

Sociology - A Level

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Course Outline:

Topics and issues studied on the A Level course will include:

- Family:

Is it in crisis? How has childhood changed?

- Education:

What do we really learn? How important is your background in your success?

- Crime:

Who are the criminals? Why do they break the law?

- Religion:

Why do we believe? What difference does it make to our behaviour?

- Theory and Methods:

How do we study society in a scientific way? What is science anyway?

Skills/Aptitudes Developed/Required:

A broad mix of 6+ grades at GCSE, including both English subjects at Grade 5s or above. Good GCSE grades in History and/or R.E. will be considered favourably due to the similarity of the skills used. In exceptional circumstances, if courses are under subscribed, students with grade 4/5s in English may be admitted.

You must have excellent skills in independence, organisation, reading, note taking, verbal discussion and critical thinking.

Additional Considerations:

Sociology is a highly critical subject that forces us to question many of our everyday assumptions and taboos. It teaches us to think in a critical scientific way, and gives an understanding of broad aspects of social life, beyond our own limited experiences.

It combines well with A Level History, English, Geography, Psychology, R.E. and Law.



Progression Post-18

Sociology A Level is useful for degree courses in Law, Journalism, Media Studies, Education, Politics, Public Administration, Philosophy, Psychology, History, Criminology etc.

It is particularly useful for careers in education, media, law, welfare, social work, police and any aspect of government or management.