Higher Sociology (Course Code: C868 75)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of the development, structure and functioning of human society. This course aims to develop knowledge and understanding of sociological concepts, theories and methods and the ways in which they are used to analyse and explain areas of society. You will get the opportunity to develop the ability to interpret, analyse and evaluate sociological arguments, evidence and research methods in a critical way.

Sociology makes a useful contribution to your general education and personal development, as well as providing a basis for further study at a more advanced level. The skills you learn on this course are useful in career areas such as social work, advisory services, teaching or social research.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

Arts, Social Sciences and Languages

Information, Culture and Heritage

Law

Social, Caring and Advisory Services

Uniformed and Security Services

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have achieved:

- **National 5 Sociology**
- **National 5 Modern Studies**

What will I study?

The course consists of **three** areas of study.

Human society

You will:

- develop an understanding of the sociological approach to studying human societies
- investigate sociological approaches to studying society, the research methods used, and the relationships

that exist among individuals, groups and institutions, as viewed from different sociological perspectives and theories.

Culture and identity

You will:

- study sociological concepts, theories and research to investigate features of culture and identity in a changing social world
- consider your own and others' cultural experiences to develop an understanding of cultural identity and diversity.

Social issues

You will learn how to:

- evaluate and apply sociological theories and to use research evidence to develop sociological understanding of contemporary social issues
- use a range of sources, including research evidence, to justify points of view.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 110 marks**

- Component 1: question paper – worth 80 marks
- Component 2: assignment – worth 30 marks.

For the assignment component, you will choose a topic to investigate, keeping a record of findings and sources, and write a report based on your findings.

Both the question paper and the assignment are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- SQA Past Papers Sociology Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper Sociology Higher
- SQA Understanding Standards Sociology
- UShare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Law
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services
- Uniformed and Security Services