

A level Sociology

Curriculum content

Half term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	What is Sociology Internal and External Class Difference in Education Couples Childhood Choosing a Research Method	Theories of Religion Religion and Social Change Theories of Crime and Deviance
Autumn 2	Achievement differences in Education Theories of the Family Changing Family Patterns Education: The Research Context	Theories of Crime and Deviance (continued) Differences in Crime and Deviance (Gender and Ethnicity) Secularisation Religion renewal and choice
Spring 1	Education and Social policy Family diversity Demography Education: The Research Context	The Media and Crime Globalisation and Crime Control and Punishment Sociological theory – Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism Religion in a global context Religious organisations, movements and members
Spring 2	Families and Households and Social Policy Qualitative research methods Education: The Research Context	Sociological theory - Ideology and science, Globalisation Quantitative and Qualitative research methods, Values in Sociology and Social Policy
Summer 1	Education: the Research Context (continued) Quantitative research methods	Revision for papers 1-3

Summer 2	Functionalism Feminism Marxism Sociology and Social Policy	

Skills

The skills developed throughout the course include:

- recalling detailed information accurately
- drawing together information from different areas of Sociology
- applying knowledge and understanding of sociological theory to wider sociological issues
- maintaining a sustained line of reasoning, leading to a reasoned conclusion through extended writing
- communicating with relevance, clarity and coherence
- be able to apply material to sociological problems
- be able to compare and contrast sociological research to current events

Assessment

Internal assessment takes place in each unit of work throughout the course, and in line with the school's assessment policy. For the award of the qualification, this linear A level from AQA is examined entirely by examination at the end of Year 13. There are three papers, each equally weighted:

Paper 1 – Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology

Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Further details about the course can be found at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>