

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.	 Training Needs Analysis to be completed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	 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 Proposal, 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. 	 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. 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).

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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	 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. 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).
	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 the student has completed roughly one third of the work necessary to complete the dissertation. 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). 	 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.
Assess whether the planned re	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.

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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.	 Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. Create a detailed, realistic completion plan. Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style. 	 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. By end of year 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). Have a substantial portion of the thesis in good draft (standardly about two thirds of the work). Produce a realistic completion year plan (if needed). Produce Supervisory Panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style. Present research at Philosophy Research Colloquium. Completed final draft of thesis for Supervisor(s)/ Supervisory Panel. 	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.	 Timeline of work needing to take place before submission 	Timeline agreed by Supervisory board.