



Sociology A Level

Board: AQA, Specification 7192

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The course

Sociology is the study of human social life, groups and societies. It is a dazzling and compelling enterprise having as its subject matter our own behaviour as social beings. The core of sociology is extremely wide ranging from the analysis of encounters between individuals in the street up to the investigation of global social processes.

If you want to understand what makes this or any other society possible or why most of us conform to rules and norms of behaviour as if they were fixed, or what lies behind everyday interactions between individuals and groups, then sociology may be for you.

During the course you will study many topics as separate issues like family life, crime, and education. We try to understand how individuals behave in these areas. In addition, we try to identify the ways in which membership of certain groups, over which the individual may exercise very little control (e.g. social class, ethnicity and gender), exerts a profound influence over his/her life. We will discover that all aspects of social life are inter-connected and by studying sociology you will not have all the answers but you will be asking some very interesting questions about the society you and others live in.

Course content and assessment – 100% examination

Subjects studied at this level include:

Unit 1 Education & Theory And Methods (Examination)

Unit 2 The Family And Beliefs In Society (Examination)

Unit 3 Crime And Deviance & Theory and Methods (Examination)

A Level sociology is a subject which fits comfortably with English literature, media studies, psychology, history and/or science. In higher education almost all British establishments offer sociology both as a single honours subject and in combination with other subjects.

Vocationally, sociology is considered an advantage in occupations which involve dealing with people, e.g. management, teaching, social work, police, criminologists and public administration.

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Spanish A Level

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We live in a multi-lingual, global society. Whether it is for pleasure, travel or opening job prospects, the knowledge of a language is a valuable skill in its own right, and an asset when combined with another specialism. French, German and Spanish are currently the languages most sought after by UK employers.

The course

This course aims to:

- Build on the knowledge you gained at GCSE, furthering your languages skills in reading, listening, speaking and writing. You will become more fluent, independent and confident when interacting.
- Explore key issues in the context of a Spanish-speaking country which will inspire cultural curiosity. You will be able to develop your own views and express them in Spanish.
- Analyse Spanish literary and cinematographic work.
- Enable you to consolidate a range of general and language specific study and communication skills through research, group work, oral presentations, essay writing, use of ICT etc.

The emphasis in Year 12 is on developing your language proficiency through the study of a variety of themes rooted in Spanish-speaking countries. You will start by consolidating the foundations laid at GCSE during a carefully devised bridging programme. We then build on those skills gradually.

Given the nature of foreign language study, we work very hard to provide you with a variety of opportunities for foreign travel: study visits, work experience, trips to university, conferences for Sixth Formers and, when appropriate, theatre and cinema visits.

Course Content and Assessment

In Year 12, the course will focus on the following themes:

Aspects of Hispanic society:	Artistic culture in the Hispanic world:
Modern and traditional values	Modern day idols
Cyberspace	Spanish regional identity
Equal rights	Cultural heritage or cultural landscape

In Year 13, you will carry on developing your languages skills and study the following themes

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society:	Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world:
Immigration	Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
Racism	Monarchies, republics and dictatorships
Integration	Popular movements



Over the course of year 12 and 13, you will study a book and a film. You will also have the opportunity to pick your own area of interest and research it independently.

Examination

The A Level examination content will cover the themes, book and film studied in Years 12 and 13. The exam will include:

Paper 1	Listening and reading tasks, translation into English and translation into Spanish.
Paper 2	Essays on the book and film studied.
Speaking	A discussion about your independent research project, and one of the sub-themes studied in class.

Where next?

What do you need to study Spanish at A Level?

You need at least a grade 6 at GCSE Spanish. You should also have a genuine interest in language and foreign culture, with a desire to communicate in Spanish as much as possible.

Time spent in a Spanish-speaking country is also invaluable and you are encouraged to spend some time abroad during Years 12 and 13.

Why studying Spanish will be an advantage?

There are many well-worn yet valid arguments why language study is important. Remember that many in your generation will not have taken a foreign language to GCSE, even fewer at A Level and you will have an advantage on the job market having studied languages.

‘Working with languages’ is no longer just about translating, teaching or being a travel representative! Employers from all sectors and university admissions tutors from all subject areas respect and value language qualifications, for both the skills and the personal qualities they represent. A post-16 language qualification could give you the edge!

What can you do with languages at higher education?

This may seem a long way off, but it is worth thinking about, even at this early stage. Language courses at university are varied and interesting. A language is a subject which you can study with almost anything to make an exciting and marketable combination, e.g. finance, law, media, IT, engineering, business studies, English etc.

