

Project Qualification

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What is the Extended Project Qualification?

The Extended Project Qualification gives you the opportunity to explore something that really interests you. It's a qualification that's equivalent in size to half an A Level, will earn you extra UCAS points and give you skills that are valued by universities and employers.

How will I benefit?

The Extended Project Qualification has no exams, just coursework, so if you're self-motivated and enjoy working independently, then the Project is for you. You can:

- learn more about something that you have an existing interest in
- investigate a major issue in the news
- expand your knowledge of one of your A Level or vocational subjects
- gain practical skills that will help you later at university and in your job

What's involved?

With Extended Project Qualification, you have a say in what you want to study. With your teacher's help, you choose a topic to investigate in-depth – usually one that interests you, which you might study in Higher Education, or pursue as a career. It's a good idea to link it to a subject you are already studying, either as part of a City & Guilds TechBac programme, a City & Guilds Technical, other vocational qualifications or A Levels. That way you'll already have some background knowledge and you'll be able to gain a better understanding of them. There are four types of Extended Project Qualification to pick from:

- A dissertation - an extended essay on a particular topic
- An artefact – a physical object or design such as a sculpture or model
- A performance - sport, drama or music
- An investigation/field study

Here are some previous Extended Projects titles:

Extended Project type	Titles
Dissertation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there life after death?• Should the UK's Law on Abortion be changed?• Does size zero modelling affect young people's self-perception?
Artefact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A piece of artwork that tackles the issue of racism• Design and produce a model of a building• Photographic portfolio on the topic of homelessness
Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does consumption of cannabis lead to mental health issues amongst users?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does watching violent movies contribute to anti-social behaviour?
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Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Dance Drama Sport

What will I learn and how will I be marked?

Once you've agreed the title of your Project with your teacher, you'll be given support to help you develop the skills you need to manage and complete your Project. You will be expected to work independently, supported by your teachers.

You will be assessed on the following Assessment Objectives:

Manage	select plan and carry out project or task applying organisational skills
Use resources	select obtain and use information from a range of sources
Develop and realise	select and use a range of skills including appropriate technologies and working with others
Review	communicate project outcomes presenting evidence in an appropriate format

The processes you use to manage your Project are more important than the end result. How you perform throughout the time spent on your Project all count towards your final grade. Plus, everything you have learned to help complete your Project will be extremely useful later, whether you go to university or get a job.

The Extended Project Qualification earns you valuable UCAS points according to the grade achieved (see table below). These can be used towards a points offer from a university.

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E
UCAS points	28	24	20	16	12	8

Talk to your teachers about taking the Extended Project Qualification and download the guide on Managing Extended Projects, with ideas to help you get started and practical tools for managing your Extended Project:

<http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Skills for Work and Life/Employability Personal and Social Development/2935/Additional documents/Managing%20Extended%20Projects.pdf>