






KS4 Curriculum handbook subject page

Subject: GCSE Sociology

Syllabus: AQA (8192)

What will I learn?

Studying sociology offers insights into social and cultural issues. It helps you develop a multi-perspective and critical approach to understanding issues around culture, identity, religion, crime, families and social power. More than once during the course you're bound to ask yourself the question, "why has society developed like this? With poverty, ignorance, crime and injustice."

 <p>Families</p>	<p>Functions of families, family forms, conjugal role relationships, changing relationships within families, criticisms of families and divorce.</p>
 <p>Education</p>	<p>Roles and functions of education, the relationship between capitalism and education, educational achievement, processes within schools</p>
 <p>Crime and Deviance</p>	<p>The social construction of crime and deviance, social control, criminal and deviant behaviour and data on crime.</p>
 <p>Social Stratification</p>	<p>Functionalist theory of stratification, socio-economic class, life chances, poverty as a social issue, power and authority and power relationships.</p>
 <p>Research Methods</p>	<p>Research design, Qualitative and quantitative methods, different types of data, primary and secondary sources, interpretation of data, practical issues and ethical issues.</p>

Subject content

- 1 The sociological approach
- 2 Social structures, social processes and social issues
- 3 Families
- 4 Education
- 5 Crime and deviance
- 6 Social stratification
- 7 Sociological research methods

How will I be assessed?

<p>Paper 1: The sociology of families and education</p>	<p>Paper 2: The sociology of crime and deviance and social stratification</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The sociology of families ▪ The sociology of education ▪ Relevant areas of social theory and methodology <p>Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The sociology of crime and deviance ▪ The sociology of social stratification ▪ Relevant areas of social theory and methodology <p>Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.</p>
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How will this prepare me for my next steps?

GCSE Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions and this qualification prepares students for their next steps after GCSE in a number of different ways. Sociology's subject matter is diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies. Students studying this subject unify the study of these diverse subjects developing an understanding of how human action and consciousness both shape and are shaped by surrounding cultural and social structures.

Students develop their analytical thinking and learn how research can be evaluated highlighting the strengths and limitations. The study of research methods provides students with a good foundation that will support their studies at A Level, not only in sociology, but in a number of different subject areas. Many of the topics taught at GCSE level are also found in the A level specification therefore provides GCSE students with the foundation knowledge needed to go on and study the subject in more depth at A Level and beyond.

Contribution to UTC/Studio aims

Throughout the GCSE course students will have opportunities to attend trips where they can enhance their learning experience and see sociological perspectives and structures in the real world and the impact the subject has had and can have in the future. Students also have the opportunity to hear from industry experts in our masterclass events. There are so many branches of sociology we feel it is important for our students to understand as many branches as possible to guide them towards careers they may be interested in entering into in the future. This includes masterclasses from social workers, lawyers, Journalists and marketing.

Careers/job ideas

Studying sociology can give you a whole host of exciting career options including:

- Social work
- Human resources
- Advertising
- Policing
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Law
- Teaching.