

Faculty of Social Sciences and Department of Government Milestones for PhD Students

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Confirmation and 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: 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 Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	 Critical Literature Review (where relevant) 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	D: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete within the four year maximum period.	 Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at PhD level, including adequate referencing and language skills. 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	E: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2. Produce supervisory board report written in a clear and self- reflective style. 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	F: Subject-specific milestones:		Page 1 of 7

1) You will have been assigned a PhD supervisor.	1) You should meet regularly with your supervisor, <i>typically at</i> <i>least once a fortnight</i> in your first year. This pattern should continue throughout your time in the program, unless you have reasons to be away from campus, such as carrying out fieldwork.	1) Assignment of Ph.D. supervisor no later than 1 November. Meetings—ongoing with evidence (can be e- mails, informal notes) of their occurrence.
2) Identification of 1 or 2 additional members of academic staff to sit on supervisory boards	2) Consensus and report of board members to Ph.D. director and Sallyann West	2) Report due to PGR administrator no later than November 15 th . Student should take responsibility for sending e-mail.
3) Enrol in and successfully complete GV994 and other modules, as required.	3) Enrolment and satisfactory progress in GV994, and other modules, as required.	3) Evidence of satisfactory progress in other modules, as required.
4) Attendance at Ph.D. colloquium and other relevant seminars held in the Department or in other relevant disciplines.	4) Evidence of engagement in colloquium and seminars.	4) Student engagement with Departmental events to be reviewed by boards and RSPB.
5) Demonstration of satisfactory completion of extended proposal.	5) To be demonstrated in second PhD supervisory panel.	5) Approval form the First Year Defence Panel that the extended proposal is satisfactory.
6) Progress on dissertation.	6) Journal-based PhD: research proposal in complete form and draft of one paper. If you are doing an article based dissertation, it is ideal to have at least a draft of the first paper circulating over the summer	6) End of first year, preferably evidenced after second board.

M2: Progress from Year 2 to Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis.	 between the first and second year of the PhD programme. Ideally, this paper will be under peer review. Monograph based PhD: research proposal in complete form and draft of one chapter (typically a literature review or theory chapter). Additional evidence of progress should exist in the form of the preparation or undertaking fieldwork, notes, archival visits etc. A timeline that maps out how future progress will be achieved in subsequent years. Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for 	 Term 4 for full-time students; Term 8 for part-time students By end of Term 6 for full-time students;
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	 further courses to attend, as appropriate. Produce draft chapters equivalent to 2/3rds of the number proposed/2 papers Report on research undertaken to date 	Term 12 for part-time students By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	C: Review significance and impact of research and articulate output.	 For example: Deliver workshop Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference Write journal articles 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	D: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3. Produce supervisory board report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
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E: Specific Departmental Expectations for Second Year Students pertaining to Dissertation	 Students doing a 'journal based' PhD should have completed drafts of at least 2 papers At least one of these papers should have been placed under peer review by the end of the first half of your second year. Ideally a second paper also will be under peer review. It is likely that the first peer reviews will require you to revise your initial submission, and time in the second year should be allocated for this purpose. Students doing a 'monograph based' PhD should have completed drafts of at least 2/3rds of the substantive chapters of their PhD. If students are planning an academic career, they should discuss placement projections with their supervisor and other academics and familiarize themselves with the current state of the academic job market. A revised timetable should be approved by the supervisor to ensure that the thesis will be completed in draft form by the end of the third year of registration (minimum period). 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
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M3: Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project	 Training Needs Analysis reviewed 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 9 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	 Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) Produce all draft chapters/ at least papers 	By the term 7 Supervisory Panel (Term 15 for part-time students)
	C: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	 Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory board comment 	By interim Supervisory Panel prior to submission/Term 7/8 for full-time students; Term 15 - 16 for part-time students)
	D: Subject-specific milestones		
	1) Related to Dissertation	 Journal based': draft of all three research papers. Note that failure to do so will require you to seek approval for an extension to the minimum period of study. Please note that extensions to one's minimum period require the approval of the Deputy Dean for Education is not a guarantee. 'Monograph based': drafts of all substantive chapters of the thesis. Note that failure to do so will require you to seek approval for an extension to the minimum period of 	1) By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 9 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
		study. Please note that extension to one's minimum period requires	

		the approval of the	
		Deputy Dean for	
		Education is not a	
		guarantee. You will be	
		allowed to go into	
		completion year only if	
		the submitted	
		papers/chapters are	
		judged to be of a	
		standard deemed	
		appropriate for by the	
		Departmental	
		postgraduate research	
		progress committee.	
	2) Meet		2) By end of year
	professionalization	2) Presented at least	Supervisory Board
	requirements concerning	one paper to the PhD	(Term 9 for full-time
	presenting one's work	Colloquium. By the end	students; Term 18 for
		of the third year you should aim to have	part-time students)
		attended relevant	
		conferences, presented	
		papers at them, and to	
		have a plan for	
		submission of your work	
	2) Sock to publich one's	for publication.	2) By and of year
	 Seek to publish one's work 	3) For 'Monograph	 By end of year Supervisory Board
	WORK	based' dissertations,	(Term 9 for full-time
		students should, with the	students; Term 18 for
		advice of their	part-time students)
		supervisors and other	
		academics, seek out	
		potential presses that	
		will turn the dissertation	
		into a published book.	
		For `Journal based'	
		dissertations, the third	
		paper should be readied for submission for peer	
		review. The two earlier	
		papers should be either	
		published or in revision	
		for further submission.	
		 Submit the approved 	
		thesis to supervisor	
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		-	and board members for comments. Do final corrections. Submit thesis before the end of the academic year.		
M4: If necessary, request to enter completion period	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	•	Timeline of work needing to take place before submission	•	Termly progress report to supervisor and/or board members if necessary
	B: Department specific attitudes towards submission	•	Revise and rewrite chapters. Thesis no longer than 80,000		