

SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL COURSE



The **Sociology A Level Course** will present you with various sociological theories and ask you to draw on your experiences and background knowledge, and also the new information provided in the course, to test their validity and accuracy.

People know and understand 95% of what is happening to them simply by living and learning, wrote the sociologist Professor Halsey. Sociology seeks to provide the other 5% by asking relevant questions and identifying general patterns of social relationships that are not necessarily recognised by those immediately involved.

Each full A Level Course consists of an AS and A2 Syllabus. The course is split into four modules, reflecting the new four module examination structure of A levels. The AS and A2 courses can be sat in their own right as an individual course, but you are required to have completed the AS level syllabus before starting on an A2 syllabus.

Each lesson begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self- assessment questions. There are fifteen Tutor-Marked Assignments (known as TMAs).

The Syllabus:

This course prepares candidates for the [AQA Sociology AS level syllabus 1191](#) for examination in 2009 and later years. Most candidates will then study the [AQA Sociology A2 level syllabus 2191](#) for examinations in June 2010 and later years. The overall syllabus code is 2190.

This specification offers candidates the opportunity of developing the essential knowledge and understanding of central aspects of sociological thought and methods. It is designed to encourage candidates to demonstrate the application of a range of skills and consider the integration of sociological themes:

- Socialisation, culture and identity
- Social differentiation, power and stratification.

Examinations:

AS

At this level, candidates will acquire knowledge of contemporary social processes and social changes. Candidates will be encouraged to develop their own social awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world.

- Paper 1 - Culture and Identity; Families and Households; Wealth, Poverty and Welfare (1 Hour) is 20% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2 - Education; Health; Sociological Methods (2 Hours) is 30% of the total A Level marks.

Price:
£350.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £155.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £65.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
A Level Examinations

Approximate Study Time:
700 Hours of Self Study

A2

At this level, candidates will continue to focus on contemporary society but they should demonstrate a wider range and greater depth of knowledge and understanding and more highly developed skills of application, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

- Paper 1 - Beliefs in Society; Global Development; Mass Media; Power and Politics (1 ½ Hours) is 20% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2 - Crime and Deviance; Stratification and Differentiation; Theory and Methods (2 Hours) is 30% of the total A Level marks.

Practical Skills/Coursework:

No Coursework with this syllabus.

Pre-Requirements:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C and above. These would ideally include English and Maths.

Additional Reading:

Sociology AS for AQA (S Moore, D Aiken & S Chapman) – ISBN: 0007267770 and Sociology for A2 for AQA Pupil Book (S Moore, D Aiken & S Chapman) – ISBN: 0007200641.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

There is no limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student to consolidate their learning and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates. We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of Candidates for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

A Level Examination Fees:

On average A Level examination fees are approximately £20.00 per exam, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the examination centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study A Level Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study an A Level then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most A Level's have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.