The School of Philosophical, Historical, and Interdisciplinary Studies

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

History MAD Students

Postgraduate Research milestones are used to ensure students are making sufficient progress during their studies, and to provide a supportive framework to guide students through the various stages of their research. The Milestones should also help to keep students on track to submit within the appropriate period. PGR supervisors should talk through the relevant milestones during supervisory meetings and they should be referred to on a regular basis.

Supervisory Panels and Research Students’ Progress Boards will use the milestones to reflect on the level of progress being made, ahead of making a recommendation. Whilst the milestones are specific for each department and type of course, it is recognised that every research journey is different, and that whilst the milestones provide an overarching framework of expectations, a degree of flexibility should be given, based on the trajectory and scope of research.

Students and supervisors are encouraged to supplement these milestones with individual research plans which take into account the specifics of an individual research project and the individual circumstances of the PGR student.

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| M1.1      | Assess the training needs and knowledge required to undertake the research project and complete the thesis, by:  
• Completing the Training Needs Analysis.  
• Plan Proficio courses and external courses to attend, as appropriate. | Full Time | Part Time |
|           | 1 | 2 |
| M1.2      | Complete a Research Project Proposal (2000 words), which clarifies the research topic and demonstrate an understanding of topic and relevance to wider research, including (dependent on subject area): | Full Time | Part Time |
|           | 1 | 2 and 3 |
**M1.3** Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete a Masters by Dissertation within the one year standard period;
- Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at Masters by dissertation level, including adequate referencing and language skills.
- Produce equivalent of two draft chapters, as agreed by term 1 supervisory panel.
- 500-word report on work undertaken and next steps.

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<td>To request a period of completion, if required, a student must: Show clear evidence of progress towards submission, (including detailed reference as to what remains to be completed, and a timeline for outstanding actions). - Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory board comment.</td>
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