## University of Birmingham School Curriculum Outline: SOCIOLOGY

Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Introduction to Sociology	Family (4.2.2.)	PPE 1	Family (4.2.2.)	Family (4.2.2)	F <mark>amily (4.2.2)</mark>
Introduction to key themes and perspectives.	Social policy	Family (4.2.2)	Childhood	PPE 2	Family diversity
	Theory and Methods (4.3.2):	Couples		Demography, Changing family patterns.	
	filed experiments.	Theory and Methods (4.3.2): Interviews:	Observations: participant, non-participant		
Theory and Methods (4.3.2): Practical, ethical and theoretical issues.		structured, unstructured, semi-structured group interviews.	,overt and covert. Secondary methods: official statistics and documents.	context	Theory and Methods (4.3.2): Qualitative vs quantitative & exam practice
1 lesson per week: Theories and Methods					
Education (4.1.1)	Education (4.1.1)	PPE 1	Education (4.1.1)	Education (4.1.1)	Education (4.1.1)
Differential educational achievement	social class, plus pupil identities and relationships and processes within schools.	Education (4.1.1) Differential educational achievement by ethnicity plus pupil identities and relationships and processes within schools.	Differential educational achievement by gender plus pupil identities and relationships and processes within schools.	Roles and functions of the education system: Functionalist, New Right, Marxist and Feminist. PPE 2	Educational policies, including marketizatic and the impact of globalisation.
Crime (4.3.1)	Crime (4.3.1)	The Media (4.2.7) and Theory and Methods (4.3.2)		Theory and Methods (4.3.2)	
theory, Subcultural theory, Labelling theory, class differences in crime,	crime and the media, crime and globalisation, green crime, state crimes,	Media: Ownership and control, the news, the new media.	Media: globalisation and pop culture, audience models, media representations.		
			Theory: Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism.	Revision	
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Key:

## Core Substantive Content

Threshold Concepts

Specification reference https://filestore.aga.org.uk/resources/sociology/specifications/AQA-7191-7192-SP-2015.PDF

## Integral elements

All the following must be an integral part of the study of each topic area:

• Sociological theories, perspectives and methods.

• The design of the research used to obtain the data under consideration, including its strengths and limitations.

## Core themes

Students must study the following two core themes:

- Socialisation, culture, and identity.
- Social differentiation, power, and stratification.

The themes should be understood and applied to particular substantive areas of Sociology. These themes are to be interpreted broadly as threads running through many areas of social life and should not therefore be regarded as discrete topics. In addition, students must understand the significance of conflict and consensus, social structure and social action, and the role of values.



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	Family (4.2.2)			
	Family diversity			
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3.2): Methods in				
	Theory and Methods (4.3.2): Qualitative			
	vs quantitative & exam practice			