



A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

What does the course involve?

A Level Sociology may appeal to those who are curious about the way society works and are able to look behind the obvious, taken for granted explanations. Students study a number of topic areas which will encourage them to take an independent and questioning stance on a variety of social issues and problems. Examples include:

Social Class Why are some people rich and others poor and deprived?

Education What is the role of schools in society and what effect do they have on the people who pass through them?

Gender Why are women treated differently from men?

Theory is an important component of Sociology. Sociologists interpret social processes and events on the basis of theory. Methodology is also an important aspect of Sociology. Methodology is the way in which sociologists research society. Students are expected to use a number of secondary sources. These include textbooks like 'OCR A Level: Sociology' Books 1 and 2. Other books are also available from the library along with daily newspapers and periodicals such as "Sociology Review". Students are advised to read as widely as possible.

What exams and coursework are involved?

Three examination papers at the end of the two-year course.

What are the entry qualifications?

An interest in social issues and social problems is important, as well as analytical ability and an enjoyment of reading and research. In addition, students will need to be able to communicate effectively on paper, therefore will need a GCSE in English at Grade 5 or above. Students will also need GCSE Maths at Grade 4 or above to help with work on Research Methods.

What could I do after completing the course?

Sociology is applicable across a wide range of occupations, but may be particularly useful for those considering a career in Public Relations, Journalism, Social Work, Teaching, Nursing, Personnel Management, Advertising and Marketing. For those wishing to enter Further or Higher Education, A Level Sociology is an acceptable entrance qualification.

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