

The Extended Project Qualification –

EdExcel Pearson

A level 3 course

What's involved?

Begins in September (2024) and runs through to December (2025) of the following academic year, for a January (2025) submission.

Dissertation of about 6,000 words – structure on next slide

The dissertation is essentially an academic question focussed on something of interest to you, AND LINKED TO CURRENT COURSES OR FUTURE COURSES for example,

'Does free will exist'?,

'Should cannabis be legalised'?

'What is the cost of space exploration'?

And it must have an argument within it!

The Structure of the dissertation

Section	Number of words			
	Dissertation	Investigation/ Field Study	Performance	Artefact
Total word count	6000	5000	3000	1500/3000
Abstract/ summary	200	100	100	50/100
Introduction	800	600	400	200/400
Research Review	1800	1600	900	450/900
Discussion/ Development/Analysis	2700	2300	1350	675/1350
Conclusion	500	400	250	125/250
Bibliography	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation
Appendices (PPF, activity records, raw data)	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation

Marks are awarded on the quality of the debate presented, the planning which went into it, reflection on the projects' strengths and weaknesses, and the quality of written communication

Following the write-up, a presentation is given of about ten minutes in length

The benefits of doing an EPQ

- An EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) is worth half an A-level: 28 Ucas points for an A*, 24 points for an A and so on.
- The EPQ can also reduce the grades required by some universities, e.g. Birmingham University state "An EPQ can benefit your application as applicants who take the EPQ and meet our offer criteria will be made the standard offer for their course, plus an alternative offer which will be one grade lower plus a grade A in the EPQ."