

AQA GCSE SOCIOLOGY: 8192 Specification

GCSE Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification.

Students will develop their analytical, assimilation and communication skills by comparing and contrasting perspectives on a variety of social issues, constructing reasoned arguments, making substantiated judgements and drawing reasoned conclusions. By studying sociology, students will develop transferable skills including how to:

- investigate facts and make deductions
- develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
- analyse and better understand the social world.

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course.

GCSE Sociology: Subject content

1. The sociological approach
2. Social structures, social processes and social issues
3. Families
4. Education
5. Crime and deviance
6. Social stratification
7. Sociological research methods

GCSE Sociology: How it's assessed

Paper 1: The sociology of families and education

- The sociology of families
- The sociology of education
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Paper 2: The sociology of crime and deviance and social stratification

- The sociology of crime and deviance
- The sociology of social stratification
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks

- 50% of GCSE

Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

Lay-out of the questions on papers 1 and 2:

- Section A has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.
- Section B has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.