



SOCIOLOGY

Course Information

Sociology is basically a way at looking at the world we live in. We analyse how societies shape our beliefs and why we behave in a certain way.

Why study Sociology?

1. It will change the way you view life!
2. It is a fantastic accompanying subject and can be studied with a range of other subjects and give openings to a variety of careers.

Paper 1: Education with theory and methods

Why do males and females perform differently in education?

How do sociologists investigate education?

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology

Families and households

The impact of female employment on the family

Roles of males and females in the family

Beliefs in Society

The differences between science and religion as belief systems

Religious organisations including cults and sects and their relationship with belief and practice

Paper 3

Crime and deviance with theory and methods

Patterns and trends in crime

How is Sociology different to Psychology?

Sociology looks at how individuals behave in certain situations and how people in society are different whereas Psychology looks at how individuals think, learn and respond to external stimuli.

External visits

We have previously been to Alton Towers to work with undergraduates from the University of Staffordshire. The activity was to look at a crime (Sociology topic) and explain who committed it using 'forensic' testing (Psychology topic). Students have also attended revision conferences.

Career Pathway

This subject will be valuable in a number of different careers, particularly for those who are considering working with people, for example, teaching, social work, human resources and caring professions. From the exam board: *"A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology is regarded as a demanding and rigorous A Level which combines well with any other combination of subjects. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector. Graduates of sociology have higher levels of employment than many other subjects"*.



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