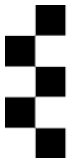


### ISER: Standard Milestones for MPhil Students

**Note: The 'ISER MPhil' comprises 2 papers containing the substantive contribution of the thesis (chapters 2-3), linked together by an introduction (chapter 1) and discussion (chapter 4).**

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 for Paper 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed.</li> <li>▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Term 1 for full-time students; Term 2 for part-time students</li> <li>▪ By end of Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students</li> </ul>
	B: Choose research topic for Paper 1 and demonstrate potential significance/impact of research.	<p>Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Produce a clear statement of the central research problems/questions to be answered.</li> <li>▪ Methodological considerations.</li> <li>▪ Feasibility Report – identifying data sources, access and ethical considerations (especially if experimental work involved)</li> <li>▪ Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage.</li> </ul>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Critical Literature Review (where relevant)</li> </ul>	By end of term 2 for full-time students; term 3/4 for part-time students
	D: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete within the three-year maximum period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence that academic writing is at (or close to obtaining) the standard expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills.</li> <li>▪ It should be clear that the student is <b>on track</b> to produce a</li> </ul>	By second Supervisory Panel and RSPB (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 part-time students)



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	E: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a detailed, realistic plan of work and timetable for Year/Paper 2.</li> <li>▪ Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style</li> </ul>	By second Supervisory Panel and RSPB (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
M2: Progress from Year 2 to Completion (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with Paper 2 and complete the thesis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training Needs Analysis reviewed</li> <li>▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Term 4 for full-time students; Term 8 for part-time students</li> <li>▪ By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students</li> </ul>
	B: Demonstrate effective project management by setting research goals and prioritising of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a detailed and realistic completion plan.</li> <li>▪ Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Panel and RSPB (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected for MPhil for entry to completion at the end of Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant)</li> <li>▪ Produce full drafts of both papers close to MPhil standard.</li> <li>▪ Enter completion.</li> <li>▪ Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Panel and RSPB (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
M3: Completion Year (if needed)	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft of chapter 1 (introduction) and chapter 4 (conclusion).</li> <li>▪ Final polishing of all chapters.</li> <li>▪ Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/supervisory panel comment</li> </ul>	By interim Supervisory Panel prior to submission/Term 2 of completion year (or equivalent for part-time)