

Extended Essay

The basics

What does the EE comprise?

- An academic piece of writing on a topic of your choosing.
- Bibliography of only the works cited in the essay itself using acknowledged referencing style (ex.: American Psychological Association [APA] style or Modern Languages Association [MLA] style).
- Appendices (where applicable). **Note:** It is not mandatory for an examiner to read anything in an appendix.
- Reflections on Planning and Progress Form (RPPF).

What should the maximum word count be?

- Maximum word count is 4,000 (plus an additional 500 words for the Reflections on Planning and Progress Form that is submitted with the Extended Essay).
- **Note:** The essay should not be any longer than 4,000 words as any writing over this limit will not be read.

How many hours should be spent on it?

- The IB recommends that you spend approximately 40 hours, spread out over the course of your IB studies.

On which subjects can the essay be written?

- *Biology; Business Management; Chemistry; Computer Science; Dance; Environmental Systems and Societies; Design Technology; Economics; Geography; Global Politics; History; Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS); Language Acquisition (Cat. 1,2,or 3); Literature and Performance; Math; Music; Physics; Psychology; Sports, Exercise and Health Science; Studies in Lang. and Lit. (Cat. 1,2, or 3); Theater; Visual Arts*

What policies accompany it?

- Academic honesty
- IB's ethical guidelines
- Animal experimentation policy

How is it supervised?

- The IB expects students to receive anything from three to five hours of in-school supervisory support towards the composition of their Extended Essay.
- A supervisor is expected to provide advice and support but not prescribe questions or edit any work produced.
- Your supervisor will also be expected to validate the authenticity of the work submitted by you to the IB by signing and dating the Reflections on Planning and Progress Form (RPPF).
- External supervision (that is, non-school based) is possible under certain scenarios, although only an in-school supervisor can sign the forms.

How is it submitted?

- The Extended Essay will be digitally uploaded to the IB by the candidate or school. The IB diploma Coordinator will help facilitate this upload.
- Extended Essays should be saved using any of the following types:
- Microsoft word file (DOC)
- Microsoft Word 2007/2010/2013 document (DOCX)
- Portable Document Format (PDF)
- Rich Text Format (RTF)

How is it assessed?

- The Extended Essay is assessed in accordance with the following criteria:
- A: Focus and method (6 marks)
- B: Knowledge and understanding (6 marks)
- C: Critical thinking (12 marks)
- D: Presentation (4 marks)
- E: Engagement (6 marks)
- Total Marks Awarded: 34

How many IB points is it worth?

- There are three points available for the combination of the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge. The additional points are allocated as follows:

TOK/EE	A	B	C	D	E
A	3	3	2	2	Failing
B	3	2	2	1	Condition
C	2	2	1	0	Failing
D	2	1	0	0	Condition
E	Failing	Condition	Failing	Condition	Failing

NOT TO BE INCLUDED

- Candidate details, session number, school and supervisor's name and any identifying features on the title page. The digital upload will take care of the personal details.
- Identifying marks (names, school names, candidate numbers and so forth) anywhere on the essay itself
- Audio-visual material (such as video recordings and sound clips), although images and screenshots are fine.