



What is an EPQ?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a Level 3 course which is taken alongside A Levels. You'll be required to complete a project on a topic of your choice. The project can be in the form of an essay or report or an artifact e.g. a musical composition, piece of artwork or dramatic project (although these must be backed up with a written report). Depending on the grade you achieve, you can gain between 8 - 28 UCAS points.

Why should you complete an EPQ?

An EPQ will help you develop a useful range of extra study skills, helping you prepare for the demands of university work. It is valued by higher education institutions as it demonstrates your dedication to independent learning and is often included in offers made by institutions to applicants.

Learn more about completing an EPQ

You can study any topic you wish but it's a good idea to choose something related to the subject you intend to study at university. It is also important to choose a subject that isn't too broad as this will help you when it comes to researching your project. You can change the title of your project once you have started but it is better to have a clear idea of the aim of your project at the beginning. All projects must include a written report of at least 1000 words (most are more than this) and once completed you must give a short presentation about your project.

What do universities think about EPQ's?

Many universities view the EPQ as an excellent way for students to get ready for university as many of the skills that are needed when completing the project are the same skills that are needed for university study. For some courses the university will make an alternative offer to an applicant based on their EPQ grade - for example, Accounting & Finance at the University of Southampton has entry requirements of AAB or ABB with an A in an EPQ.

