

## Sociology A-Level Part 1

### Summary

With this qualification, you'll improve your understanding of human behaviour and interaction and explore issues around race, inequality and religion. You will get the opportunity to develop transferable skills like critical analysis, as well as independent thinking and research.

*PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1 of this A-Level, you will be able to take an AS exam, or you can 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.*

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| <b>Course Provider</b>             | National Extension College (NEC)<br>Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston, CB22 3HJ<br>01223400200 pet@nec.ac.uk  |
| <b>Qualification Accreditation</b> | AQA A-Level (Exams can only be taken at AQA registered centres)   |
| <b>Academic level</b>              | 3   |
| <b>PET entry requirements</b>      | Level 2 English   |
| <b>Format of course material</b>   | Paper Based Only + Textbooks  |
| <b>Structure of course</b>         | <p>Five Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Sociology of Education and Schools (School Relationships and Processes, School Sub-cultures)</li> <li>2. Educational Achievement (Class, Gender and Ethnicity and Educational Achievement, Educational Policies)</li> <li>3. Sociological Research Methods (Theory, methods, research, data sources, quantitative and qualitative data)</li> <li>4. The Sociology of Families and Households (Politics, social policy, changing families)</li> <li>5. Childhood Gender and Demographic Change (Gender roles and power, demographic change and the family)</li> </ol> |
| <b>Assignments</b>                 | <p>Five written assignments. These do not count towards the final grade and are used to check progress and understanding.</p> <p>All materials including assignments are sent at the beginning of the course. Tutors will aim to</p>  |

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|                                    | mark and return assignments with feedback within 5 working days of submission for marking.   |
| <b>Exams</b>                       | There are two exams, each lasting 1 hour 30 minutes.<br>Exams are Invigilated/ Closed book and involve both short answers and extended essay writing. You will need to apply to us separately for exam fees.   |
| <b>Estimated completion time</b>   | 150 hours  |
| <b>Maximum course duration</b>     | 24 months  |
| <b>Prison support requirements</b> | Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost; contact supplier for tutor support or more info on assignment submission; help to facilitate exam; contact supplier for more info on assignment submission or exam facilitation. See contact details are above in the 'Course provider' section. |
| <b>Supplier tutor's support</b>    | Tutors give support by providing feedback on learners' work and answering their queries. Occasionally providing extra resources.   |
| <b>Certificate</b>                 | Awarding Organisation Official Qualification Certificate is awarded  |
| <b>Progress</b>                    | The A-Level Part 2 is a popular follow-up to Part 1, but please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).   |