

SOCIOLOGY EXAM STRUCTURE

AS and first year of A-Level

Compulsory content:

- Education (Paper 1)
- Methods in context (Paper 1)
- Research methods (Paper 2)

Optional content:

- Families and households (Paper 2)

Assessment:

There are two exams at AS each worth 50% of your AS qualification. Each exam lasts for 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 60 marks. The exams consist of short answer and extended writing questions.

Second year of A-level

Compulsory content:

- Education (Paper 1)
- Methods in context (Paper 1)
- Crime and deviance (Paper 3)
- Theory and methods (Paper 3)

Optional content:

- Families and households (Paper 2)
- Beliefs in society (Paper 2)

Assessment:

There are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. Each exam lasts 2 hours and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions.

The course structure for the AS and A-level is the same in the first year - we will prepare you so they can sit either the AS and/or A-level. The end of year assessments differ slightly, but we will practice both types of exam skills throughout the year.

The similarities include:

- Both the AS and A-level have one 10 mark 'Outline and explain two' question with no item
- Both the AS and A-level have one 20 mark 'Applying material from an item, evaluate...' question

The differences include:

- The number of marks awarded for sections
- The style of question e.g. application to an item