

Sociology

A-Level

Who is the 'typical' criminal? Why do some groups underachieve at school? How have the roles of men and women changed in the family? If you are interested in such fascinating questions then Sociology maybe the subject for you.

What is the course about?

Sociology is the study of society and human behaviour. In particular, Sociologists look at how these key institutions, such as the family, school or media shape our individual beliefs and values. As members of society, you come to the course with attitudes and values, having taken part in social interaction with friends, family and strangers. This means that you already have some insight into the subject.

Topics covered in this course include:

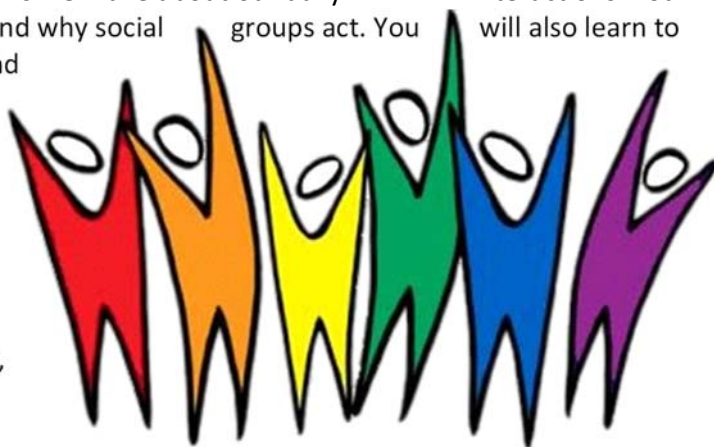
- The Sociology of Families and Households
- The Sociology of Education
- The Sociology of Crime and Deviance
- The Sociology of Beliefs
- Research Methods and Sociological Theory

What kind of student is this course suitable for?


As with any academic essay writing subject, you need to have good writing skills and the ability to grasp key concepts and theories. Independent learning skills, such as being prepared to read about the topic areas and take notes are also favourable. Sociology prepares you with valuable analytical skills and students often combine studying Sociology with humanities subjects, English or Psychology. However, it is a relevant and stimulating subject for anybody interested in people and society.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?


Sociology challenges some of the assumptions we make about our daily interactions. You will gain valuable understanding into how and why social groups act. You will also learn to develop your analytical skills by debating and criticising theories about social interaction for example, Marxism. You will become proficient at writing clearly, logically and persuasively. These transferable skills will prepare you for a range of career fields. These include Journalism, Media, Law, Teaching, Personnel, Business, Administration, Social Work, Physiotherapy, Banking and Criminology.



What if I need further advice or information?

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