

## **A Level (including AS Level) Sociology (9699)**

### **Has the new syllabus come into effect?**

Yes. The exams for the new syllabus were first held in June 2002.

### **Can students take the AS examination at the end of their first year and then retake it at the end of the second year, along with the A level components?**

Yes, a candidate's best AS Level result can count towards their A Level in unitised syllabuses and will apply from the first unitised A Level results, for the June 2002 session.

### **Can students take dictionaries into the examination?**

Candidates are allowed a simple translation dictionary.

### **What support materials are available?**

- Syllabus
- Specimen Question Papers and Mark Schemes
- AS and A level Standards Booklet - this contains examples of marked student answers to AS and A level questions and has a commentary from senior examiners
- Question Papers and Mark Schemes

All the above are available from CIE Publications

### **Is International A level equivalent to UK A level and how do universities regard International A level?**

Yes, the International A level is equivalent to an UK A level. Similarly International AS and UK AS are of equivalent standard. The best place to find out about acceptability of CIE examinations by British universities is the UCAS website at <http://www.ucas.com/candq/inter/misc/appenda.html>. In general there is direct equivalence between UK

A and AS Level Sociology and CIE A and AS Level Sociology.

### **How many hours contact time do you recommend for AS /A level?**

Over a two year A level course approximately 5 hours per week of teaching time would be sufficient. Students will be expected to do individual work outside of this time.

### **Can you suggest any web-sites that could be used as teaching aids?**

- <http://www.le.ac.uk/education/centres/ATSS/atss.html> The Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences (ATSS)
- <http://www.oneworld.org/ni/index4.html> New Internationalist One World Almanac
- <http://www.philipallan.co.uk> Sociology Review

### **I am having problems in getting hold of the recommended textbooks. Can you help?**

Most of the texts can be obtained over the Internet. The following web-sites may be of interest:

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

[www.heffers.co.uk](http://www.heffers.co.uk)