

Sociology: Milestones for MPhil Students

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.	 Training Needs Analysis to be completed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	 Beginning of 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 Outline, 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. SEE THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES.	By first Supervisory Panel and RSPB (end of 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 complete an MPhil within the three year maximum period.	 Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills. Evidence that research is underway 	 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.
	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. Professionalization	Attend first year colloquium	
M2: Progress from Year 2	A: Review training needs	Training Needs	Term 4 for full-time



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to Completion (or equivalent for part-time students)	and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis. B: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. Create a detailed, realistic completion plan for research. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style	students; Term 8 for part-time students By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students By end of year 2 Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected for an MPhil at the end of Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	 Research completed (empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) Produce 2/3rd of the substantive/empirical chapters Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference 	By end of year 2 Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	D: Professionalization	Attend second year colloquium	
M3: Completion Year	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment	By interim Supervisory Panel prior to submission/Term 2 of completion year (Term 11/12 for full-time students; Term 20/21 for part-time students.)