

Stepney Green Sixth Form. A Level Sociology: Curriculum Statement

Intent

Aim

This course aims to provide students with the opportunity to engage with topics that will introduce them to the many fields of Sociology in the workforce. Much of the content covered is also relevant to social surroundings that people are exposed to on a day-to-day basis. Pupils will be taught to use the information they have learned in the course, and put it into practice in the real world. This could be through applying theories of education to understanding educational achievement in particular demographic students, the misrepresentation of pupil. They will also adapt in journalistic techniques when studying The Media. Crime and Deviance also helps to understand how social policies are put in place to deter from police officers.

Curriculum

AS Sociology (Year 1) is the first half (50%) of the A Level course that will contribute to your overall grade. This year can be either taken as a standalone AS course, or incorporated into the full A Level. During the AS Sociology course, students will sit two examination papers at the end of the year. The first paper will assess you on the content you have learned during the first unit. The second paper will assess you on the content you have learned during the second unit. There is no coursework in A Level Sociology. Though there will be plenty of opportunities to create and participate in your own sociological investigations with your peers.

Year 13 Sociology (Year 2) is the second half (50%) of the Psychology course. A combination of both years will certify you of completing the full A Level Sociology course. The second year will involve completing three papers at the end of the year. Each exam assessment is equivalent to 33.3% of the overall mark. The first and third exam papers cover compulsory topics that have been taught throughout your AS and A2 year. The second paper includes a two topics surrounding issues in society. There is no coursework in Year 2 A Level Sociology. Though there will be plenty of opportunities to create and participate in your own investigations with your peers.

The third paper includes a range of topics such as crime and deviance and theory and methods. There is no coursework in Year 2 A Level Sociology. Though there will be plenty of opportunities to create and participate in watching and observing sociological investigations in real life scenarios.

Assessment Objectives

AO1: The 'describe it' objective. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: • sociological theories, concepts and evidence • sociological research methods

AO2: The 'apply it' objective. Apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues

AO3: The 'evaluate it' objective. Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to: • present arguments • make judgements • draw conclusions.

Style of assessment questions:

There will be an array of different questions styles during your exam. They are listed below.

Multiple choice questions: this style consists of a number of items that pose a question to which students must select an answer from among a number of choices.

Short answer questions: this style consists of open-ended questions that require students to create an answer. They are commonly used to assess basic knowledge and understanding of a topic. There will be an array of different questions styles during your exam. They are listed below.

- ✓ The MINIs: short answer questions that are the first 10 marks in all exam papers.
- ✓ Thirty: A LEVEL only. This is the highest number of marks you can get in an essay on the course. This requires an introduction, main body (minimum of five paragraphs) and a conclusion.
- ✓ THE 10: A LEVEL only. This is a theory and methods question found in Paper 1 and 3. THE = THEory...
- ✓ THE 20: A LEVEL only. This is a theory and methods question found in Paper 1 and 3. Requires more in-depth analysis. THE = THEory...
- ✓ Score: A 20 marker (hence the name) that is based on content.
- ✓ Score MIC: A 20 marker (hence the name) that requires application from STEM to be included in answer.
- ✓ 10 X: a 10 marker that is based on eXplaining content.
- ✓ 10 A: a 10 marker that is based on Analysing content.
- ✓ RM 4: AS only. A short research methods questions.
- ✓ RM 16: AS only. A longer research methods questions that will usually require you to also evaluate the method that has been given in question.

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Implementation

Content

The department continuously updates the rigorous structure of the curriculum on a half-termly basis, ensuring both teaching staff and students are aware of information to be taught and content to be revisited. Content is taught in a chronological manner, whereby all lessons for Paper 1 exam is taught at the beginning of Year 12, Paper 2 lessons are taught midway through Year 12 and Paper 3 lessons are delivered at the beginning of Year 13. Allowing extensive opportunity for our students to revise thoroughly over their linear course in the second term of Year 13 up to their exam dates.

AS Paper 1 content is broken down below:

Education (40 marks)

Methods in Context (20 marks).

A Level Paper 1 content is broken down below:

Education (40 marks)

Methods in Context (20 marks)

Theory and Methods (20 marks)

AS Paper 2 content is broken down below:

Research Methods (20 marks)

Families and Households (40 marks)

A Level Paper 2 content is broken down below:

Families and Households (40 marks)

The Media (40 marks)

A Level Paper 3 content is broken down below:

Crime and Deviance (60 marks)

Theory and Methods (20 marks)

Teaching and Learning

Lessons will be interactive, inspiring and informative. As a Sociology student, you are required to actively participate in lessons by answering questions, contributing to discussions and sharing ideas. You will be given the chance to work in groups, create presentations, participate in experiments, and practice the art of independent study.

The course will be delivered by more than one specialist in the field. You will use the same folder with different dividers to keep your work organised.

How we will support you to do this:

- ✓ By creating innovative learning activities for you to develop a deeper understanding and passion for the subject.

- ✓ Support your learning where necessary, and provide additional intervention lessons or study sessions where possible.
- ✓ Endeavour to produce a safe, fun and positive learning environment for everyone.
- ✓ Set regular assignments and homework which will be marked and returned in due time, to help support you with your individual progress during the course.

Assessments

Extended writing questions: this style consists of a broad question presented on a particular subtopic where students are expected to answer in an essay style format, incorporating the assessment objectives. Sociology has essay questions ranging from 10, 20 to 30 marks and each require similar methods of literacy although some adaptations are required along the way. Students are challenged in lessons, and additional projects are presented to G&T students who can complete the work accordingly and on time.

Stepney Green Sixth Form has three assessment point drops, one in each term. Within A Level Sociology we also include intermittent mini assessment in the first half of each term. This means by the end of one academic year, students are summatively assessed six times with formative assessments consistently being embedded throughout the course. This includes an array of work such as homework, timed essays in class, pop quizzes and self/peer assessed exam questions. Holistic assessments include past exam papers and exam papers created by the department.

Impact

This qualification will allow students to find their footing in any socially stimulating institution that requires a keen eye to observe surroundings, understand how information is gathered and assess the efficacy of social policies. With much sociological research having a direct impact on policies, it is integral that students have a drive to continuously keep up to date with contemporary research.

Studying Sociology will open doors to numerous fields such as;

- Human Resources representative
- Healthcare professional
- Guidance counsellor for local or national government
- Social Worker
- Management consultant
- Market research analyst
- Policy analyst for government
- Public relations specialist
- Survey researcher