratification and Differentiation.

Students will also complete the Research Methods content.

Elements of the course:

Sociology is one of the social sciences and is particularly concerned with the study of social life, social behaviour and the historical development of societies. This is a two year course consisting of 3 units. Students will study some compulsory content and then select 2 options from the topics in Sociology. Students will learn to develop sociological skills through examining society from a variety of perspectives that focus on social change, social order and meaning.

Where could it take me?

Sociology has strong links to other social sciences and students of sociology have gone into a wide range of careers such as policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics, civil service, architecture, social workers, journalism and solicitors.

Assessment:

Students will take 3 examinations at the end of the two year course; each examination has the same weighting and when complete will equate to 100% of the Course Examination Total.