

Level 3 Extended Project Qualification
1 x AS Level (1350)
AS level supported over 2 years

What learners are required to do

- select a topic/area of interest for an in-depth study that provides opportunities to develop skills, knowledge and understanding, and to negotiate with their tutor/assessor the scope of that project
- select a topic that is agreed by the centre and, if appropriate, an employer identify and draft an objective(s) for their project (eg in the form of a question, hypothesis, problem, challenge, outline of proposed performance, issue to be investigated or commission for a client) and provide a rationale for their choice
- produce a plan for how they will deliver their intended outcome
- conduct research as required by the project brief, using appropriate techniques
- develop the intended outcome using selected tools and techniques safely, demonstrating the ability to pursue an extended project through to completion
- share the outcome of the project, including an evaluation of the outcome and their own learning and performance with another or others, using appropriate communication methods.

Assessment Overview A level

The following are examples of project types for each unit:

- Unit 1: Dissertation – a theoretical written project on any topic presenting an argument, e.g. research into a biological, historical or environmental issue
- Unit 2: Investigation/Field Study – a practical investigatory project involving the collection of data, e.g. a scientific investigation, a geographical study of erosion, a biological study of pollution, a statistical survey
- Unit 3: Performance – development of practical skills resulting in a performance, e.g. performing music, drama, sport
- Unit 4: 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 qualification is assessed by the tutor-assessor. Where marking for this specification is carried out by more than one marker in the centre, there must be a process of internal standardisation in order to ensure that there is consistent application of the criteria set by the exam board

What could this qualification lead to?

EPQ helps to develop research skills, time management and employability skills that could be very useful at university or in the workplace. An EPQ consists of a 5000-word report on a subject of your choice and a presentation on both the planning and project management of your EPQ, as well as the content of your report. The EPQ is a supporting qualification that enhances your application to higher education and employment.