

Extended Essay (EE)

What is the Extended Essay?

The extended essay is the key component of DP core and is intended to promote high level of research and writing skills. It is an independent self-directed piece of research not exceeding 4000 words which encourages students to engage in intellectual discovery and creativity. Students are guided through the process of research and writing by an assigned supervisor usually an expert in the chosen subject.

What skills would I develop through EE?

Through the extended essay, students will develop the following skills:

- In depth knowledge about an issues or subject of student's choice
- Critical thinking skills involving in-depth analytical and evaluation skills
- Self Management skills
- Information literacy skills
- Engaging in a personal exploration and developing in-depth knowledge of the subject.
- Presentation skills
- Reflective skills

Are there levels (SL/HL) in EE?

EE is an important element of DP core hence does not have any levels (SL or HL).

What kind of support will be provided at Neev for EE?

Students are supported throughout the process of researching and writing the extended essay, with advice and guidance from a teacher who is usually a subject expert. At Neev, we have subscribed to database (JSTOR) which will ensure that our DP students have access to a range of journals and research publications. Additionally students are supported through the following sessions :

- Effective writing skills
- Academic research
- Referencing skills
- Academic honesty

How is the extended essay assessed?

All extended essays are graded from Grade A to Grade E on the basis of the following criteria. The final points (out of 3) are collectively derived (along with TOK) through a 3 point matrix.

- Criterion A – Focus and method
- Criterion B – Knowledge and understanding
- Criterion C – Critical thinking
- Criterion D – Presentation
- Criterion E – Engagement

How will Extended Essay help me later?

All higher education institutions (both in India and abroad) value the role of extended essay in developing research skills among students. In fact most of the admission officers from leading universities across the globe take deep interest in the extended essay and evaluate students on the basis of the intellectual initiative shown during the extended essay process. Additionally in a world where there is dearth of original ideas, extended essay develops a research mindset through which students conduct in depth study on the topic of their interest and develop their own individual perspective. Students develop strong ethical values and academic honest practices while writing extended essay, this helps them not only during their college but also life beyond.