

How to Succeed in Sociology

Course Information

Exam Board	AQA
Exam Structure	<p>Paper 1: The Sociology of Families and Education Paper 2: The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each Written exam is: 1 hour 45 minutes• Each paper is worth 100 marks (200 marks in total)• Each paper is worth 50% of GCSE• Each paper will also include relevant areas of social theory and methodology <p>Section A has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.</p> <p>Section B has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.</p>
Specification weblink	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/specification/specification-at-a-glance
Practice exam papers weblink	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/assessment-resources

Units/Topics studied

Over the 2-year course of study students will have covered various aspects of Sociology focused on the topics below:

The Sociology of Families

Functions of families

Family Forms

Conjugal role relationships

Changing relationships within families

Criticisms of families

Divorce

The Sociology of Education

Roles and functions of education

The relationship between education and capitalism

Educational Achievement

Processes within schools

The Sociology of Crime and Deviance

The social construction of crime and deviance

Social Control

Criminal and deviant behaviour

Data on crime

The Sociology of Social Stratification

Functionalist theory of Stratification

Socio-economic class

Life chances

Poverty as a social issue

Power and authority

Power relationships

Sociological Research methods (questions will be tailored to each of the above topics with a research method focused. These will be throughout both papers)

Research Design

Qualitative and quantitative methods

Different types of data

Primary and secondary sources

Interpretation of data

Practical Issues

Ethical Issues

Revision strategies and materials

Effective revision strategies

- Knowledge tests
- Mind maps of key concepts and theories
- Past papers and practising exam questions
- Flashcards (making and going over the information)
- Testing selves with flashcards and also other students
- Planning 12 mark questions
- AQA GCSE specific videos
- Student teacher – Teach another student

- Create a podcast
- Flow diagrams of sociological theories

Revision materials:

- Specification checklist
- Sociology Guide provided to students in Year 10
- A3 topic overview sheets (provided for homework)
- Knowledge organisers
- Revision Guide
- Practice exam questions
- Exercise book with key words, studies and vocabulary.

Approved revision guide and textbook with ISBN:

- AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Complete Revision and Practice: Ideal for home learning, 2022 and 2023 exams (Collins GCSE Grade 9-1 Revision) ISBN: 0008227454
- AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology Student Text Book (Collins) ISBN: 000822014X
- AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology Revision Cards (Collins GCSE Grade 9-1 Revision) ISBN:

Links to online revision resources:

Seneca Learning: Range of resources for Sociology

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Tutor2u: A range of quick fire videos with quiz questions to aid revision

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections/quick-revise-aqa-gcse-sociology-revision-blast-videos>