

O Level Sociology (2251)

Overview

Recommended Prior Knowledge

This course provides a general introduction to the study of sociology and no specific prior knowledge is required.

Context

The content of this course is organised into eight study units, which explore the nature of social relationships, processes and structures. The first unit is compulsory and provides a foundation for the other units in the syllabus by considering methods and procedures employed in sociological research. Knowledge and understanding of research methods and their strengths and limitations is a key component of the syllabus which underpins each of the other study units.

Outline

The eight study units are:

- Unit 1 : Methodology
- Unit 2 : Culture and Socialisation
- Unit 3 : Social Stratification and Inequality
- Unit 4 : Power and Authority
- Unit 5 : Family
- Unit 6 : Education
- Unit 7: Crime, Deviance and Social control
- Unit 8 : The Mass Media

Learning resources

- Syllabus
- IGCSE Sociology Standards Booklet
- Past question papers and mark schemes

Reading list

Blundell, J. Active Sociology for GCSE. Longman (2001). ISBN 0-582-43443-2

Browne, K. An Introduction to Sociology (3rd Ed). Polity (2005). ISBN 0745632580

Kirby M et al, Sociology in Perspective. Heinemann (1997). ISBN 0435331566

O'Donnell G, Mastering Sociology, 4th Ed, Palgrave (2002). ISBN 9780333919569

Wilson ,P and Kidd, A. Sociology for GCSE. Collins Educational (1998). ISBN 0003224449

Websites

UK National Statistics
www.statistics.gov.uk

US Census Bureau
www.census.gov

Sociology Learning Support
www.chrisgardner.cadcol.ac.uk

Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences
www.atss.org.uk

New Internationalist
www.newint.org

Revision Guides, Sociology Review
www.philipallan.co.uk

Sociology Online
www.sociologyonline.co.uk

Sixth Sense Resources
<http://sixthsense.osfc.ac.uk/sociology/index.asp>

tutor2u – GCSE revision
<http://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/default.html>

UK government
www.direct.gov.uk

Video / DVD and other resources
www.sociology.org.uk/rload.htm