

Applied A-level Equivalents

APPLIED A-LEVELS

Applied 'A levels' are growing in popularity nationally and are now being offered by a number of exam boards. They offer a different assessment model to conventional A levels as they are a balance of both coursework and exams. Exams boards give them various different names, such as Extended Certificates, but it is simplest to think them as applied versions of A levels.

These courses are structured like diplomas but are the same size as a single A level and work within an A level programme. They are usually studied in combination with A levels but you can study three Applied 'A levels' as a full programme on its own.

A levels: 3 courses over 2 years (Level 3)	Applied 'A levels': Typically combined with A levels	Extended Diploma: Fulltime specialist course over 2 years (Level 3)
Assessment: Mainly exam-based	Assessment: 50/50 assignment & exam <small>End of Year 1 = Certificate End of Year 2 = Extended Certificate</small>	Assessment: Mainly assignment-based
3 A grades = 144 UCAS points	3 A or Distinction grades = 144 UCAS points	Triple Distinction = 144 UCAS points
Progression: Higher Education / Employment	Progression: Higher Education / Employment	Progression: Higher Education / Employment

The 3rd Way

WHAT WE OFFER?

Our offer for next year includes the below suite of Applied 'A levels':

- Applied Criminology
- Applied Games Production
- Applied Human Biology
- Applied IT
- Applied Production Arts
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Law

These qualifications have all been developed in conjunction with universities and provide a platform for progress into higher education. This includes Russell Group universities but some of these, such as Bristol for example, stipulate that they should be accompanied by at least one conventional A level.

