

Sociology A Level

Overview

This course is designed to enable you to:

Acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary social practices and social changes.

Appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in sociological debate.

Understand and evaluate sociological methodology and a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process.

Develop skills which enable individuals to focus on their personal identity roles and responsibilities within society.

Develop a lifelong interest in social issues.

Encourages candidates to develop the skill of critical thinking with respect to sociological theory and methodology and in terms of local, national and global issues and topics, including the nature of social change.

Provides opportunities for candidates to consider ethical problems in the context of sociological research.

Encourages candidates to examine the relationship between the personal and the social, particularly in terms of the development of an individual's identity with respect to gender, ethnicity, class, age, locality and nation. This serves to promote self-understanding as well as the intellectual and social development of individuals.

Will this course suit me?

This course is suitable for people who enjoy reading extensively and analysing what they read.

Students will be studying how society and institutions work and considering issues such as power and equality. Students will be expected to engage in informed discussion and debate.

Opportunities

This course provides a suitable foundation for the study of Sociology or a related area through a range of higher education courses (e.g. Criminology, Administration or Law); progression to the next level of vocational qualifications (e.g. Social Work or Nursing); or direct entry into employment. In addition, the specification provides a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study for candidates who do not progress to further study in this subject.