

# Sociology

## COURSE CODE

AS Level           AQA 7191  
A Level             AQA 7192

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 in English Language.
- 6 in GCSE Sociology if studied previously.
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- Or 6 in a Humanities subject if Sociology has not been previously studied.

## WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Sociology is the study of society and in particular, the different groups we belong to and the institutions that affect us, for example: education, the family, the mass media, religion and the law. Students will also examine how research into these areas is carried out.

Sociology will offer the opportunity to look at the society in which we live, with 'fresh eyes'. Learners will be required to challenge many of their taken-for-granted assumptions about some of our traditional institutions.

Students should take Sociology if: they can make balanced judgments after weighing up the evidence; enjoy thinking 'outside the box'; are interested in how gender, social class and ethnicity influence our lives; question the way society is organised; are interested in contemporary issues.

## ASSESSMENT

Students will be taught for the full A Level.

### AS Level

- Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context. (90 minute written exam worth 50%).
- Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics in Sociology. (90 minute written exam worth 50%).

### A Level

Assessment is based on knowledge, application, analysis and evaluation. There are three external exams:

- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods. (2 hour written exam worth 33% of the course).
- Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (Families and Beliefs in Society) (2 hour written exam worth 33% of the course).
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods. (2 hour written exam worth 33% of the course).

## NEXT STEPS

A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology is regarded as a demanding and rigorous A Level which combines well with any other combination of subjects. Graduates of sociology have higher Levels of employment than many other subjects.

## CAREER INFORMATION

Students in the past have gone to pursue a range of careers including social work, research, journalism, teaching, medicine, politics, the civil service, police, work within the media, as well as taking jobs in the service sector.