



Bideford College

Part of the Athena Learning Trust

Sociology

**Subject Information
For admissions in September**

Sociology

Course Title : A level Sociology

OCR Qualification Title: A-level Sociology H580

Specification link :

<https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/sociology-h180-h580-from-2015/>

Subject Outline

Sociology is the study of society. Sociologists are interested in how societies work and the ways in which individuals, groups and institutions are interrelated. We study different institutions (e.g. the family, education and the media) and ask questions about their structure, in whose interests they operate and the effect that they have on individuals and on society as a whole.

Paper 1 (Year 12): Socialisation, Culture and Identity

This component introduces learners to the key themes of socialisation, culture and identity and develops these themes through the context of Families. This option develops skills that enable individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society and develop a lifelong interest in social issues.

Paper 2 (Year 12 and 13): Research Methods and Researching Inequalities

This component explores the methods of sociological enquiry and develops knowledge and understanding of contemporary social processes and social change in the context of social inequality and difference. This component aims to foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity in terms of social class, gender (Year 12), ethnicity and age (Year 13). It develops links between the nature of sociological thought and methods of sociological enquiry. Although not directly assessed, this component encourages learners to carry out their own small-scale research projects as a way of enhancing their sociological understanding of methodology, substantive topic areas and core themes.

Paper 3 (Year 13): Debates in contemporary society

This component engages learners in theoretical debates and how these relate to a contemporary global society. The component will develop knowledge and understanding of social processes and social change. It develops links between the topics studied in this component, the nature of sociological thought, contemporary social policy and the core themes. Contemporary and global debates are introduced through a compulsory topic of 'Globalisation and the digital social world' in Section A, whilst Section B explores them in more depth from a detailed study of crime and deviance.

Entry Requirements:
Minimum of grade 6 in English

Possible progression routes:
Careers in areas such as welfare, education, social research, local and central government, law, marketing and PR, NHS, Police and probation services

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How to apply?

To apply to Bideford College Sixth Form please complete our online application form:

<https://www.bidefordcollege.uk/sixth-form>

Our admissions team will then be in contact to arrange a Sixth Form interview to discuss your options, your aspirations, and to provide advice and guidance on your next steps.

If you cannot access the website, or would like to submit a paper based application please email or call.

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Further details about all of the courses we offer can be found on our website.