



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

What is an EPQ?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop students' skills in independent research and project management.

The EPQ is the perfect way to encourage students to extend and develop beyond the material being covered in class and explore their passion for a topic.



What do students gain from doing an EPQ?

The EPQ allows students to embark on largely self-directed projects. By taking responsibility for the choice and design of an individual project (or an individual role in a group project) students:

- ✓ become more critical, reflective and independent learners
- ✓ develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- ✓ increase their planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- ✓ learn to apply new technologies confidently

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The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. It is worth half an A-level (28 UCAS points) so can be used to earn extra UCAS points.

What do you have to do for an EPQ?

The EPQ requires students to carry out research on a topic that they have chosen and is not covered by their other qualifications. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production.

A student can take inspiration from something studied in class or something completely unrelated to their studies.



How is an EPQ assessed?

There are four assessment objectives:

Manage; Use Resources; Develop and Realise; and Review.

Each part of the project – the dissertation or investigation, presentation and production log – are judged against these four objectives.

The Extended Project Qualification is a valuable addition to A-levels and some leading universities, such as Southampton University, make alternative offers to students undertaking an EPQ, e.g. AAB instead of AAA.