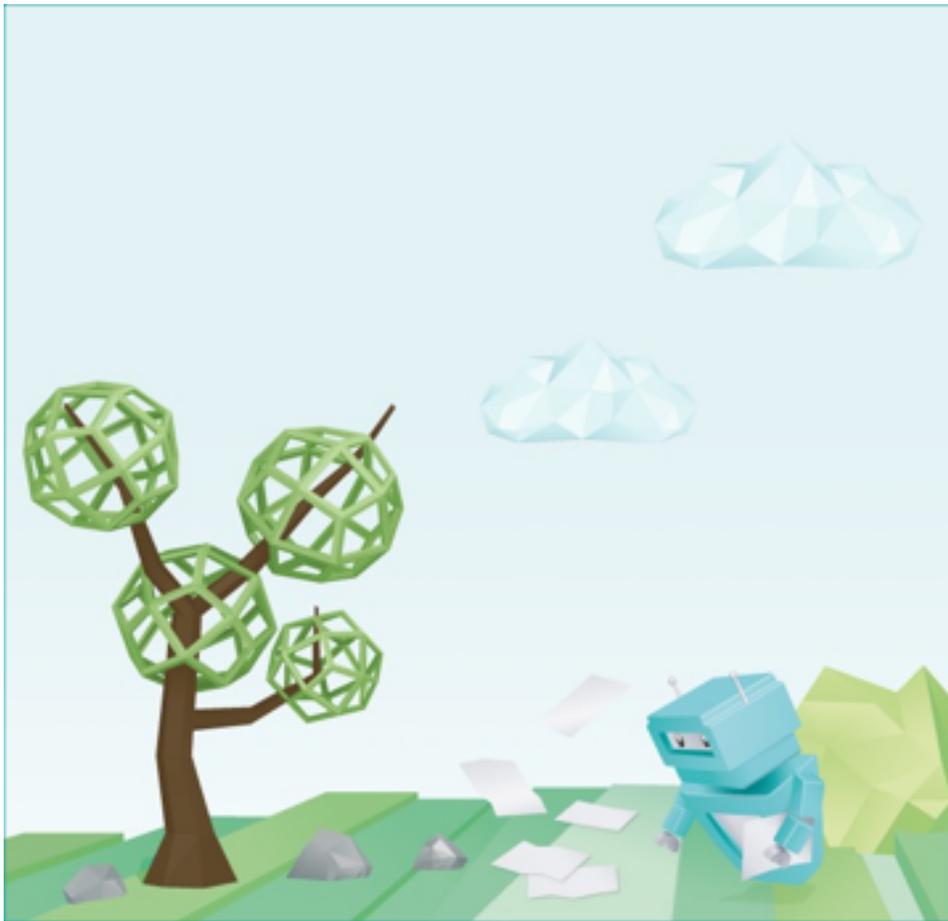


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A guide to writing the
Research Project



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Advice for completing the research study

A common brief will be issued for Ordinary Level and Higher Level which is to be completed in 6th year. The report on the research study accounts for 20% of the total marks. Each student must complete and submit an individual report on his/her research study, which must be authenticated by the teacher.

The report must not exceed 1500 words (excluding the references and bibliography) and must be completed in a digital completion document. A blank digital completion document can be found here

(<https://www.examinations.ie/?l=en&mc=ex&sc=he#ECOEN>)

The deadline for the online submission of the research study is the end of Term 1 (December) in 6th year.

Outlined below is advice on how to complete the Research Study for Economics. However, you should check out this (https://curriculumonline.ie/getmedia/bb757072-78d6-46a2-bb06-ee8d66dc7ed8/LCEconomics_GL_1119.pdf) for more detailed guidelines on the Economics Research Study from the NCCA website.



Steps to take when completing the research study

1. Choose an individual line of inquiry relating to the chosen research topic. The line of inquiry can be of personal, local, national or international interest. The **line of inquiry** must relate to the learning outcomes in the Leaving Certificate Economics specification.
2. Select **relevant and reliable sources of information and data**. The sources should be qualitative and quantitative and relate to the student's line of inquiry.
3. **Apply at least one relevant economic concept** from the Leaving Certificate Economics specification to the individual line of inquiry.
4. **Analyse and evaluate** the sources of information in order to make an informed judgement in response to the line of inquiry.
5. **Make conclusions** in relation to the line of inquiry.
6. **Reflect** on new knowledge, understanding and skills learned and how your thinking has changed as a result of undertaking the research study.





Research Report Structure and Outline Marking Scheme

Section A	Suggested content to be included	55 marks
<p>Introduction <i>Minimum of 200 words, maximum 250 words</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the title for the research study. • State the individual line of inquiry as an economic question, problem or issue which is to be addressed. • In this section you should outline the aims of this line of inquiry. Make sure to refer to at least one of the learning outcomes in the Economics specifications. • Selection relevant and reliable sources of information and data. A minimum of two sources are required and one must be quantitative. 	
<p>The Research Project <i>Minimum of 650 words, maximum of 750 words</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A research process should be based on the application of economic concepts and economic theory from your course to the chosen line of inquiry. • Analyse, interpret, and evaluate the selected sources of information and data to make relevant arguments and judgments. • Relevant data may be presented in a table or graph. See Appendix A (page 15) of the guidelines on how to reference correctly. 	
Section B	Suggested content to be included	30 marks
<p>Conclusion <i>A Minimum of 300 words, maximum of 350 words</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present conclusions as they relate to the stated line of inquiry, the aims that were outlined in the introduction and the economic concepts and economic theory related to the line of inquiry. 	



<p>Reflection</p> <p><i>A Minimum of 125 words, maximum of 150 words</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Reflect on the insights you have gained from engagement with the research study. • Demonstrate how your thinking has evolved and/or how attitudes, opinions or behaviour may or may not be influenced as a result of the research study. • A Reflect on whether undertaking the research process raised other/new questions in relation to the line of inquiry 	
<p>Communication Presentation and Overall Coherence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mark awarded here is judged on the organization, presentation and overall cohesion of the report in the context of clear evidence of preparation, planning, implementation and completion of the Research Study. 	<p>15 marks</p>





Best of luck with
the research
project! It will be
great 😊

