
A Level Sociology





This is a stimulating course where you will reflect on a wide range of issues including:

- + How the media influences society?
- + How those closest to us help develop and influence our personalities?
- + Why do people act in different ways to others?
- + Why do people commit crimes or become terrorists?
- + Is education as positive as we are led to believe?

Introduction

Sociology is about explaining the reasons for peoples' behaviour. You will discuss sensitive topics like race, homosexuality, crime, religion, suicide, gender and politics and how all of these topics influence our lives.

Level Level 3

Specific course entry requirements

College entry (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

What will I study?

During the course you will develop your understanding of crime and deviance, education, beliefs in society and the family. The criminology module will ask you to consider if crimes like drug use and prostitution actually serve a positive function in society; does the government lie, cheat, kill, steal and then cover up their crimes as they have the power, control and wealth; statistically, why do certain ethnic minorities commit more crime and why do women commit less? In Education, you will look at the purpose of the system we have in the UK; why girls always do better than boys and why working class people are potentially disadvantaged by the education system.

Beliefs in Society will ask you to look at how religion has changed in contemporary life. Why are more people joining cults and sects like Scientology; can rave music and social media be considered religious; can terrorists use religion to justify their acts?

Finally, you will consider how the family has changed over time and how the increase in single parent and homosexual families has changed society and how increasing globalisation means a change in the structure of families.

It is expected that you will include additional reading as part of your home study, keeping up to date with current events and developing news stories that can be used to bring classical sociology to life. You should be prepared to discuss and debate ideas within lessons in order to learn and experience how events can be interpreted in a variety of ways.

How will I be assessed?

100% Examination

Where will this course lead me?

Sociology is an excellent course to study for a wide range of careers. Universities welcome applicants who have developed an awareness and understanding of the processes within modern British society. Related careers include journalism, politics, education, social care, health, police, armed forces, business, law and media.

