

Extended Project (EPQ)

Supplementary Qualification

The course

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an independent research based qualification. Students are taught the necessary skills to research, plan and develop a dissertation (or other project) on a subject area of interest, which may link to their other areas of study.

Students are then required to spend 80 hours writing their dissertation, along with presenting their project to an audience.

Assessment

The course is assessed in three ways:

- The development of a learning journal, detailing how the project has been completed
- A dissertation (or other final piece of work) produced throughout the project
- A final presentation to a small audience of staff

Entry Requirements

Pathway 1 or 2 entry requirements.

Careers & Higher Education

The EPQ is highly regarded by Universities as it demonstrates an ability to work independently, research using appropriate methods and draw conclusions from evidence. Students with a good EPQ may receive lower offers from Universities.

*"The common facts of today are the products of yesterday's research."
Duncan MacDonald*

