

IB Economics Extended Essay guide - EE checklist

Criterion A

	Absent	Partial	Complete
The essay has a title page with the title of the essay, the student code, research question, subject of the EE and the word count of the essay			
The essay has a table of contents with page numbers and each page is numbered			
The essay has an introduction that outlines the focus of the essay, the research methodology and the main argument of the essay			
The body of the essay includes the research question, the background research and methodology used for the work.			
The essay has a conclusion that summarises and explains the findings of the essay			
The chosen methodology is justified and allows for the collection of sufficient secondary (and primary) data			
Tables, figures, diagrams, images and graphs are labelled using Figure 1, Table 1, etc and with source identified. Where possible real world data is used in economic diagrams.			
The font size is 12 with 1.5 line spacing. The font used is Arial (recommended but not mandatory)			

The word count of the essay is within 4000 words			
Appendices, if included, do not contain information central to the main argument of the essay			
The EE does not contain any identifiable information about the student or their school			

Criterion B

	Absent	Partial	Complete
The background research includes relevant economic theory that is directly related to the research question			
The background research demonstrates full understanding of the theories and concepts related to the research question			
The background research includes relevant terminology that demonstrates understanding of the topic			
The background research refers to relevant academic journal articles related to the topic in addition to textbooks and websites			
In-text citations are used where required to ensure academic honesty			

Criterion C

	Absent	Partial	Complete
The analysis integrates data and theory to answer the research question			
There is a logical structure to the analysis which covers all elements of the research question and proceeds logically			
Each section of the work includes a mini-conclusion which summarizes what has been discussed in that section and relates it back to the research question			
The work is analytical and evaluative and not descriptive			

Criterion D

	Absent	Partial	Complete
There is a clear discussion of whether or not the results answers the research question			
There is a discussion concerning the validity and reliability of the data and other sources used			
The conclusion is justified through comparison to the established economic context, including			

references			
Relevant weaknesses related to the methodology have been identified and discussed			
The impact of the weaknesses and limitations on the quality of the data has been explained			
Realistic and relevant improvements to the weaknesses and limitations identified have been explained			

Criterion E

	Absent	Partial	Complete
The 500-word reflective statement has been completed after the viva voce			
The PRF form is completed together with the three formal reflection sessions and the 500-word reflective statement			
The 500-word reflective statement is evaluative rather than descriptive and includes specific examples			
The 500-word reflective statement includes examples that provide evidence of student growth throughout the EE process			