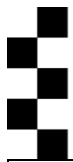
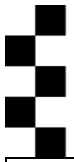


**Institute for Social and Economic Research:
Standard Milestones for MPhil Students – 2019-20 Entry**

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"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed ▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate ▪ Regular attendance at ISER research seminars and research meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 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"> ▪ Produce a clear statement of the central research problems/questions to be answered ▪ Methodological considerations ▪ Feasibility Report – identifying data sources, access and ethical considerations (especially if experimental work involved) ▪ Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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"> ▪ Critical Literature Review (where relevant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By end of year 1 SB and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students ▪ By end of year 2 SB 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence that academic writing is at (or close to obtaining) the standard expected at MPhil level, including 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By end of year 1 SB and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students ▪ By end of year 2 SB and RSPB – (Term



		<p>adequate referencing and language skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It should be clear that the student is on track to produce a complete draft of Paper 1 by the end of Term 3 (for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time) 	6) for part-time students
	E: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a detailed, realistic plan of work and timetable for Year/Paper 2 Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By end of year 1 SB and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students By end of year 2 SB and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students
M2: During Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Needs Analysis reviewed Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate Regular attendance at ISER research seminars and research meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 for full-time students; Term 8 for part-time students By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students
	B: Demonstrate effective project management by setting research goals and prioritising of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a detailed and realistic completion plan Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 4 for full-time students; Term 6 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"> Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) Produce full drafts of both papers close to MPhil standard Draft of chapter 1 (introduction) and chapter 4 (conclusion) Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference 	By end of year Supervisory Board (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/supervisory panel comment▪ Enter completion	
If Required: M3: Request to enter Completion Period	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Timeline of work needing to take place before submission▪ Final polishing of all chapters▪ Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/supervisory board comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Timeline agreed by Supervisory board.