

<h1>Sociology</h1>	
Exam Board	AQA
Course Entry Criteria	B in a GCSE Humanities subject
Essential skills	<p>Subjects at GCSE will equip you with many of the skills that will enable you to become a sociologist, though these are not always an indicator of aptitude at A Level. Instead, a keen and critical interest in how society is organised, and the role of institutions and people within it is important. You might for example consider the importance of the police and criminal justice system in controlling crime, or the importance of education for future success in the work force. As such you will be expected to develop conceptual knowledge and apply your knowledge to contemporary sociological occurrences; you will also be expected to analyse sociological material, comparing and contrasting sociological viewpoints to reach an informed conclusion.</p> <p>The emphasis at A Level is on sociological core themes of socialisation, culture and identity alongside social differentiation, power and stratification. Students should therefore be acutely aware of current affairs and their links to stratification in contemporary society; these will often link with policy changes that affect everyday life for the many.</p>
Year 12	<p>Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context 3.1.1 Education (question types range from short answer to extended writing totalling 40 marks) and 3.1.2 Methods in Context (extended written response totalling 20 marks) <i>Paper 1 will be sat in one 1 hour 30 min written exam, worth 60 marks and 50% of AS Level</i></p> <p>Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics in Sociology 3.2.1 Research Methods and 3.2.2. Families and Households (1 hour 30 min written exam, 60 marks, 50% AS Level) <i>Paper two comprises of two sections both of which require students to complete questions that range from short answer to extended writing. Section A is worth 20 marks while Section B is worth 40 marks on this paper. Paper 2 will be sat in one 1 hour 30 min written exam.</i></p>
Year 13	<p>Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods 4.1.1 Education (question types range from short answer to extended writing totalling 50 marks) and 4.1.2 Methods in Context (extended written response totalling 20 marks) 4.1.3 Theory and Methods (extended written response totalling 10 marks) <i>Paper 1 will be sat in one two hour written exam, worth 80 marks and 33.3% of A Level</i></p> <p>Paper 2: Topics in Sociology 4.2.2 – Section A - Families and Households (extended writing, 40 marks) and 4.2.5 – Section B - Beliefs in Society (extended writing, 40 marks) <i>Paper 2 will be sat in one two hour written exam, worth 80 marks and 33.3% of A Level</i></p> <p>Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods 4.3.1 Crime and Deviance (question types range from short answer to extended writing totalling 50 marks) 4.3.2 Theory and Methods (extended written response worth 30 marks) <i>Paper 3 will be sat in one two hour written exam, worth 80 marks and 33.3% of A Level.</i></p>
University requirements	Typical grade requirements to study Sociology/ a Sociology related degree are as follows: Oxbridge: A* A A, Russell Group: A B B to B B B, Non Russell Group: A B B to C C C
Related courses and careers	History, Government and Politics, Psychology, Criminology, Law, Social Policy, Economics, Community worker, Housing manager, Information scientist, Journalist, Lecturer, HR Manager, Policing, Prison governor, Probation services, Teaching, Social worker, Social Researcher. Additional details can be found here: www.kent.ac.uk/careers/Sociology.htm
Other Details	Strong essay writing skills are needed to succeed in this subject. A scholarly approach to its study is also considered as part of the course with student engaging with complex material in a critical and evaluative manner. The scope of the material varies from the historical to contemporary society; students will also be challenged to engage with sociological debates that exist in terms of theoretical standpoints and also methodological considerations that researchers face in their study of society.