

BTEC Business

Examination board & syllabus: Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Business

Extended certificate = 1 A Level equivalent

Minimum Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4, including Maths grade 4 or English Grade 4

Course Outline:

A career in Business is not just about doing deals and making money; it is in fact one of the most varied, demanding and creative of all careers. You need the skills to understand and motivate your workforce, creativity to attract customers, and commitment to raise your start up finance and fend off your competition. If you feel that these skills are important in most careers, you are right they are, then this could be the ideal course for you, "and the future you don't yet know". The BTEC Business course is a vocational course, it is a "hands on course" where you are expected to do rather than simply study business. The course is now assessed both internally and externally with the majority of the course now assessed by examiners.

Assessment:

If you select to study the extended certificate you will be required to complete two units in Year 12 and a further two in Year 13. Two of these will be assessed in school and two are assessed by external examiners. If you select to study the diploma you will be required to complete four units in Year 12 and a further four in Year 13. Five of these will be assessed in school and three are assessed by external examiners. To be successful on this course you must have good organisational skills and be able to meet regular deadlines for work. You must also demonstrate independent learning skills.

Exams:

Extended certificate – 42% internally assessed coursework, 25% externally assessed coursework, 33% external exam

Diploma – 54% internally assessed coursework, 29% externally assessed coursework, 17% external exam

Equipment required / Approx Cost:

You will not be required to buy any special equipment for this course

Independent Study Tips:

You will submit your work through the Moodle (VLE), this will then be marked and you can access this from home. You are expected to read around the subject in your own time and to make improvements to work submitted.

Higher Education Progression:

There are many courses at University which link to the study of Business.

Career Opportunities:

Business has for many years been one of the most popular degree subjects and the majority of students completing this BTEC course continue their studies at university often in combination with another subject or with a particular emphasis. The world of Business is so varied that you could progress onto Marketing, Human Resource Management, Events Management, Administration, Public Relations, Leisure and Tourism, Finance, Accountancy, Corporate Law etc. Popular joint degrees have included Business with: Languages, Law, American or European studies, Media, Design and Journalism.

Useful Websites:

www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk, www.tutor2u.net and www.bized.ac.uk