

Sociology



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Exam Board

AQA A Level Sociology

Why study Sociology?

Sociology transforms your understanding of the world, it is useful for many careers and best of all it is interesting. It can be used to understand the law, teaching, health and the world business operates in. It will give you ideas about how to change your world and the world. Our students are very successful and go on to study the most competitive courses at the most competitive universities. In recent years, the department has received awards from the Good Schools Guide for the best results in the country.

Course Outline

All students study the social structure of contemporary society and reference is also made to cross-cultural studies. In particular, students become aware of the influences upon behaviour and look at why there are patterns of behaviour. For instance, students examine the reasons why children from working class backgrounds do not achieve as highly in education, why some ethnic groups are overrepresented in crime statistics and consider who benefits from the healthcare system. In addition, other institutions like the Church, the Education System and the Family are examined for their possible effects upon behaviour. Students also examine topics such as the role of women and the nature and distribution of poverty and wealth in modern Britain. Specific acts of behaviour such as crime, deviance, religious practice and cross-cultural comparisons will also be considered. Further to this, the social construction of health and illness will be explored in conjunction with a discussion of some of the possible solutions to illness. Underlying the syllabus are the key questions of: "What motivates behaviour?", "Where does our identity come from?" and "What policies should we pursue to address the social problems we encounter?"

Assessment

Written Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods (2hrs) 33.3% marks

Written Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (2hrs) 33.3% marks

Written Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods (2hrs) 33.3% marks

Where are they now?

Recent students of Sociology at CRGS have gone on to study:

- Adult Nursing (*Manchester*)
- Criminology (*Durham, Manchester Metropolitan*)
- English Literature and Sociology (*Newcastle*)
- Law (*Oxford, Lancaster, Sheffield Hallam*)
- HSPS (*Cambridge*)
- Paralegal Apprenticeship (*Keoughs LLP*)
- Psychology (*Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle, UCLAN, York*)
- Primary Education with QTS (*Sheffield Hallam*)
- Sociology (*Manchester*)
- Medicine (*Imperial*)
- Sociology and International Relations (*Leeds*)
- Sociology with Social Policy (*Bath, Edinburgh*)
- TV and Radio Production (*Salford*)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is any previous knowledge required to study this subject?

No previous knowledge of the subject is necessary, but a willingness to work hard and take an interest in contemporary social attitudes are of great benefit.

Students are required to meet the General Entry Requirement of a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 6 with at least GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths.

Q. What opportunities are there for Extended Learning?

Students are encouraged to take part in a variety of visits and trips to enhance their understanding of the subject. In recent years Sociology students have visited Moscow, Florida and San Francisco and New York, Washington, Beijing and Shanghai. The department's results are outstanding.

Exam Board Specification

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