

SOCIOLOGY



Sociology is the study of society, social interactions, structures, institutions, relationships and culture of everyday life. This is how the course is split in terms of topics:



Year 1

Socialisation and culture

Family

Education

Research methods

Year 2

Inequality

Crime and deviance

Task 1: Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio&t=6s>

Watch the clip and take notes on what sociology is, give some specific examples and add further detail to the definition above.

Task 2: Pinterest page – cultural identity and subcultures

One topic we look at is culture and also subcultures which are smaller cultures within a culture. These are usually formed during youth and are based on fashion and leisure activities, unfortunately some of these are often deviant and criminal too.

So, carry out some research on subcultures through time, start with the 1950s onwards and create a Pinterest page of your images. Here are few to look at:

Teddy boys

Mods and rocks

Punks

Goths

Skinhead

Hippies

Plus many more.....see what you can find



Task 3: Inequality and social groups

Inequality – unequal/unfair/having less opportunities

In sociology we study broad social groups and how being part of these can influence our life chances these include: class, gender, ethnicity and age.

Pick 1 broad social group then within that focus on 1 of the following: working class/men/women/ black and minority ethnic groups/older/younger people. Feel free to extend your research to other social groups if you want to do more than 1.

Carry out some research on how that group experiences inequality in society, give specific examples and statistics where possible, consider the following in your answer, they are not all required:

- Family
- Work
- Education
- Media
- Health
- Crime/policing
- Religion

Task 4: Crime and deviance

Find a newspaper article about a particular crime in society, you might want to focus on a recent crime trend:

- Knife crime
- Domestic violence
- Corporate crime – crimes which companies carry out
- Cybercrime
- Theft
- Public order offences
- Violence

Carry out further statistical research on this particular type of crime, this could be a graph – ONS is a good starting place - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>
Explain why this crime has increased or what the main cause is and include the social groups who are more likely to commit this crime and be a victim of it.

Task 5: Family

Compare families in the 1950s to families now, consider the following:

Roles of parents

Housework & childcare

Children's roles

Discipline

Leisure activities

Types of family

Impact of divorce and changes in society on families today

1950s family

2020 family

Go to BBC iPlayer online or on catch up and type in **Back in Time for the Weekend 1950s episode**, this will help with the task of comparing 1950s families to now.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06zyt8q/back-in-time-for-the-weekend-1-the-50s>

Websites/extension tasks

American Sociological Association - <https://www.asanet.org/>

British Sociological Association - <http://www.discoversociology.co.uk/For-Students>

Sociology online - <http://www.sociologyonline.co.uk/>

Sociology Guide - <https://www.sociologyguide.com/>

Office for National Statistics - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Assessment criteria – please bring evidence to the first lesson that you have completed all tasks set

A – All tasks fully completed

B – Majority of tasks fully completed

C – Some tasks fully completed

D – Few tasks fully completed

E – Tasks not completed