

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Qualification Level 3 Extended Project Qualification

Exam Board AQA

Course Specific Entry Requirements This one year course **must** form part of a Study Programme comprising at least three other two-year qualifications

Overview

The Extended Project will develop and extend from one or more of your study areas or from an area of personal interest or activity outside of your Study Programme. It will be based on a topic chosen by you and agreed by your supervisor.

The Extended Project Qualification offers opportunities for you to:

- ▲ make a significant contribution to the choice and design of an extended project and take responsibility either for an individual task or for a defined task within a group project
- ▲ develop and improve your own learning and performance as a critical, reflective and independent student
- ▲ develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- ▲ extend your planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- ▲ develop and apply skills creatively, demonstrating initiative and enterprise
- ▲ use your learning experiences to support your aspirations for Higher Education
- ▲ transfer skills developed as part of their extended project to other areas of study

What will I learn?

You will be required, with appropriate supervision, to:

- ▲ choose an area of interest
- ▲ draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval
- ▲ plan, research and carry out the project
- ▲ deliver a presentation to a non-specialist audience
- ▲ provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment

In order to achieve these outcomes, you will be taught:

- ▲ research skills including the ability to search for and identify suitable sources of information in your chosen subject area
- ▲ any skills or techniques that will be required for the safe and effective execution of your project which are not part of your Study Programme, for example safe laboratory or workshop technique, professional codes of practice, ethical guidelines or research methodology
- ▲ ICT skills that will enhance the production of your report and the development of your project
- ▲ project management skills including time, resource and task management
- ▲ the format and structure of accepted academic forms of research report
- ▲ referencing, the evaluation of sources and the prevention of plagiarism
- ▲ presentation skills

How will I learn?

You will be taught the necessary skills to undertake your project but this qualification demands extended autonomous work.

Where could it lead?

The Extended Project Qualification attracts UCAS points as a qualification in its own right. However, taken alongside other subjects, it is highly regarded by Higher Education institutions. Writing about your EPQ in your UCAS personal statement shows university admissions that you have the passion, skills and determination to carry out research and it distinguishes you from other students. It also helps develop skills that employers value in the workplace.