

Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales

The Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification is an exciting new Level 3 qualification awarded that supports learners to become effective, responsible, and active citizens ready to take their place in a sustainable global society and in the workplace.

Who is the qualification for?

The qualification is primarily designed for learners aged 16-19 who are following a two-year course. It will normally be taken alongside other level 3 qualifications, such as a combination of A levels and/or vocational qualifications.

Entry requirements

Whilst there are no formal entry requirements, it is reasonable to assume that many learners will have achieved qualifications equivalent to level 2 and will have developed skills in planning and organisation, critical thinking and problem-solving, creativity and innovation and personal effectiveness to this level. This qualification provides an opportunity to refine and develop these skills to a higher level.

The qualification is not age specific and, as such, provides opportunities for learners to extend their life-long learning.

What does the qualification cover?

Through completing the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification, learners will:

- develop, apply and be assessed on their skills of Planning and Organisation; Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving; Creativity and Innovation; and Personal Effectiveness (the 'Integral' Skills)
- be given opportunities to further develop their skills of Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competence (the 'Embedded' Skills)
- develop an appreciation of the importance of skills development as a key aspect of life-long learning
- engage in active, creative, and learner-led opportunities
- enquire and think for themselves, plan, make choices and decisions, solve problems, and reflect on and evaluate these
- develop initiative, independence, and resilience
- work independently, take on responsibilities and work effectively with others.



Qualification Structure

The Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification is made up of three units referred to as Projects.



The **Global Community Project** supports learners to develop and demonstrate application of the Integral Skills whilst considering complex global issues and participating in local community activities (at least 15 hours) to promote citizenship in a sustainable world and Wales.

The **Future Destination Project** supports learners to develop and demonstrate application of the Integral Skills whilst exploring future destination goals for life, employability and citizenship in a sustainable world and Wales.



The **Individual Project** enables learners to develop and demonstrate application of the Integral Skills whilst planning, managing and conducting an independent research project (extended written project or artefact).

Assessment

Each Project is assessed through a series of tasks which require learners to demonstrate their application of planning and organisation, critical thinking and problem-solving, creativity and innovation and personal effectiveness. When completing their assessments learners will explore topics that are of relevance and interest to them within broadly defined themes linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda and Wales' Wellbeing Goals.

Assessment of the Global Community Project contributes 25% to the overall qualification grade and requires learners to:

- select and investigate a global issue of their choice
- make connections between the global issue they have researched and a local perspective
- plan and participate in a community action

Assessment of the Future Destinations project contributes 25% to the overall qualification grade and requires learners to:

- consider their skills, attributes, abilities and goals
- create a personal manifesto for their future
- collaborate with their peers to achieve a common goal

Assessment of the Individual Project contributes 50% to the overall qualification grade and requires learners to:

- explore a research topic of their choice
- produce and presenting a research outcome, which could include the production of an artefact
- evaluate their individual project

Assessment can be staged throughout the course although learners are likely to complete the Individual Project in their second year.

How is the qualification graded?

The qualification is graded A*-E.

What could the qualification lead to?

The skills and behaviours developed through completion of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales provides a suitable foundation for the study of a range of higher education courses, progression to the next level of vocational qualifications or employment.

Further information

For further information please refer to the WJEC website at <https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/advanced-skills-baccalaureate-wales/>