

VCE
Subject





Extended Investigation Units 3 & 4

This subject is designed for students who want to challenge the boundaries of their learning, have an inquiring mind, and who can learn to become self-motivated. Extended Investigation allows students to conduct rigorous research in a topic of their choice, enabling them to control the content studied.

Students have to learn how to create and frame a robust research question in the academic area of their own choosing. They then develop an ethical, disciplined and rational approach to gathering, interpreting and evaluating evidence in order to answer this research question. Students are introduced to a broad range of research methods and explore their comparative suitability for the investigation of particular questions.

This study enables students to:

- develop and construct a rigorous research question
- understand and realise how to apply research methods
- explore in-depth a chosen area of investigation
- develop as independent, critical and reflective learners
- develop research project management knowledge
- analyse and evaluate findings and results
- develop skills in written and oral presentation
- become competent and perceptive critical thinkers

Structure

- Unit 3** Thinking about arguments
Developing a research question
Planning and commencing the investigation
- Unit 4** Thinkg about research
Completing a written report
Presenting and defending findings

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for entry into this subject. The subject can be studied in Year 11 or Year 12 as there is no Unit 1 and 2 sequence. Strong literacy skills are required to access and utilise academic resources and writing conventions.

Assessment

There is no written examination in this subject and the Study Score is awarded based on coursework, an online Critical Thinking Test, a 4000 word written report and an oral presentation.

Unit 3	School-Assessed Coursework Written Proposal, Plan and Oral Presentation	30%
Unit 3&4	Externally-Assessed Critical Thinking Test Online Test	10%
Unit 3&4	Externally-Assessed Task Written Report and Oral Presentation	60%

Pathways

The skills and competencies that students develop in Extended Investigation are easily transferable to any higher education subject or vocational education and training program.