

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Pearson Edexcel

Subject Overview

The Extended Project Qualification is an additional qualification taken alongside pupils' A-Levels/ BTEC in year 12. The EPQ is an independent project of your choice which can take the form of either a dissertation, investigation, artefact, or performance. Successful completion of the EPQ gives pupils the equivalent qualification to an AS Level and up to 28 UCAS points – helping their applications to university stand out.

Subject Information

- Projects can be one of the following:
 1. Dissertation (5000 words)
 2. Investigation (practical – collecting, analysing, and evaluating data)
 3. Performance (to an audience and with 1,500-3,000 words of written evidence.)
 4. Artefact (piece of art or design, engineering model ... with 1,500 – 3,000 written evidence)

What opportunities this course could lead to:

*"We welcome the introduction of the Extended Project and would **encourage** you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school to higher education."*



What are the benefits of completing the EPQ?

- Many **universities** and employers look favourably at EPQs when assessing applications
- EPQs help develop skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, presentation and creativity
- EPQs help prepare you for managing **independent research and project management**, which are common features of university study and the world of work
- You choose the subject, so it helps you delve deep and become an **expert** into topics you feel passionately about
- An EPQ can give you something unique to talk about in **interviews** - if it's related to the university course or job you're applying for, even better
- It could widen your options for **funding** – some university's scholarships require students to hold a research project qualification

Course requirements and Useful Websites

- Pupils must be successfully passing their A-Level or BTEC courses after the first set of assessments.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Support/About-Project-qualifications/Student-Guide-level-3-full-colour.pdf>

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