

Department of Language and Linguistics: Milestones for MPhil Students - 2019-20 entry

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.	 Use Moodle to complete Training Needs Analysis. In conjunction with supervisor, plan for Proficio and other training courses to attend according to needs. Attend at least four of the workshops offered throughout the academic year as part of LG595. Regular attendance to Departmental seminars and research groups as relevant. 	 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 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)	 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.
	D: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to	 Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at 	 By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students;



	complete an MPhil within the three year maximum period.	MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills. Have produced 50% of thesis in draft format.	 By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (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 panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	 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.
	F: Have begun to collect and analyse evidence for application to your research questions.	Provide short written report on progress to supervisor.	 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: During Year 2	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis.	 Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. Regular attendance to Departmental seminars and research groups as relevant. 	 Term 4 for full-time students; Term 8 for part-time students By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students
	B: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic completion plan. Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	 Research completed (empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) Produce sufficient draft chapters/ papers Produce good drafts of at least 80% of the 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)



		chapters of your thesis Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference
		 Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
If Required: M3: request to enter Completion Period	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	Timeline of work needing to take place before submission Timeline agreed by Supervisory board.