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| M1: During year 1          | 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 and/or creative practice are of a standard and ability expected at Masters by dissertation level, including adequate referencing and language skills.  
▪ Write critical literature review | By end of year 1 SUPERVISORY PANEL and RSPB – (Term 3) for full-time students;  
By end of year 2 SUPERVISORY PANEL and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students |
| 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  
▪ Produce sufficient draft chapters (2/3 of the thesis)  
▪ Research completed (empirical, creative and theoretical work, where relevant) | ▪ By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students) |
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| 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 student progress report on research 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) |
| If Required M2: Request to enter Completion Period | ▪ Timeline of work needed to take place before submission | ▪ Timeline agreed by Supervisory Panel. |