

## Sociology

A Level Sociology	Course Content	Assessment
Year 1 (AS)	<p><b><i>Education with Methods in Context</i></b> Here students will be expected to study the social factors likely to affect the educational achievement levels of different social groups and to conduct sociological research into issues such as negative teacher labelling and male underachievement in schools.</p> <p><b><i>Research Methods and Families and Households</i></b> Here we examine the rise of the nuclear family, the rise of family diversity and the increase in divorce. Again students are expected to conduct sociological research on social attitudes towards same sex families and who does most of the housework at home.</p>	No external examinations
Year 2 (A Level)	<p><b><i>Education with Theory and Methods</i></b> This module draws on knowledge students learn from <b><i>AS on paper 1 'Education with Methods in Context'</i></b> with an additional focus on those sociological theories used to explain differing educational issues and the methods of enquiry they use.</p> <p><b><i>Topics in Sociology - Families and Households and Mass Media.</i></b> Here students draw on knowledge gained from the <b><i>AS Families and Households</i></b> as well as a new <b><i>A2 topic on Mass Media</i></b> where students focus on a variety of media issues including stereotyping and violence in the media.</p> <p><b><i>Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods</i></b> This module helps students to focus on the differing rates of offending and victimisation experienced by different social groups in society with an additional focus on reasons for gang violence, corporate crime, green crime and state crime in society. Again sociological theory and methods used to investigate criminality are emphasised.</p>	<p><b><i>Paper 1</i></b> - 2 hour examination</p> <p><b><i>Paper 2</i></b>- 2 hour examination</p> <p><b><i>Paper 3</i></b> -2 hour examination</p>

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## **Where are they now?**

*Samantha Lee*

*A Levels - Psychology, Sociology and Textiles*

*I have attended one sociology trip designed to support my degree choice and went to 'The Manchester Police Museum which helped me to understand the role of the police in UK society.*

*Now at Liverpool John Moore's University studying Criminology*

*Megan Strode*

*A levels – Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology.*

*I have attended a sociology trip to 'The Slavery Museum in Liverpool' which gave me a deeper insight into the history of race relations in the UK.*

*Now at University of Birmingham studying Sociology and Social Policy.*

## **Learning outside the classroom**

Sociological research / online resources for independent study.

### **Study Support**

When you enrol we'll make sure that you're receiving all the support you need, for example you may be entitled to extra time in your exams, you may benefit from working with a dyslexia tutor or you may simply need help with organising your time and many pieces of paper!

### **Academic Challenge**

If you are keen to continue with Sociology to University you will receive help with choosing which university and which course is right for you, we'll support your development of interview skills, guide you to further reading or viewing, challenge you with additional discussion and inspire you with activities and trips. Workplace representatives from social services tend to visit to tell you about career opportunities in social or community, police or probation work and visiting speakers from universities will give you a glimpse as to what further study in Sociology involves.

## **From school pupil to Winstanley student**

No experience at GCSE necessary!!!

Taster days/Bridging courses /Associate students/Recommended reading.