

What is the course about?

Sociology at A Level will give students the opportunity to study society. During the course, they will explore social behaviour across a range of different examples, appreciating where it starts and then how it develops over time. Also, students will examine how people become organised into groups, according to race, gender and class. As well as this, students will study public institutions that are used and shaped by these varying groups within society, with a specific focus on areas such as religion, education and media. In terms of skills, students will learn approaches and methods of Sociology, which will allow them to engage in debate and an active involvement with the research.

Course content

Topics to be studied include:

- Culture and identity
- Families and household
- Health
- Work, poverty and welfare
- Education
- Crime and deviance
- Research methods

Assessment

Three terminal examinations.

Career pathways

Sociology is a well-regarded academic subject that equips students with a range of skills beyond the core curriculum, such as independent critical thinking, problem-solving and analytical writing – good preparation for almost any university degree, but particularly sociology, or in combination with other subjects like criminology. It is a useful subject for areas of employment that require working with people or that need investigative skills.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five 5 to 9 grades at GCSE including a grade 6 in English Language or Literature.