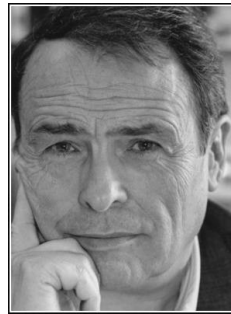


## A level Sociology– Subject Information Sheet



The difficulty, in sociology, is to manage to think in a completely astonished and disconcerted way about things you thought you had always understood.

— Pierre Bourdieu —

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### Why choose A Level Sociology?

Sociology is a subject that asks the big questions in our society. It explores the reasons for change in our society and attempts to explain the role and purpose of different institutions in our society and how individuals fit in. It is a subject that encourages students to develop their capacity for critical thinking and tap into the personal resistances we have towards examining controversial or uncomfortable topics.

### What other subjects would work well with A Level Sociology?

- Psychology
- Politics
- English Literature
- Philosophy and Ethics

### Description of the course

**Paper 1: Education with theory and methods** – differential education achievement, the role and function of education, relationships and processes in school and educational policy. We also cover the different methods sociologists use to conduct research, the strengths/limitations of each.

**Paper 2: Families and households and Beliefs in society** – demography, changing patterns in family size and structure, family diversity, childhood as a social construction. Beliefs in society covers the role of religion, secularisation and the impact of globalisation.

**Paper 3: Crime and deviance with theory and methods** – sociological perspectives such as Marxism, feminism and functionalism. The role of crime, reasons for committing crime and ways of tackling crime.

### Educational Progression and Career Opportunities.

What possible careers or degree subjects would A Level (subject) be useful for?

- Education (teaching/lecturer)
- Probation officer
- Social Worker
- Government and local government
- Youth worker
- Public Relations
- Social researcher
- Law
- Marketing

**Want to find out more? Here are some useful websites and resources to use.**

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>

<https://hecticteachersociology.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>