



SOCIOLOGY

QUALIFICATION: **A Level**

Examination Board: **OCR**

What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions. Sociology is interested in the how and why society functions and the differences between the diverse groups of people that make up society. Sociology tackles key issues such as Black lives matter, agism and poverty. It explores the impact of social policy and how some benefit from this more than others. Sociology will look at a variety of content, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class and the evolution of social connections through the new digital age and social media. Sociology's goal is to understand how human action and consciousness both shape and are shaped by surrounding cultural and social structures.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You do not need to have any prior sociological knowledge before starting this course. It is required that you have gained a GCSE grade 5 or above English. During the course you will need to be able to communicate effectively and research information from a variety of sources. You will be expected to develop good essay writing skills, using case studies to support your opinions and those of others.

What will I learn on this A Level course?

- An introduction to the key concepts and core themes of Sociology;
- An understanding of sociological methodology and a range of research methods;
- An opportunity to develop your understanding and sociological awareness through discussion of contemporary issues; such as black lives matter, poverty and Brexit.
- A development of citizenship skills which will help in adult life;
- You will study topics such as: culture and identity, the family, crime and deviance, social inequalities, globalisation and the digital social world.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for a wide range of students, with different backgrounds and experiences. You might be:

- Interested in government and politics as well as inequalities caused by social systems.
- Interested in studying social sciences at a higher level, for example at University;
- Thinking of following a career in an area of social policy - e.g. health, social care, education, family and community services;
- Seeking to broaden a vocational course such as Health and Social Care and Travel and tourism.
- Wanting a course that will complement other subjects such as English, Business Studies, Psychology, Criminology, Health and Social Care, Child Play, Learning and Development Geography and Travel and Tourism.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

- You might go to university or college to study for higher qualifications in the social sciences, humanities or vocational subjects;

- You might go into training in a wide range of occupations, including jobs related to health, social work and social care, journalism in all its forms, business administration, management, family and community services, training, employment and unemployment services, housing, disability services and a range of local authority functions, including education.

For more information take a look at the OCR website for Sociology and take a sneak peek at some of the textbooks we use with free samples on kindle.

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