Sociology

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Key topics covered

The following units are studied as part of Sociology A-Level:

- Education
- Culture and Identity
- Media
- Crime and Deviance
- Research Methods

Recommended Textbook and/or resources

The following website is extremely useful in supporting your progress in Sociology:

https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology

However, there will be no requirement to buy any resources for this course, we provide any textbook, knowledge books or revision guides you may need.

Why Study the Subject/what students Like about it

Our Sociology A-level results are in the top 5% of the country.

Sociology is the study of society and of people and their behaviour and in particular is concerned with humans in groups rather than the individual. Over the last couple of centuries sociologists have studied a vast and diverse range of topics including sexuality, popular music, the body, ethnic conflict, poverty, sport, science, health, the law, drug use, war, religion, death, colonialism, housework, mobile phones, youth subcultures, humour and many more..

"Sociology has genuinely made me look at the world differently, it has made me question everything I see around me" (Former Y13 Student at Hellesdon Sixth Form)

Opportunities outside the classroom

Students have the opportunity to engage in a primary research project of their choosing to support their own understanding of Sociologists work. This gives students the opportunity to engage in a wider knowledge base beyond the exam specification.

In Y13 students are given the opportunity to visit the Norwich Combined Court Centre to observe the criminal justice system and apply their learning to real world settings.

The Social Sciences Department has strong links with the UEA and students have the opportunity to engage with professionals, alumni and current students in exploring the subject and its future pathways.

Future progression/career routes

Students who have studied Sociology at Hellesdon have gone on to work in the media, law and other institutions of criminal justice, public relations, market research, social work, nursing, foreign aid and development and teaching. Many who have studied the course have also inspired to stay in an academic environment researching aspects of Sociology for the remainder of their careers.

