



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

A Level

Course Outline

The Level 3 Extended Project allows learners to a topic area that extends their learning as a stand alone qualification. The EPQ can take one of the following forms:

- **Dissertation** – a theoretical written project (5000-6000 words) on any topic you are interested in presenting an argument, eg research into a biological, historical or environmental issue.
- **Investigation/Field Study** – a practical investigatory project (4000-5000 words) involving the collection of data, eg a scientific investigation, a geographical study of erosion, a biological study of pollution, a statistical survey.
- **Performance** – development of practical skills resulting in a performance eg performing music, drama, sport, accompanied by a 1500-3000 word report.
- **artefact** – for example, making a painting or sculpture, designing a piece of furniture or a garment, creating a website, solving an engineering/construction problem, producing a piece of graphic design. This is accompanied by a 1500-3000 word report.



Useful skills and experience

Through the EPQ, you'll learn skills including time management; planning techniques, and setting aims and objectives; research methods, including ethics, analysis and evaluation, risk assessment and data collection techniques; report writing and presentation skills. If you've undertaken an Extended Project or Duke of Edinburgh in secondary school, you'll have developed a background in some of these skills.



How will I learn?

You'll have a weekly lesson with a teacher, who will act as your EPQ supervisor and assessor. You'll have a fortnightly session in the Lecture Theatre with all EPQ students, where you'll be taught the skills you need to be successful on this course. You will have to put aside independent study time to complete the EPQ.



Assessment

This qualification is assessed internally by your supervisor - assessor. A sample of the projects is then sent to Pearson for moderation to ensure consistency with national standards



Where could this subject take me?

This qualification supports progression into higher education, training or employment by developing skills in key areas including planning, research, project management and self-reflection. It shows that you can take on a longer project, and manage your time successfully to complete it.



Exam Board and Specification



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Entry Notes

There is no requirement for prior learning. The EPQ is worth 1/2 an A Level.



Complementary Subjects

- All subjects



Related Additional Activities

Attending EPQ student conferences, and completing the EPQ MOOC on FutureLearn.



What our students say

Its let me go research my topic - which was nothing to do with my studies - and helped me get into university as they've lowered my entry grades as I'm doing the EPQ.

