

N5 SOCIOLOGY



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The National 5 Sociology course helps candidates to develop an understanding of society that goes beyond personal experience and common-sense explanations. They learn to think about human society, social issues, culture and identity from different points of view. They also learn about the key role of evidence in supporting explanations for human social behaviour and become familiar with research methods in sociology.

The award aims to:

Support candidates to develop:

- an understanding of society through a study of basic sociological perspectives, theories and concepts
- an understanding that sociology challenges 'common-sense' explanations about human social behaviour
- an awareness of cultural and social diversity and the significance of relationships among individuals, groups and institutions
- an awareness of the role of sources of information, research evidence and research methods in sociology
- basic investigation skills to select, organise and interpret information
- thinking and communication skills
- confidence in investigating and using evidence to explain social experiences and social issues
- the ability to communicate their own and others' experiences of social life and views of the world

AREAS OF STUDY/COURSE STRUCTURE

The National 5 Sociology course consists of three mandatory units.

- Human society
- Culture and identity
- Social issues

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Candidates should have achieved at least National 4 Modern Studies/ History or Geography course or equivalent qualifications and/or experience prior to starting this course.

ASSESSMENT

There is a two-hour Exam worth 70 marks and an Assignment worth 30 marks which must be completed to achieve this qualification.

PROGRESSION

- Higher Sociology
- Higher Modern Studies
- SCQF Level 6
Criminology
- NC Social Sciences
- HNC Social Sciences

FUTURE CAREERS

- Police Officer
- Criminologist Assistant
- Criminal Justice System
- Teaching
- Social Researcher
- Government