

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Level 3 Extended Project

Exam Board: Edexcel



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Course Summary

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an exciting independent course worth 50% of an A Level.

The EPQ is different to other courses because it enables you to undertake independently led research in a topic you find interesting. So, if you have ever had a secret passion to study Himalayan mountain sheep, the philosophy of Satre, or another topic that is not covered by your A Levels, then this is the course for you.

As part of the EPQ programme you will be supported by experienced staff and will take part in a series of skills workshops on how to research and present an EPQ. All students will be assigned a staff mentor to specifically provide guidance with their chosen project.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above. An EPQ can be taken alongside 3 or 4 A Levels.

Course Assessment

For your EPQ, you will research a subject of your own choosing, which you will then develop into either a 5,000 word report, an artefact or a performance. Alongside your research, you will document your progress in a production log, and you will communicate your findings in a presentation at the end of the course. Grades A*-E will be awarded.



Where might it lead?

Many universities welcome the EPQ for its evidence of your ability to undertake extensive independent work and skills to write a dissertation. Some universities may give you a reduced university offer if you complete an EPQ.

Undertaking specific research in an area linked to the career pathway you are seeking will also be an excellent addition to any apprenticeship and job applications.



“ Taking on an EPQ has been a rewarding experience for me. It has great practicality when it comes to learning the processes needed for completing university projects. It has also allowed me to take greater interest in a topic that I am passionate about, extending my learning beyond A Level courses. The EPQ is a great option for those looking to challenge themselves. ARMAND ”

