

# Introduction Module

## Study skills and sociology

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### **Time allocation:**

This part of the course deals with skills that should be used and applied throughout all of your 'A' level courses and which are part of the process of learning. They are important to you in Sociology and your other subjects.

### **Learning objectives:**

- Students should recognise that learning is a skill, which can be done well or done badly.
- Students should realise that they must take responsibility for their own learning.
- Students should be able to recognise that subjects at 'A' level are disciplines and as such they require a tremendous input from the students as well as the teachers. There is no easy route to success.
- Key skills are important and should be applied in all subjects. You may need to show that you have proof of the skills that are required, so students should keep evidence.

### **Key Concepts**

- Note taking
- Reading
- Knowledge
- Analysis
- Evaluation
- Self assessment
- Key skills

### **Additional reading and references**

*You are advised to buy some texts on study skills and to apply what you have learned. The Open University have a tremendous range and there are other guides appearing on the market all of the time.*

*The Internet and the school shared files all have different support work for you and you should make yourself familiar with what is on offer.*

*Start to read newspapers and magazines for ideas.*

*Make notes from television documentaries and programmes to add to your folder.*

## **Personal Development ideas**

- Keep a work diary and make a note of how much time you spend on each subject.
- Be analytical in your approach to learning and discover what learning style works for you.
- Allocate time each week for sorting out your folders and making sure that your notes work.
- Allocate revision time each week to look over your notes. Build this time into your personal timetable.
- Allocate certain times to going out to enjoy yourself and then make sure that you do go out for some fun. Practice refusing other invitations that might spoil your work plans.

## **Revision tips**

- Be certain that you understand how much work is required of you for success at 'A' level.
- Find yourself some work partners and friends to discuss your ideas.
- Practice asking one question a week based on your own reading.
- Be certain that you feel you can approach your teacher for help and then do so at regular intervals.

## **What you should have in your folder when this work has been completed correctly:**

- A set of notes from a textbook.
- Evidence that you can download something from the Internet.
- Evidence that you have looked at more than one text book in the LRC and have chosen one that seems to work for you.
- Evidence that you have looked at the shared folders placed in the LRC
- Evidence that you are collecting relevant articles from newspapers and magazines to support your own general knowledge.