

## Faculty of Humanities

## SPAH - Philosophy Milestones for MPhil Students – 2020-21 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 project and complete the thesis.	<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis to be completed.</li> <li>Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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 and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	<ul> <li>Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area):</li> <li>Write central research problem/questions to be answered.</li> <li>Methodological considerations.</li> <li>Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access and ethical considerations</li> <li>Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A research outline and a critical literature review will be presented at the first Supervisory Panel, i.e. during term 2 for F/T students, or during term 4 for P/T students.</li> <li>If the relevant Panel requires it, these submissions can be reworked and resubmitted for the next Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students).</li> </ul>

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	C: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	Critical Literature Review.Together the Critical Literature review and the Research Project Proposal should comprise 5,000-10,000 words	<ul> <li>A research outline and a critical literature review will be presented at the first Supervisory Panel, i.e. during term 2 for F/T students, or during term 4 for P/T students.</li> <li>If the relevant Panel requires it, these submissions can be reworked and resubmitted for the next Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students).</li> </ul>
	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> <li>Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills.</li> <li>Evidence that the student has completed roughly one third of the work necessary to complete the dissertation.</li> <li>This will standardly take the form of a 10,000-word chapter in good draft (in addition to the Project Plan and Literature Review outlined above).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>By end of year 1 SP and RSPB – (Term 3) for full-time students;</li> <li>By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students.</li> </ul>
Assess whether the planned re	E: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul> <li>Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2.</li> <li>Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3) for full-time students;</li> <li>By end of year 2 SP and RSPB – (Term 6) for part-time students.</li> </ul>

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M2: During Year 2	A: Review training needs 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.	<ul> <li>Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed.</li> <li>Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate.</li> <li>Create a detailed, realistic completion plan.</li> <li>Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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> <li>By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students).</li> </ul>
	C: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected for an MPhil at the end of Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students).	<ul> <li>Research completed (empirical and theoretical work, where relevant).</li> <li>Have a substantial portion of the thesis in good draft (standardly about two thirds of the work).</li> <li>Produce a realistic completion year plan (if needed).</li> <li>Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style.</li> <li>Present research at Philosophy Research Colloquium.</li> <li>Completed final draft of thesis for Supervisor(s)/ Supervisory Panel.</li> </ul>	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students).
research and placement act	d research requires completion o tivities. All such risk assessment	s should be discussed at subs	
M3: Completion Year (if needed)	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission.	<ul> <li>Timeline of work needing to take place before submission</li> </ul>	Timeline agreed by Supervisory board.