

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

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**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.

**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
  - Past 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. 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.philipallan.co.uk> – Sociology Review

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

Most of the textbooks can be obtained over the Internet. The following websites may be of interest:

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

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