Sociology (T/A) 2023-2026

"Sociology makes you better in your other subjects. You think for yourself. It (Sociology) gives you perspective". NARC Sociology Student 2019

Sociology program at Narrabundah College in 2023

Sociology students have had the unique experience of examining our work and society as it changes. Students will gain perspectives to analyse and comment on critiquing the world, as it changes them. Sociology students learn to be objective and informed critical thinkers.

Sociology is an academic discipline that encourages exploration of current social events. It does this through developing the skills of objectivity, research, and communication. Students use credible information from history, economics, english, politics, science, and aspects of philosophy to view the world. Curiosity is a prerequisite. Any student unsure of what to study at a college level should choose sociology due to the breadth of content that is covered.

SOCIOLOGY (Two Year Program)

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
2023	**Constructing Identity b (0.5)** Secondary socialization: *Culture and relationships*	**Structure and Agency (1.0)** *Institutional power: Education & Media*	**Applying Sociology b (0.5)** *Health*
2024	**Constructing Identity a (0.5)** *Primary Socialization: family and the life cycle*	**Understanding Difference (1.0)** *Class, Gender, Race, Intersectionality*	**Applying Sociology a (0.5)** *Crime and justice*

Students studying Sociology develop excellent skills in critical thinking and communication that are required for success in the 21 century. Sociology is offered at both ANU and the University of Canberra at a Bachelors level and it leads to further study in disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, criminology, community development, international policy, and trade, policy and social work.

For students studying the IB and interested in world issues, an extended essay on World Studies is available for the student to examine a topic of global significance such as global food crisis, climate change, terrorism, energy security, migration, global health, technology, and cultural exchange.

Through the study of the world, students gain a deep understanding and resilience of their place within it. Sociology is the study of society at an academic level

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What is it like to study Sociology?

Studying Sociology at Narrabundah College gives students opportunities to participate in various research projects carried out by institutions such the University of Western Sydney, listen to academics from the Australian National University and the University of Canberra as well as meet leaders in criminology, welfare provision, antiracism and antiterrorism projects. These are valuable experiences for our students as they are able to be a part of up-to-date research and consider future possible areas of studying for themselves.

Assessment Expectations

Assessment items throughout the year focus on primary and secondary research, critical analysis, reading, writing, some statistical analysis and evaluation skills. Across a year's worth of study, all students are required to write essays, collaborate with peers and participate in sociologically based investigation using secondary research.

2021 Sociology students with Dr Maria Hynes from the Australian National University

"(Sociology) makes you more open minded about different things and different institutions with society" – NARC Sociology Student

New Sociology courses for senior secondary students commenced in 2022. Sociology is within the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) learning area. Sociology is available at Narrabundah as a year of study as a minor and as two years of study as a major.

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