

Extended Project Qualification – UCAS tariff points

“One of my students got an unconditional offer from Birmingham University based on his Extended Project in the interview.” College Lecturer from Neath.

The Extended Project is very much valued by universities and is worth half an A level (50%) whereas an AS level is only worth 40%, so the Extended Project Qualification is a valuable consideration instead of undertaking a fourth AS subject to boost UCAS points.

This is what the Extended Project grades currently equate to in UCAS points (new UCAS tariff – 2017):
UCAS points: A* = 28; A = 24; B = 20; C = 16; D = 12; E = 8

For more information on UCAS tariff points, please visit: <https://www.ucas.com>

Here's what some universities think of the EPQ:

- *Bristol: “The University recognises that some A Level students may also choose to offer the Extended Project. In such cases some admissions tutors may make two alternative offers, one of which involves success in the Extended Project (e.g. either AAA at A Level or AAB at A Level plus Extended Project).”*
- *Cambridge: “We welcome the introduction of the Extended Project and would encourage you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school/college to higher education.”*
- *Newcastle: “We value the skills of research and independent learning that the Extended Project is designed to develop. We welcome applications from students offering the Extended Project alongside A levels. As the Extended Project is optional it is not a requirement for application. If you offer an Extended Project, it will be taken into account. Your offer may be varied as a result, in recognition of the level of study skills you will have developed.”*
- *Oxford: “Where applicants have undertaken the Extended Project (EP), the University will not make this a condition for an offer (as the EP is not a compulsory element of post-16 study) but recognises that the EP will provide an applicant with the opportunity to develop research and academic skills relevant for study at Oxford. Candidates are encouraged to draw upon their experience of undertaking the project when writing their personal statement, particularly if the topic is allied to their chosen degree course.”*
- *UCL: “UCL welcomes the introduction of the Extended Project into the curriculum, recognising that it will develop many of the skills necessary for successful study at university. For students presenting A-levels, UCL will be accepting a pass in the Extended Project as an alternative to the need to offer a pass in a fourth subject at AS level.”*