

A-Level Sociology Part 1

Summary

This qualification focuses on the issues that shape our society - like identity, inequality, power, education, crime and culture. You'll explore how social groups interact and how family, media and education impact opportunities, behaviour and beliefs. This course builds valuable skills in critical thinking, analysis and argument construction – important in everyday life and widely valued if you want to work in sectors like education, social work, journalism, criminology or public policy.

PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level.

You will need to apply for each part separately. You can start an A-level at any time of the year, but exams usually take place in June. Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold A-level exams as many cannot facilitate this. Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release - we will be happy to advise you further on this.

Course Provider	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200 www.nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	AQA
Academic level	Level 3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English
Format of course material	Paper-based
Structure of course	<p>Five Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Sociology of Education and Schools (School Relationships and Processes, School Sub-cultures) 2. Educational Achievement (Class, Gender and Ethnicity and Educational Achievement, Educational Policies) 3. Sociological Research Methods (Theory, methods, research, data sources, quantitative and qualitative data)

	<p>4. The Sociology of Families and Households (Politics, social policy, changing families)</p> <p>5. Childhood Gender and Demographic Change (Gender roles and power, demographic change and the family)</p>
Assignments	5 written assignments
Exam	3 invigilated, closed book exams (60 minutes each)
Study hours	150
Course expiry date	24 months
Prison support requirements	Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor. Co-ordinate with NEC to arrange and facilitate exams.
Supplier tutor's support	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
Certificate	Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level. On successful completion of either exam, you will receive a certificate.
Progress	There are range of possible progression options including A-Level Sociology Part 2 and the Open University Psychology, Social Science and Wellbeing Access Module (Y034). Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).