

## Department of Language and Linguistics: Milestones for MPhil Students

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Progress to Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis.	<ul> <li>Training Needs         Analysis to be         completed.</li> <li>Attend Proficio         courses and plan for         further courses to         attend, as         appropriate.</li> <li>Attend at least four of         the workshops         offered throughout         the academic year as         part of LG595.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students</li> <li>By end of Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students</li> </ul>
	B: Choose research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area):  Write central research problem/questions to be answered.  Methodological considerations.  Feasibility Report — identifying sources, access and ethical considerations  Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage.	By first Supervisory     Panel and RSPB     (Term 1 for full-time     students; Term 2/3     for part-time     students)
	C: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	Critical Literature Review (where relevant)	<ul> <li>By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students;</li> <li>By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students.</li> </ul>
	D: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete an MPhil within the three year maximum period.	<ul> <li>Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students;</li> <li>By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students.</li> </ul>
	E: Demonstration of	<ul> <li>Create a detailed,</li> </ul>	<ul><li>By end of year 1 SP</li></ul>



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	effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.  F: Have begun to collect and analyse evidence for application to your research questions.	realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2.  Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style.  Provide short written report on progress to supervisor.	and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students;  By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students.  By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students;  By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students.
M2: Progress from Year 2 to Completion (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis.  B: Demonstration of effective project management through	<ul> <li>Training Needs         Analysis to be         reviewed.</li> <li>Attend Proficio         courses and plan for         further courses to         attend, as         appropriate.</li> <li>Create a detailed,         realistic completion         plan.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Term 4 for full-time students; Term 8 for part-time students</li> <li>By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students</li> <li>By end of year</li> <li>Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students;</li> </ul>
	the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul> <li>Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style</li> </ul>	Term 12 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected for an MPhil at the end of Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	<ul> <li>Research completed (empirical and theoretical work, where relevant)</li> <li>Produce good drafts of at least 75% of the chapters of your thesis</li> <li>Produce a realistic completion year plan (if needed)</li> <li>Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style</li> <li>Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)



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M3: Completion Year (if needed)  A: Clear evidence progress towards submission	<ul> <li>Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment</li> </ul>	By interim Supervisory Panel prior to submission/Term 2 of completion year (Term 11/12 for full-time students; Term 20/21 for part-time students.
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