



UXBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL



Sixth Form Transition Pack

Sociology Year 13

COURSE INTRODUCTION

Sociology is the study of the society that we all live in. Sociology looks at how our social characteristics affect our chances and experiences in life. We study gender, ethnicity and social class and ask why different kinds of people are less likely to have good health, achieve good qualifications, have social status and be more likely to commit a crime, be poor and die at an early age.

When mores are sufficient, laws are unnecessary; when mores are insufficient, laws are unenforceable

- *Émile Durkheim*

Assessments

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	+	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology	+	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
What's assessed Compulsory content 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3		What's assessed Section A: one from option 1: 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 or 4.2.4 Section B: one from option 2: 4.2.5, 4.2.6, 4.2.7 or 4.2.8		What's assessed Compulsory content 4.3.1, 4.3.2
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A-level 		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A-level 		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A-level
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks 		Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: extended writing, 40 marks Section B: extended writing, 40 marks 		Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks

At UHS, the topics selected for paper two are Families and Households and The Media. Use the following link to gain a better understanding of the spec. It is a **requirement** of the course that you are familiar with the exam structure.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/subject-content-a-level/topics-in-sociology>

Tasks to be completed

Introduction to Crime & Deviance (Paper 3)



1. Using POLICE.UK, the ONS site, and your own research, investigate crime rates in the Uxbridge area.

Can you identify any trends? Are there any groups of people (ethnicity, gender, class) that are over represented in particular types of crime?

Use your knowledge from this year's units to discuss why groups may be over represented in crime stats (either as victims or perpetrators).

POLICE.UK - <https://www.police.uk/metropolitan/00AS05N/crime/stats/>

ONS -

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingdecember2018>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingdecember2018#latest-figures>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/race-and-the-criminal-justice-system-2016>



measuring crime

2. **Media & Crime:** Do your findings correlate with what you see in the Media? How so? Create a mind map of the different ways media influences people's ideas of crime using contemporary examples.

- Do you think official statistics are reliable?
Why/why not? Explain your answer

- Do you think ONS statistics are valid?
Why/why not? Explain your answer



- Which other ways could we research crime rates in the UK? Identify and explain at least one other method and evaluate the reliability and validity

Recommended reading list

It is expected that you can demonstrate to the examiners that you have been partaking in wider reading. Below is a list of book/journals and websites you could use over the next two years and beyond at university.

Title	Author
Social class in the 21 st Century	Mike Savage
This is London	Ben Judah
Gang leader for a day	Sudhir Venkatesh
Respectable	Lynsey Hanley
McMafia	Misha Glenny
Homo Deus: A brief history of tomorrow	Yuval Noah Harari
Goth: Identity, style and subculture	Paul Hodkinson
Black like me	John Howard Griffin
No logo	Naomi Klein
Subculture: The meaning of style	Dick Hebdige
The establishment	Owen Jones
Chavs: The demonization of the working class	Owen Jones