

Sociology

Course description

Sociology is the study of society - how people interact in groups. A level Sociology examines social behaviour from a variety of perspectives: how it originates and then develops, and the ways people are organised into groups according to distinctions such as class, gender and race. A level Sociology also looks at the institutions and forces which shape and are shaped by groups within a society, such as the media, religion and education.

Course content

Year 1 topics: Families and Households, Education, and Research Methods

Year 2 topics: Crime and Deviance, Beliefs in Society and Sociological Theory and Research Methods

Assessment (breakdown for the full two year course)

Paper 1— Education, Sociological Theory and Research Methods

- Written exam 2 hours in total, 80 marks in total, 33.3% of total A-level.
- Short answer and extended writing in each section.

Paper 2— Topics in Sociology

- Written exam 2 hours in total, 80 marks in total, 33.3% of total A-Level
- Families & Households, Beliefs in Society
- Extended writing in each section

Paper 3— Crime and Deviance, Sociological Theory and Research Methods
(same as bullet points for paper 1)

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Recommended textbook / revision guide

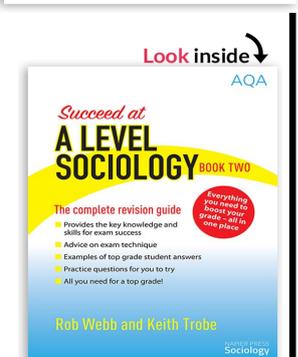
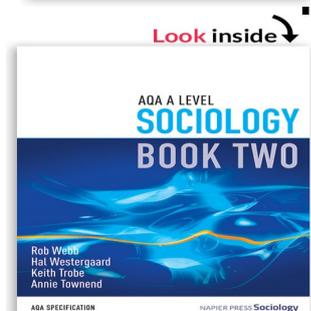
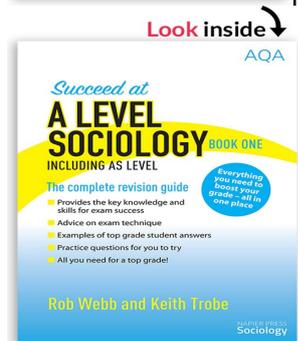
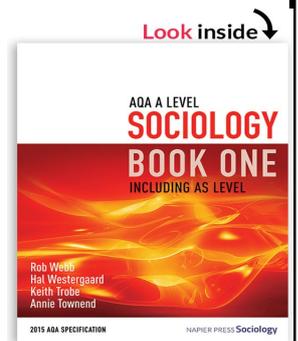
Year 12

- Napier Press: AQA Sociology for A-Level year Book 1 (orange cover)
- Napier Press: AQA A-Level Sociology Book 1 revision.

Year 13

- Napier Press: AQA Sociology for A-Level year Book 2 (blue cover)
- Napier Press : AQA A-Level Sociology Book 2 Revision.

Whilst it is not essential for students to have their own copy of the textbook it would be advantageous for students to have a copy to complement their notes and promote wider reading



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Future pathways

Sociology provides an excellent starting point for any social science degree from Economics, Psychology, and Politics to Criminology and Philosophy. Sociology A level complements a wide range of other A level subjects. Sociology is an academic subject teaching you transferable skills so really it's up to you which area of work you choose to go into afterwards.

- Journalism
- Criminology
- Teaching
- Politics
- Researcher
- Market research analyst
- Recruitment consultants
- Human resources
- Judiciary system
- Prison service
- Uniformed services
- Social worker