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Hillcrest Sixth Form

Sociology



What does studying Sociology involve?

As a student of Sociology, you will be challenged to re-evaluate your understanding of your own autonomy (independence). We are taught to see ourselves as masters of our own fate, as free agents charting our own course through life. Sociology challenges that understanding. The course is a suitable foundation for the study of sociology or a related area of higher education courses such as criminology or law. Sociology can be used to support vocational studies such as health and social care, nursing and social work. Learners will be offered a choice of topics that include families, youth culture, the community, education, religion, mass media, crime, politics, health and disability, social divisions and world sociology.

What skills will I develop?

Sociology is a subject that by its nature requires candidates to consider spiritual, moral and cultural issues. Studying Sociology should foster development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity. It should provide an awareness of the importance of social structure and social action in explaining social issues. The emphasis on skills allows learners to develop and demonstrate their 'sociological imagination' by focusing on their own personal identity, responsibilities and roles within society. In practical terms this may involve analyzing government policies, canvassing public opinion, assessing the quality of life, forecasting social trends, recommending alternative policies, and helping the disadvantaged.

What subjects compliment Sociology?

Sociology is a subject which investigates our relationship within society, and all the institutions that go to make up society. This means that this subject is complementary to most other subjects. Subjects usually studied with Sociology are Philosophy & Ethics, Psychology, Health and Social Care, Geography and Law. There are few professions that do not in one way or another rely on sociological knowledge.

Entry requirements:

Students are required to have gained at least 5 A*-C at GCSE and between a grade 9-6 in GCSE English.

Where will the subject take me?

Degree Courses in Social Science, Law, History, International Relations.

The most popular employment destinations for Sociologists were:

- Commercial, industrial and public sector managers (12.5%)
- Business and financial associate professional (5.7%)
- Other professional, associate professional and technical occupations (16.2%)
- Health and childcare related occupations (8.9%)
- Retail (13.1%)
- Clerical and secretarial occupations (17.8%)
- 2% were in media and PR, 2.3% were teaching professionals and 3.2% in the police, army and other protection services.

Course content and assessment:

Component 1

Socialisation and Culture - (40%)
Written examination 2 hours 30 minutes
Cultural transmission; Families and households: Education

Component 2

Methods of Sociological enquiry - (20%)
Written examination 1 hour 45 minutes
Design, justify and evaluate a piece of sociological research

Component 3

Power and Stratification - (40%)
Written examination 2 hours 30 minutes
Crime and Deviance, World Sociology

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