



Year 12 Curriculum Overview: A level Sociology



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

1. Introduction to Sociology
2. Introduction to Sociological Theories and Research Methods
3. Introduction to Sociological Research Methods
4. Theory of Education – The Role of Education
5. Education Policy
6. Class and Education
7. Theories of the Family
8. Demography

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

- What is Sociology and how is it applicable to our everyday life?
- How do Sociologists study society?
- Marxist, Feminist, Functionalist, New Right, Post-modernism Theories.
- The Practical, Ethical and Theoretical Factors of Questionnaires, Interviews, Observation, Experiments, Documents and Official Statistics.
- Theoretical views on the role of education – Marxist, Functionalist, New Right.
- Theoretical views on the role of the Family..
- What are the patterns and trends in UK – marriage, divorce, birth, death etc.

What will you be assessed on?

- Short Questions – 4 and 6 mark exam questions.
- Quick Cycle test
- Google forms.
- 10 mark longer exam questions.
- 20 mark longer exam essay questions.
- Analysing item Qs – finding the 'hooks'
- Using PEEEL paragraphs

How can you help at home?

- Practise exam questions using the AQA website <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources>
- Access and use the Tutor2u resources <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>
- Access and use the A level Sociology Revision Folder on Show bie.
- Use Revise Sociology <https://revisesociology.com/>
- Buy the red and blue Sociology textbooks by Napier Press <https://napierpress.com/>

Spring Term

1. Ethnicity and Education
2. Gender and Education
3. Family Diversity
4. Childhood
5. Couples
6. Changing Family Patterns
7. Methods in Context

- Internal and external factors which lead to educational differences due to ethnicity.
- Internal and external factors which lead to educational differences due to gender.
- Family diversity modernity vs post-modernity.
- The social construction of childhood.
- Domestic division of labour.
- Changing gender roles within society.
- Using the six research methods to investigate areas of education e.g. classrooms, parents, students, teachers, schools.

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Summer Term

1. Family and Social Policy
2. Methods in Context continued
3. Consolidation of AS topics
4. Preparation for AS exam/internal mock exam
5. Revisit Sociological Theory (Year 13 content)

- The role of the Government – family policies and their impact.
- Using the six research methods to investigate areas of education e.g. classrooms, parents, students, teachers, schools.
- Consolidation of AS topics (Term 1 and Term 2)
- Exam practise – how to answer short and long essay Qs.
- Year 13 – Theory and Methods. Revisit the Sociological theories and methods.
- Marxist, Feminist, Functionalist and Social Action Theories.

- Short Questions – 4 and 6 mark exam questions.
- Quick Cycle test
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Year 13 Curriculum Overview: A level Sociology



Autumn Term

Topics/ content outline:

1. Theory of Religion
2. Religion and Social Change
3. Secularisation debate
4. Religion, Renewal and Choice
5. Theories of Crime and Deviance
6. Gender and Crime
7. Ethnicity and Crime

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

- Marxist, Functionalist and Feminist views on the role of religion.
- Is religion a conservative force or a force for change?
- New religious movements – new age movements.
- Functionalist, strain and subcultural theories of crime.
- Marxist, Labelling Theory and Realist views on crime.
- Patterns, trends and explanations for gender differences in crime.
- Patterns, trends and explanations for ethnic differences in crime.

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Spring Term

1. Religious Organisations, Movements and Members
2. Religion in a Global Context
3. Science and Ideology
4. Crime and media
5. Globalisation and Crime
6. Control Punishment and Victimology
7. Sociological debates

- Church, Denominations, Sects and Cults.
- Fundamentalism and religion – the power and significance of religion around the world.
- Is Science the new religion? Is science and religion an open or closed belief system?
- The influence of the media in creating moral panics – what impact does the media have on crime rates?
- International and transnational crime – the impact of globalisation on crime.
- How do we control and punish people?
- What is victimology? How are criminals and victims asocial construction?
- Is Sociology scientific, objective and value free? Or is Sociology subjective and value laden?

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Summer Term

1. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods
2. Globalisation, modernity and Postmodernity
3. Sociology and Social Policy
4. Paper 1 revision
5. Paper 2 revision
6. Paper 3 revision
7. Exam revision and consolidation

- Practical Ethical and Theoretical factors when conducting sociological research.
- Sociology and globalisation.
- Postmodernity and risk society.
- The impact of sociological research on social policies.
- How to answer exam questions.

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