

# Why choose AS and A-level Sociology?

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today?  
How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you?  
Whether men or women are more likely to commit a crime?

AS and A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all.

You will learn a number of skills including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts, and critical thinking. It is relevant to the society you live in so you are bound to enjoy learning about topics that are relevant to everyday life; plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

## Where will AS and A-level Sociology take you?

### Possible degree options

According to [bestcourse4me.com](http://bestcourse4me.com), the top six degree courses taken by students who have an A-level in sociology are:

- Sociology
- Psychology
- English studies
- Business studies
- Law
- Teaching.

### Possible career options

Studying sociology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Social work
- Human resources
- Advertising
- Policing
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Law
- Teaching.

Find out more  
[aqa.org.uk/sociology](http://aqa.org.uk/sociology)



## What topics will you study?

AS and first year of A-level	Second year of A-level
<p><b>Compulsory content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Methods in context</li><li>• Research methods</li></ul> <p><b>Optional content</b></p> <p>You choose one of the following topics in the exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culture and identity</li><li>• Families and households</li><li>• Health</li><li>• Work, poverty and welfare</li></ul>	<p><b>Compulsory content</b></p> <p>Education with theory and methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Methods in context</li><li>• Theory and methods</li></ul> <p>Crime and deviance with theory and methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime and deviance</li><li>• Theory and methods</li></ul> <p><b>Optional content</b></p> <p><b>Option one</b></p> <p>You choose one of the following options in the exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culture and identity</li><li>• Families and households</li><li>• Health</li><li>• Work, poverty and welfare</li></ul> <p><b>Option two</b></p> <p>You choose one of the following options in the exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beliefs in society</li><li>• Global development</li><li>• The media</li><li>• Stratification and differentiation</li></ul>

## Assessment

There are two exams at AS each worth 50% of your AS qualification. Each exam lasts for 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 60 marks. The exams consist of short answer and extended writing questions.

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions.

## Entry requirements

If you want to know more, please talk to your teacher.