

Business Studies

Examination Board: WJEC Eduqas

Qualification: A level

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Entry Requirements: You will need at least a grade 5 in English and Mathematics and a 6 in Business Studies if completed at GCSE level. Business can be studied at Sixth Form without having studied the GCSE.

What will I study?

Students will study business in a variety of contexts (e.g. large/small, UK focused/global, service/manufacturing) and consider:

- the importance of the context of business in relation to decision making
- the interrelated nature of business activities and how they affect competitiveness
- the competitive environment and the markets in which businesses operate
- influences on functional decisions and plans including ethical and environmental issues
- factors that might determine if a decision is successful
- how technology is changing the way decisions are made and how businesses operate and compete
- the impact on stakeholders of functional decisions and their response to such decisions
- the use of non-quantitative and quantitative data in decision making (including interpretation of index numbers and calculations such as ratios and percentages).

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Business Opportunities and Functions.

Written examination; 2 hours 15 minutes, 1/3 of qualification.

Section A – compulsory short-answer questions.

Section B – compulsory data-answer questions.

To assess Business Opportunities and Functions.

Total marks 80

Component 2: Business Analysis and Strategy.

Written examination; 2 hours 15 minutes, 1/3 of qualification.

Compulsory data response and structured questions.

To assess business strategy and analytical techniques used in the business decision-making process. The subject content in Component 1 will underpin the context for Business Analysis and Strategy. Total marks 80

Component 3: Business in a Changing World.

Written examination; 2 hours 15 minutes, 1/3 of qualification.

Section A – compulsory questions based on a case study.

Section B – one synoptic essay from a choice of three.

To assess all of the A level subject content. Total marks 80.

Am I suited to this course?

This course is designed to give you a good grounding in all aspects of business. You will develop a thorough understanding of topical business issues and will think about them in a critical manner, developing the skills of application, analysis and evaluation. Case study research of businesses lies at the heart of the A level course. You are taught business theory and how to apply it to issues, problems and opportunities facing real businesses.

Where can it lead?

A level entry to banking, retail and human resource management, business management and hospitality, accountancy, including apprenticeships. Progression to Higher Education degree courses in Business, Finance and Management.