

AQA A Level Sociology Curriculum Map and Skills Criteria for 2023-2025

The AQA A Level Sociology course is 100% Examination. There is no coursework content. The aim is to gain a sustained mastery through practice and real-life application

	Introduction 1 Week	Term 1-3	Term 1 - 3	Term 3
Implementation Year 12	Introduction to sociology Overview of the content Exam format Subject requirements How to organise notes and create mind maps Explaining and analysing studies Dismiss misconceptions	Education Functions of the education system including class structure Educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender, and ethnicity Relationships and processes within schools, teacher/pupil relationships, pupil identities and subcultures. Educational policies, including policies of selection, marketisation and equality The impact of globalisation on educational policy. Approaches Marxism Functionalism Feminism New Right Modernity and post-modernity Application of approaches to education and policies	Research Methods Quantitative and qualitative Sources of data, including questionnaires, interviews, observation, experiments, and official statistics The relationship between positivism, interpretivism and sociological methods; the nature of 'social facts' Consensus, conflict, structural and social action theories The concepts of modernity and post-modernity in relation to sociological theory Application of research methods to the study of education	Family and Households The relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, the economy and state policies Changing patterns of marriage, including the sociology of personal life, and the diversity of contemporary family and household structures Gender roles, domestic labour, and power relationships within the family in contemporary society The nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society Demographic trends in the United Kingdom since 1900: birth rates, death rates, family size, life expectancy, ageing population, and migration and globalisation. Application of families and households to real life scenarios
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	Course overview 1 Week	Terms 1- 3	Terms 1 - 3	Terms 1 - 3

Implementation Year 13	Year 13 course	Beliefs in Society	Crime and Deviance	Theory and Methods: Application to year 12 and year 13 modules
	Overview of the content	Ideology, science and religion, including both Christian and non-Christian religions	Crime, deviance, social order and social control	Quantitative and qualitative methods and research design, Sources of data, including documents and official statistics, primary and secondary data
	Exam format	The relationship between social change and social stability and religious practices	The social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class	Positivism and interpretivism
	Subject requirements	Religious organisations, including cults, sects, denominations, churches and New Age movements, and their relationship to religious and spiritual belief and practice	Patterns and trends in crime	The theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing choice of topic, choice of method(s). Consensus, conflict, structural and social action theories
	How to organise notes and create mind maps	The relationship between different social groups and religious/spiritual organisations	Globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes	Modernity and post-modernity
	Investigations	The significance of religion and religiosity in the world	Crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies.	Sociology as a science
	Explaining and analysing studies	The nature of secularisation		Debates about subjectivity, objectivity, and value freedom.
Dismiss misconceptions			Sociology and social policy.	
Impact Assessment		Consolidation, application and exam practice	Exam practice and consolidation Analysis of key studies	Analysis of key studies, consolidation, exam papers, review and improvement