

Economics: Standard Milestones for MPhil Students

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Progress to Year 2	A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pass Doctoral exams and the research plan with a mark of 60 or more. Choose two out of the offered PGR modules. ▪ Identify a suitable supervisor. ▪ Use Proficio to complete training needs analysis form in conjunction with supervisor. 	By end of Term 3/confirmation board for full-time students
	B: Choose research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Write research plan to include background information /questions to be answered. ▪ Methodological considerations. ▪ Objectives for each stage 	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students)
	C: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field.	Attend RSS seminars and present their research plans to research students and staff	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-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.	By Confirmation Board (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 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/ timetable for Year 2. ▪ Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	By end of Term 3/confirmation board for full-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 research project and complete the thesis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. ▪ Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	<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: 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 completion plan. ▪ Produce supervisory board report written in a clear and self-reflective style ▪ 	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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research completed (empirical and theoretical work, where relevant) ▪ Produce a second complete research paper that should be the second chapter which is commensurate with the standard required for a MPhil in Economics papers ▪ Produce a realistic completion year plan (if needed) ▪ Produce supervisory board report written in a clear and self-reflective style ▪ Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	D: Subject-specific milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed two dissertation chapters (including the introduction and the conclusion section of the dissertation) and only minor work remains. 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
M3: Completion Year (if needed)	A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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).