

# Extended Project (EPQ)

**Exam Board**

AQA

**Qualification**

GCE AS-Level



**Entry Requirements**

Grade 5 in English Language and Maths

**Content (Outline of Course)**

Projects are student-driven qualifications, giving the freedom and responsibility to students to select topics and projects. The Extended Project will develop and extend from one or more of the learner's study areas and/or from an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. It will be chosen by the learner and agreed as appropriate by the centre.

**Assessment**

Students undertake a project and record and track their learning journey, reflecting on their problem-solving skills and ability to undertake independent research to produce a final piece of work. Students follow a clearly structured process, during which they will plan and research their topic and create a product. This is recorded in a Production Log. The final product of the project can be in one of three formats: a research-based written report, a production (e.g. a charity event, fashion show, sports event etc.) or an artefact (e.g. a piece of art, a computer game, a realised design). The final piece is a presentation delivered to an assessor.

**Careers Guidance**

EPQ is worth A\*-E and the relevant UCAS points. It is the only AS to have an A\* in its own right. The skills you develop as part of the EPQ will provide you with a solid foundation in study and research skills. These skills will benefit you in either your university studies or in future employment. Being successful in the EPQ is also likely to enhance your application to higher education. Some universities recognise the UCAS points awarded to the qualification, but all of them acknowledge the skills that the qualification requires you to demonstrate and state that it helps students to stand out from others, both in your personal statement and at interview. This is particularly important when applying to popular university courses such as Medicine and Law, or if you are making an application to a top or popular university.