

# Sociology Curriculum

## Aims

The study of Sociology must focus on contemporary society and foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity. It must provide an awareness of the importance of social structure and social action in explaining social issues. Students must be encouraged to develop their own sociological awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world.

Building on key stage

The course is carefully planned to follow on from knowledge gained from study at GCSE. We have close collaboration with the English department to ensure our students' vocabulary is sufficient to be able to interpret the texts used in Sociology. We also use our position within the broader Humanities faculty to work with the History and Geography departments to ensure key skills of analysis and evaluation are developed. The central focus of study is on UK society today with consideration of how the UK fits within a globalised world. We also build on our strong links to the RSE curriculum to help our students develop an understanding of the world that recognises the importance of diversity.

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### Autumn 1

Families & Households

Education

### Autumn 2

Families & Households

Education

### Spring 1

Research methods  
Methods in context

### Spring 2

Mastery: Families & Households

Mastery: education

### Summer 1

Mastery: Methods  
Mastery: methods in context

### Summer 2

Sociological research project & HE & Work experience

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The Media

Crime & Deviance

The Media

Crime & Deviance

Research methods

Theory

Mastery: The Media

Mastery: Crime & Deviance

Mastery: Research methods

Mastery: Theory

Assessment	Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
What's assessed	Education, methods in context, theory & methods	Families & Households, The Media	Crime & Deviance, Theory & Methods
Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hour written exam</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 33.3% of A-level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hour written exam</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 33.3% of A-level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hour written exam</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 33.3% of A-level</li> </ul>

## Assessment objectives (AOs)

- **AO1:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:
  - sociological theories, concepts and evidence
  - sociological research methods
- **AO2:** Apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues
- **AO3:** Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods
- in order to:
  - present arguments
  - make judgements
  - draw conclusions.