

A blurred background image of a desk with a laptop, glasses, and a mouse. The laptop is silver and open, with a pair of dark-rimmed glasses resting on its lid. A white mouse is visible in the foreground on the right. The desk is made of light-colored wood. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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EXTENDED PROJECT

EPQ
LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements:

To study this subject you will need to be highly motivated and able to work independently. You will demonstrate strong organisational skills as well as the ability to meet deadlines. A good base of GCSE passes will be an advantage, including at least a Grade 4 in English.

Is this for me? The Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) allows students to embark on largely self-directed projects in a subject area in which they are interested. It provides a context for developing critical thinking and project management skills. These are widely transferable and may be useful in other courses now or in the future. The skills you develop as part of the EPQ will provide you with a solid foundation in study and research skills. These skills will benefit you in your university studies if you choose to go on to further education, and also in future employment.

What will I do?

The EPQ assesses a student's ability to plan, carry out, report on, and evaluate a project. Students take full responsibility for the choice and design of an individual project. This will allow them to:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Demonstrate creativity and initiative

Depending on the subject area or topic choice, students can choose a variety of evidence to submit for assessment. Evidence can be provided in any form appropriate to the type of project chosen and may include:

- ◆ An artefact, model or construction
- ◆ A CD/video/DVD of performances or activities
- ◆ An audiotape/multimedia presentation
- ◆ A journal of activities or events
- ◆ A slide or Powerpoint presentation
- ◆ A photographic record of the project

All projects must include a written report of between 1000 and 5000 words.

“ I chose Extended Project because it gave me the freedom to gain a qualification in an incredibly subject specific field. Being able to tailor my work to my interests has given me something incredibly relevant to take forward to my university application.

My paper looked at Euthanasia laws in the UK and considered the arguments for and against its legalisation. I used journals, articles and interviews as well as news reports to piece together the leading arguments on the topic. The whole qualification has taught me invaluable skills that I will take forward to university. ” Bronwen

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