



VISION: Through studying sociology our students will have a deep, critical understanding of society in which they live and take responsibility as active members of their community. They should be able to examine with own existence as social beings, who have been shaped by wider economic, social and psychological influences.

	Foci	Assessment	Knowledge Organiser
Unit 1	<u>Crime and Deviance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime, deviance, social order and social control the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, including recent patterns and trends in crime • Globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes • Crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge tests throughout each topic 2. 30 mark exam questions at the end of each topic 3. End of unit mock exam 	Autumn 1 Crime and Deviance
Unit 2	<u>Media</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new media and their significance for an understanding of the role of the media in contemporary society • The relationship between ownership and control of the media • The media, globalisation and popular culture • The processes of selection and presentation of the content of the news • Media representations of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability • The relationship between the media, their content and presentation, and audiences. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge tests throughout each topic 2. 20 mark exam questions at the end of each topic 3. End of unit mock exam 	Spring 1 Media



Unit 3

Theory and Methods

- Quantitative and qualitative methods of research; research design
- Sources of data, including questionnaires, interviews, participant and non-participant observation, experiments, documents and official statistics
- The distinction between primary and secondary data, and between quantitative and qualitative data
- The relationship between positivism, interpretivism and sociological methods; the nature of 'social facts'
- The theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing choice of topic, choice of method(s) and the conduct of research consensus, conflict, structural and social action theories
- The concepts of modernity and post-modernity in relation to sociological theory
- The nature of science and the extent to which Sociology can be regarded as scientific
- The relationship between theory and methods debates about subjectivity, objectivity and value freedom
- The relationship between Sociology and social policy.

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