

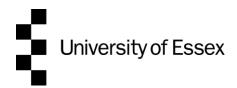
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Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Progress to Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis.	 Training Needs Analysis to be completed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	 Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students By end of Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students
	B: Clarify research topic and demonstrate an understanding of topic and relevance to wider 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 the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete a Masters by Dissertation within the two year maximum period.	 Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at Masters by dissertation level, including adequate referencing and language skills. Write critical literature review student has completed a review of the pertinent literature in the field, identified the major secondary and, where relevant, primary sources to be used. Student can also demonstrate a critical 	 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.



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	understanding of the relevant material and has taken a position in relation to the key debates in the field student has examined relevant literature and has demonstrated this in a draft chapter(s) of the thesis student has adequately formulated the topic and produced a clear outline of the thesis, together with a plan of work for the remainder of the minimum period in addition to formulating a research question, student has established a hypothesis in relation to the research question student has clarified the original contribution	
	he/she is making to the field	
D: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 1	 Create a detailed, realistic plan of work leading to submission At least 60% of the intended written work must be completed in draft form by this time Report on research undertaken to date Research completed (empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)



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		reflective style	
	E: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic completion plan (if required) Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	 By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	F: Subject-specific milestones	student has clearly defined relevant psychoanalytic and analytical psychological concepts, and has grasped the relevant secondary literature surrounding these	
		student has explored various methodologies that may be used in his/her project and has selected the most appropriate approach for his/her thesis. Student has also explored how the chosen method/methods may be situated within, or related to, different psychoanalytic methodologies.	
M2: Completion Year (if needed)	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	 Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment 	By Supervisory Panel prior to submission.