

## A-Level Business Part 1

### Summary

With this course, you can develop your knowledge of how business works - whether you are interested in setting up your own or want to explore a wide variety of industries. Covering key topics like marketing, finance, operations and strategy, this qualification strengthens your analytical and decision-making skills. With case studies examining how digital marketing and global trends shape modern enterprises, it's ideal preparation for university or for working in business, economics or as an entrepreneur.

*PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level.*

*You will need to apply for each part separately. You can start an A-level at any time of the year, but exams usually take place in June. Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold A-level exams as many cannot facilitate this. Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release - we will be happy to advise you further on this.*

<b>Course Provider</b>	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200   <a href="http://www.nec.ac.uk">www.nec.ac.uk</a>
<b>Qualification Accreditation</b>	AQA
<b>Academic level</b>	Level 3
<b>PET entry requirements</b>	Level 2 English and Maths
<b>Format of course material</b>	Paper-based
<b>Structure of course</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is business?</li> <li>2. Managers, leadership and decision making</li> <li>3. Marketing management</li> <li>4. Operational management</li> <li>5. Financial management</li> </ol>
<b>Assignments</b>	6 written assignments

<b>Exam</b>	2 invigilated, closed book exams (90 minutes each)
<b>Study hours</b>	150
<b>Course expiry date</b>	24 months
<b>Prison support requirements</b>	Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor. Co-ordinate with NEC to arrange and facilitate exam where necessary.
<b>Supplier tutor's support</b>	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
<b>Certificate</b>	Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level. On successful completion of either exam, you will receive a certificate.
<b>Progress</b>	There are range of possible progression options including A-Level Business Part 2, an Open University Access course, or various business and management courses. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).