

# SOCIAL SCIENCE

## Sociology



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### Course Structure

Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	A Level (%)
Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	Written Exam	33.3%
Paper 2: Topics in Sociology Religion & Families and Households	Written Exam	33.3%
Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods	Written Exam	33.3%

### What does the course involve?

- A level sociology questions the reasons for why society is as it is – the role of each individual in society and why they have that role.
- The course would suit students who like to think about and explore the social world around them. Sociology will encourage students to question common sense assumptions, and to understand the world from other people's points of view.
- Students learn to dissect and evaluate contemporary issues e.g. are women's roles different from men? Is marriage declining? Why do certain students achieve more in education than others? Is the rate of crime rising or falling? Are we becoming a non-religious society?
- The course gives the students knowledge and understanding of the theories and methodologies of sociology.

### Further Study/Employment Prospects

- The course develops students' analytical and investigative skills as they question the beliefs and perceptions surrounding them.
- Sociology is a subject that can lead to a variety of careers in the private and public sector. These include journalism, the legal profession, social work, teaching, civil service, marketing, the police and politics to name a few.
- A level sociology provides a good foundation for Higher Education Studies in this subject and related areas.

### Entry Requirements

- Ideally a grade 5 in English Language
- An ability to study in a self-motivated and independent manner is essential. Widespread reading of newspapers and the Internet is required.
- Good writing and communication skills. You will need to be able to evaluate, interpret different types of data, and analyse information.