

What is the Extended Essay?

Extended Essay is one of the compulsory elements of IB DP, together with CAS and TOK. It represents an IB subject finishing with a 4,000-word paper in which independent and self-directed work goes hand in hand with academic honesty. The 1-year process of writing Extended Essay prepares students to succeed at university. The topic is of your choice, though it must be based in a DP subject. These include Studies in Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics and Group 6: Additional Language.



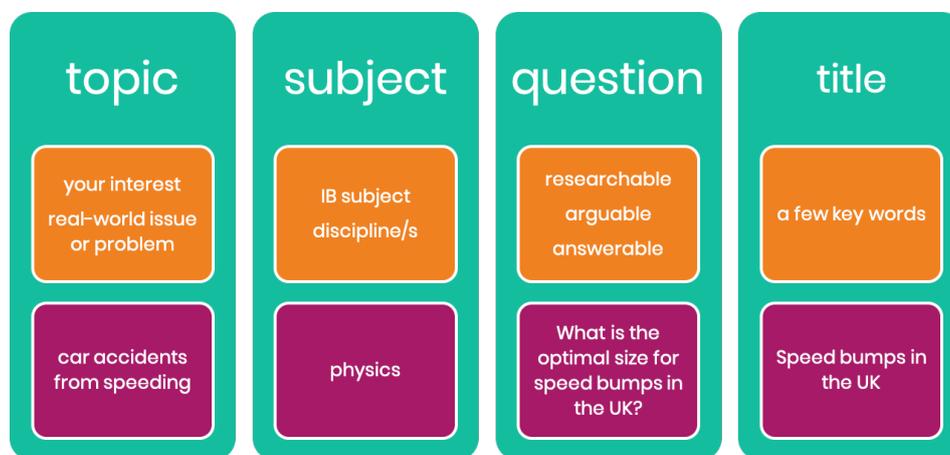
The groups consist of the following subjects:

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| Physics |
| Biology |
| Chemistry |
| Psychology |
| Economics |
| History |
| Geography / ESS |
| Mathematics |
| English B |
| Computer Science |

Subjects

Consider your chosen IB subjects and decide which one would be the most appropriate and educational to be writing Extended Essay from. Students have the freedom to choose a specific topic and focus on the research. It is also going to be up to each student to write their own research question. What is important to remember is that the topic you choose must represent a single DP subject unless you choose so-called interdisciplinary essay to write.

As your Extended Essay should represent your independent and self-directed piece of research as well as the topic and the aim must be visible in it, we strongly advise you to choose a subject at Higher Level. The more background you have in the subject, the better the chance of writing a good Extended Essay.



Each student will be filling out Extended Essay Subject Application in order to list 3 subjects together with identified topic and title. Your choice of Extended Essay subject and topic should be connected to your career aspirations and resources you have access to. In order to choose properly, think of your interests, future studies (HL subjects preferred), realistic research, controversial topics, appropriate sources and commitment to the topic.

Extended Essay Language

Extended Essay must be written in the language for which it has been registered. Students are not allowed to submit a Group 1 Extended Essay in their Group 2 language. All the students are advised to write their Extended Essay in English.

If you have already chosen to apply to the UK, it is essential for you to avoid using other language than English.

Inquiry process

Your teacher leading Extended Essay course will present you with sample essays as well as assessment criteria and specification of the subjects. You will begin considering which DP subject to choose to write your Extended Essay from at the beginning of Year 1. Afterwards, the inquiry process begins. Each student will be asked to start their Researcher's reflection Space (RRS). The importance lays in brainstorming the topics, which essentially comes to what interests you and what areas and research questions are worth pursuing. After you have chosen the topic, your research question needs to be formulated.

Your first reflection on planning and progress form session (1st RPPF)

This reflection session is one of the documented meetings with your supervisor. It will take about 20-30 minutes. Your supervisor will be asking you about the issues with hypothesis, research, overall aim as well as whether you have gathered sufficient sources. The process of writing and your point of view are essential to your overall reflection process. If something creates complications for you along the way, share it with your consultant.

This session provides you with more information regarding your research question. You will need to finalise research methods and outline the structure of your Extended Essay. Your supervisor will help you with it as well as they will propose the right choice of methods.

Critical thinking, planning, general research, gathering data, decision-making, time management, research methodology, citations, referencing and proofreading are the skills that students learn from the process of writing Extended Essay.

Research process

Afterwards, the student has to gather data, find sources, experiment and survey together with mapping and structuring. That means each student maintains their RRS. This reflection process should also highlight what is important, what should be left out and what could be missing.

Your second reflection on planning and progress form session (2nd RPPF)

This reflection session is also a documented meeting with your supervisor. It will take about 20-30 minutes. You will be asked about your complications in the process of writing.

Writing process

Students should spend at about 40 hours writing the final piece of work after they have finished gathering data, sources, and outlining in order to structure their argument. Make sure to introduce, explain, argue, illustrate and draw conclusions in your work. The most important aspect is to answer the research question. Česká's chosen referencing style is APA.

Extended Essay consists of:

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| Title Page | Contents | Introduction | Main Body | Conclusion | Bibliography | (Appendices) |
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Included in the word count:

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| Introduction | Main Body | Conclusion | Quotations | Footnotes (extra information) |
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Not included in the word count:

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| Contents | Charts, Tables, etc. | Formulas, Calculations | Citations/References | Bibliography | Headers |
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RPPF is also not included in the word count.

Once finished with the draft, discuss it with your supervisor and be prepared to edit and/or rewrite. Apply the criteria and make sure to proofread and reflect on everything that has been mentioned in your work. Accidental or deliberate plagiarism will be investigated with potentially not being awarded the Diploma as this act contradicts academic honesty.

Your final reflection session: VIVA VOCE (3rd RPPF)

Once Extended Essays have been submitted in PDF form, students attend their last reflection session aiming at the process and result of the work with their supervisor. The questions and answers are to be submitted (RPPF) as well. Example VIVA VOCE session questions: *Were there big disappointments? Did you have to change your main idea? How did you deal with cutting words? What have you learned about you?*

Extended Essay Course

The course introduces the process of writing Extended Essay with each compulsory part explained. Students will be provided with explanation on proper Bibliography, Citations and Referencing. Each lesson is dedicated to a specific compulsory part, such as Primary Research, the Research Question, Relevant Sources, the difference between Question and Title, Feasibility, Organization of Chapters and Paragraphs, Methodology, Mind Maps, and Formatting.