

# GCE Sociology Grading System



The AS qualification will be graded on a five point scale (A, B, C, D, E) and the A Level qualification will be graded on a six point scale (A\*, A, B, C, D, E). Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard for a grade E will be recorded as U (Ungraded) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Grade A\* is reported only for the overall A Level qualification and not for individual units.

For each unit, candidates' results are reported on a uniform mark scale (UMS), which is related to grades as shown in these tables.

## Unit 1: SCLY1 (Maximum uniform mark = 80)

Uniform mark range	Grade
64-80	A
56-63	B
48-55	C
40-47	D
32-39	E
0-31	U

## Unit 2: SCLY2 (Maximum uniform mark = 120)

Uniform mark range	Grade
96-120	A
84-95	B
72-83	C
60-71	D
48-59	E
0-47	U

## Unit 3: SCLY3 (Maximum uniform mark = 80)

Uniform mark range	Grade
64-80	A
56-63	B
48-55	C
40-47	D
32-39	E
0-31	U

## Unit 4: SCLY4 (Maximum uniform mark = 120)

Uniform mark range	Grade
96-120	A
84-95	B
72-83	C
60-71	D
48-59	E
0-47	U

In each unit, a candidate's uniform mark is calculated from his/her raw mark by using the grade boundaries set by the awarding committee. For example, a candidate who achieved the minimum raw mark required for grade B on SCLY1 receives a uniform mark of 56.

A candidate's total uniform mark for the AS qualification is obtained by adding together the uniform marks for the two AS units. A candidate's total uniform mark for the A Level qualification is obtained by adding together the uniform marks for all four units. If the candidate has re-taken a unit, the best uniform mark is used.

Grade A\* is awarded to candidates who have gained at least 320 uniform marks on the A Level as a whole *and* a total of at least 180 uniform marks on the A2 units.

## AS qualification

(Maximum uniform mark = 200)

Uniform mark range	Grade
160-200	A
140-159	B
120-139	C
100-119	D
80-99	E
0-79	U

## A Level qualification

(Maximum uniform mark = 400)

Uniform mark range	Grade
320-400	A
280-319	B
240-279	C
200-239	D
160-199	E
0-159	U