

Research Project

Level: Stage 2

Course length: 1 Semester

Credit value: 10 Credits

Advice to students

The Research Project gives students the opportunity to study an area of interest in depth. It allows students to use their creativity and initiative, while developing the research and presentation skills they will need in further study or work.

The Research Project is a compulsory subject of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Students must complete the 10 credit Research Project at Stage 2 of SACE with a C grade or better.

Course overview

Students:

- choose a topic of interest – it may be linked to a SACE subject or course, or to a workplace or community context
- learn and apply research processes and the knowledge and skills specific to their research question
- produce a research outcome
- record their research process and evaluate what they have learnt.

The term 'research' is used broadly and may include practical or technical investigations formal research or exploratory enquiries.

Options

There are two versions of the subject.

Research Project A

and

Research Project B

Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

School-based assessment

- Folio 30%
Research proposal, research development and discussion
- Research Outcome (Type A or B) 40%
A – 1500 words
B – 2000 words

External assessment

- (Type A or B) 30%
(both versions include a written summary)
 - Research Project A – Review:
a choice of written, oral and/or multimodal external assessment of 1500 words or 10 minutes maximum.
 - Research Project B – Evaluation:
a **written** external assessment of 1500 words maximum.

Both versions contribute to the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Pathways

The Research Project may be useful to pursue career pathways, investigate study alternatives, further develop a passion or hobby, become involved in community projects or investigate a new area of interest. It enables students to develop skills for further study, work and community life.