

## Faculty of Social Sciences Department of Sociology Milestones for PhD Students – 2020-21 Entry

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.	<ul> <li>Attend Sociology PhD colloquium, Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	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.	<ol> <li>Revised Research Proposal</li> <li>Research Project Plan, including (dependent on subject area):         <ul> <li>Write central research problem/questions to be answered and literature review.</li> <li>Write Methodological considerations report/chapter.</li> <li>Feasibility Report – identifying sources, ethical considerations and prepare ethnical approval</li> <li>Secure ethical approval where necessary</li> <li>Outline objectives for each stage of the research.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Improved version of the Research Proposal should be ready by first Board in Term 1; term 2 for part time students</li> <li>By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)</li> </ol>		
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 three year period.	<ul><li>i.e., have written 15,000-20,000 words.</li><li>In the case of a monograph-based thesis this</li></ul>	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part- time students)		

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	and methodology drafts which will inform	
	the overall project.	
E: Demonstration of		
effective project	<ul> <li>Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/</li> </ul>	By Confirmation Board
management	timetable for Year 2.	(Term 3 for full-time
through the setting	- Produce supervisory board report written in	students; Term 6 for part-
of research goals	a clear and self- reflective style.	time students)
and prioritisation of		_
activities.		
	1) You should meet regularly with your	
	supervisor, typically at least once a fortnight in	
	your first year. This pattern should continue	
F: Subject-specific	throughout your time in the program, unless you	
milestones:	have reasons to be away from campus, such as	
1) You will have	carrying out fieldwork.	
-	2) Send Progress Report of board members to	
supervisor.	PGR administrator	
2) Identification of a	3) Regular attendance to PhD colloquium, as	
chair of supervisory	required. Evidence of engagement in colloquium	<ul> <li>Meetings with</li> </ul>
boards	and seminars. To be demonstrated in second	supervisors —ongoing
3) Attendance at	PhD supervisory panel.	with evidence (can be e-
Ph.D. colloquium		mails, informal notes) of
and other relevant	4) Monograph based PhD: research proposal in	their occurrence.
seminars held in the	complete form and draft of two chapters	<ul> <li>Progress report due to</li> </ul>
Department or in	(typically a literature review and/or theory &	PGR administrator.
other relevant	methods chapter). Additional evidence of	Student should take
disciplines.	progress should exist in the form of the	responsibility for
4) Demonstration of	preparation or undertaking fieldwork, notes,	sending e-mail.
satisfactory	archival visits etc.	
completion of	4) Journal paper-based PhD: research proposal	
extended	in complete form and completed draft of Paper	
proposal/paper.	1. If you are doing an article-based dissertation,	
5) Progress on dissertation/paper	it is ideal this paper will be submitted for peer review in a journal.	
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	5) A timeline that maps out how future progress	
	will be achieved in subsequent years.	
Assass whathar the	e planned research requires completion of the	
	R student research and placement activities.	
	d at subsequent SPs and RSPBs.	
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M2: Progress from Yo	ear 2 to Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time stude	nts)
A: Review training		Term 4 for full-time
needs and	<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed.</li> </ul>	students; Term 8 for part-
knowledge required	<ul> <li>Attend Proficio courses and Department's</li> </ul>	time students
to continue with	PhD colloquium and plan for further courses	By end of Term 6 for full-
research project and	to attend, as appropriate.	time students; Term 12 for
complete the thesis.		part-time students
complete the thesis.		

3: Demonstrate work of the quality nd quantity expected at the end of Year 2	<ul> <li>Completed 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of research:</li> <li>Monograph based PhD: Completed data collection and have begun data analysis with first draft of one empirical chapter based on data collected</li> <li>Journal based PhD: Drafts of 2 papers</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part- time students)
C: Review ignificance and mpact of research nd articulate output.	<ul> <li>Report on research undertaken to date</li> <li>For example:         <ul> <li>Deliver workshop</li> <li>Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference</li> <li>Write journal articles, as appropriate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part- time students)
D: Demonstration of iffective project nanagement hrough the setting if research goals nd prioritisation of ctivities.	<ul> <li>Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3.</li> <li>Produce supervisory board report written in a clear and self- reflective style</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part- time students)
: Specific Departmental Expectations for econd Year tudents pertaining o Dissertation	<ul> <li>2/3<sup>rd</sup> of PhD research should be completed:</li> <li>Students doing a 'monograph based' PhD should have completed at least 2/3rds of their PhD research: for example - in addition to their year 1 work for Confirmation - a chapter on Literature review and/or theory; a chapter on methodology and fieldwork report and a draft of first empirical chapter.</li> <li>Students doing a 'journal based' PhD should have final version of Paper 1 and completed drafts of Paper 2.</li> <li>At least one of these papers should have been placed under peer review by the end of the first half of your second year. 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.</li> <li>A revised timetable should be approved by the supervisor to ensure that the thesis will</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part- time students)

## M3: Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)



<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis reviewed</li> </ul>	By beginning of year 3 Supervisory Board (Term 7 for full-time students; Term 15 for part-time students)
<ol> <li>Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant)</li> <li>Produce all draft chapters/ papers</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>By the term 7 Supervisory Panel (Term 15 for part-time students)</li> <li>By interim Supervisory Panel prior to submission/Term 7/8 for full-time students; Term 15-16 for part-time students)</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory board comment</li> <li>Submission date agreed</li> <li>Internal and external examiners identified</li> </ul>	By interim Supervisory Panel prior to submission/Term 7/8 for full-time students; Term 15-16 for part-time students)
approval for an extension. Please note that extensions require 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	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 9 for full-time students; Term 18 for part- time students)
	<ol> <li>Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant)</li> <li>Produce all draft chapters/ papers</li> <li>Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory board comment</li> <li>Submission date agreed</li> <li>Internal and external examiners identified</li> <li>'Journal-paper based': Final versions of Paper 1 and Paper 2 and completed draft of Paper 3. Note that failure to do so will require you to seek approval for an extension. Please note that extensions require the approval of the Deputy Dean for Education is not a guarantee.</li> <li>'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. Please note that extensions require the approval of the Deputy Dean for Education is not a guarantee.</li> <li>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 (RSPB).</li> <li>Attend the PhD Colloquium frequently and present at least one paper in seminar,</li> </ol>

## M4: If necessary, request to enter completion period



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A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul> <li>Timeline of work needing to take place before submission</li> </ul>	Termly progress report to supervisor and/or board members if necessary
B: Department specific attitudes towards submission	<ul> <li>Revise and rewrite chapters/papers.</li> <li>Thesis should be between 60,000 and 80,000 words.</li> </ul>	
Assess whether the planned research requires completion of the new <u>COVID Risk</u> <u>Assessment</u> for PGR student research and placement activities. All such risk assessments should be discussed at subsequent SPs and RSPBs.		