FRAMEWORK AND REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH DEGREE AWARDS

Introduction

1. The following paragraphs provide the framework and regulations for research degree

programmes at the University of Suffolk that lead to the following awards of the University of Essex:

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

2. Separate regulations exist for research degree programmes at the University of Suffolk

that lead to awards of the University of Brighton and University of East Anglia.

3. These regulations should be used in conjunction with the University of Suffolk Code of

Practice for the Delivery and Management of Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes and

the University of Suffolk General Regulations for Students.

4. The academic standards of all postgraduate research degree programmes should be

aligned with the Expectations for Standards outlined in the <u>UK Quality Code for Higher Education</u>

and the levels and qualification descriptors in the accompanying Frameworks for Higher Education

Qualifications of UK Degree Awarding Bodies (2021) (FHEQ). Additional external reference points

should be considered, including the QAA Doctoral Degree Characteristics Statement (2020).

Mode of study

5. Research degree programmes shall provide opportunities for part-time or full-time study.

Full-time students are expected to undertake on average 36 hours per week of full-time study, and

part-time students are expected to undertake on average 18 hours per week of study.

6. Full-time students may, with the consent of their supervisory team, undertake paid duties

alongside their studies, taking into consideration the University's guidelines on working hours for

postgraduate research students. Students must, if relevant, fully comply with the terms and

conditions of their scholarship / studentship and the requirements of the Home Office.

7. A person either not resident within the UK or, in appropriate circumstances, a UK resident

who conducts their work remotely, may, on the recommendation of the Head of Suffolk Doctoral

College (with advice from the Finance team for non UK-based applicants), be accepted as a

student for a research degree by part-time or full-time distance learning. As part of the

recommendation, the supervisor and student will agree details of the supervisory arrangement,

which will include:

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a) the frequency and mode of contact (usually virtual)

b) the extent of face-to-face contact envisaged

c) any periods of time to be spent at the University of Suffolk

d) access to local facilities and expertise where relevant (most commonly in the place of

employment), and

e) arrangements for written reports on research and progress.

8. Students may be permitted to transfer from full-time to part-time registration (including

distance learning) and vice-versa with the approval of the Head of Suffolk Doctoral College.

Changes to mode of study for Student Visa sponsored students should be made in consultation

with the University of Suffolk Academic Registrar or approved nominee, to ensure a change does

not breach Home Office requirements.

9. Students are not normally allowed to change mode of study within the final six months of

the standard period.

Standard and maximum registration periods

10. The standard period is the minimum time a student is required to be registered on the

specific research degree, unless there are exceptional circumstances as outlined in paragraph 11.

If a student does not submit for examination in the standard period they may be permitted to move

into a completion period, up to a maximum of one year for full-time students and two years for

part-time students. At the end of the approved completion period a student is expected to submit

their thesis. For students who have a period of completion approved, the final submission date is

four weeks before the end of the completion period. Extensions beyond the completion period will

only be agreed in exceptional circumstances approved by the University of Essex Dean of

Partnerships on the recommendation of the Head of Suffolk Doctoral College.

11. The expectation is that a student will complete their award within the following standard

and maximum periods of registration, with the student being required to withdraw if this maximum

period of registration is exceeded. A student's period of registration may be extended beyond the

maximum by the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships on the recommendation of the Head of

Suffolk Doctoral College, only in exceptional circumstances.

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Award	Full-time study		Part-time study	
	Standard	Maximum	Standard	Maximum
	period of	period of	period of	period of
	registration	registration	registration	registration
	(years)	(years)	(years)	(years)
MPhil	2	3	4	6
PhD	3	4	6	8

- 12. At the end of each academic year during their standard period, a student may be permitted to proceed to the next year by the University of Suffolk Progress Review Committee where it is satisfied that the student has met the milestone requirements as outlined in Appendix A. Progress Review Committee decisions will be reported to the University of Essex on a termly basis, accompanied by appropriate supporting documents as required.
- 13. In exceptional circumstances, the Progress Review Committee may recommend to the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships that a student's standard period of study is reduced, provided that:
 - a) no more than one year of the period shall be waived for a full-time student (pro-rata for part-time students), and
 - b) the Committee is satisfied that the student has completed their study and research and is ready to submit the thesis.
- 14. Periods of intercalation due to extenuating circumstances, normally for a maximum duration of one academic year, do not count as part of the maximum period of registration.

Permission to conduct research away from the University of Suffolk

- 15. The Head of Suffolk Doctoral College may give permission during the standard period for a student not registered as a distance learning student to conduct research away from the University of Suffolk that is either:
 - a) for an extended period of time in the UK, or
 - b) outside the UK for any length of time.
- 16. A student may not spend the first six months of their research degree programme on research away from the University of Suffolk except in special circumstances approved by the Head of Suffolk Doctoral College.

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17. Normally the maximum time spent on research away from the University of Suffolk is one

third of the standard period, except in special circumstances approved by the Head of Suffolk

Doctoral College. Permission under this regulation for Visa sponsored students should be made

in consultation with the University of Suffolk Academic Registrar or approved nominee to ensure

such permission does not breach Home Office requirements.

Research degree requirements

18. A student shall follow a programme of supervised research at the University of Suffolk, as

approved by the University of Essex.

19. Research degree students are required to:

a) attend such classes, seminars and meetings as specified by the supervisory team and/or

the Suffolk Doctoral College

b) where research will involve human subjects, human tissues, animals or animal tissue,

obtain formal ethical approval from the University of Suffolk Research Ethics Committee

and any other relevant bodies (e.g. the NHS) before starting their research

c) attend supervisory meetings and Annual Progress Review meetings as required, and

produce work and/or other evidence of progress as required by the supervisory team and

other panel members

d) submit, in accordance with the regulations and rules governing presentation of such work,

a thesis for examination under a title which has been approved by the Head of Suffolk

Doctoral College and the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships, and

e) be aware of the requirements of these Regulations and the Code of Practice that govern

the award for which the student is registered.

Confirmation of PhD registration status

20. All PhD students are initially registered as MPhil/PhD. At the end of the first year of full-

time study (or the part-time equivalent), students may have their PhD registration confirmed. The

University of Suffolk Progress Review Committee shall determine that a student's PhD status is

confirmed only when it is satisfied that the student has met the Stage 1 milestones outlined in

Appendix A. The Progress Review Committee's decision will be reported to the University of Essex,

accompanied by appropriate supporting documents as required. A student whose PhD status is

confirmed shall have their registration changed to PhD.

21. In exceptional cases, if the Progress Review Committee and the University of Essex Dean

of Partnerships are satisfied that a student has produced work of sufficient quality and quantity to

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provide evidence of appropriate PhD-level progress and the Stage 1 milestones have been met,

PhD status could be confirmed earlier.

22. If a student's PhD status is not confirmed at the first meeting of the Progress Review

Committee that considers the confirmation recommendation, their progress will be re-evaluated at

a follow-up Annual Progress Review meeting which will be held within two months of the original

meeting, and a recommendation regarding confirmation of PhD status made to the next Progress

Review Committee meeting. If a student's PhD status is not confirmed at the second meeting, the

Progress Review Committee shall recommend to the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships

that either the student's status be changed to MPhil or that the student be required to withdraw.

The University of Essex Dean of Partnerships may accept or reject the recommendation, taking

into account all the circumstances. Where the recommendation to change the student's status to

MPhil is accepted by the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships, the standard period of study

will be reduced accordingly.

Change of status

Downgrading

23. The University of Essex Dean of Partnerships may, after a recommendation from the

University of Suffolk Progress Review Committee, require that the registration status of a student

for the degree of PhD be changed to the degree of MPhil. Downgrading may take place at any

time prior to the submission of the thesis. Downgrading for Visa sponsored students should be

made in consultation with the University of Suffolk Academic Registrar or approved nominee to

ensure a change does not breach Home Office requirements.

Withdrawal prior to completion

24. The University of Essex Dean of Partnerships may, after a recommendation from the

University of Suffolk Progress Review Committee, require a student to discontinue as a research

degree student due to not producing work of sufficient quality and quantity to provide evidence of

appropriate progress and not meeting agreed milestones.

25. A student who has chosen to withdraw prior to submission of the thesis may re-apply for

admission at the appropriate point in order to complete the full award, provided that they were not

originally required to withdraw for academic reasons including research misconduct, or where the

maximum period of registration is exceeded. Re-entry will be determined in accordance with

current admissions requirements.

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Change of degree title

26. The Head of Suffolk Doctoral College may permit a change of degree title via a transfer to

an alternative, approved PhD programme. The change will be notified to the University of Essex.

Intercalation

27. Consideration of intercalation cases is undertaken in accordance with the University of

Suffolk Intercalation Procedure for Research Degree Students.

Completion (writing up) period

28. The period between the end of the standard period and the end of the last expected

submission date is known as the completion period (or 'writing up' period).

29. A student may be permitted to proceed into a completion period if they have met the Stage

3 milestones outlined in Appendix A. The Annual Progress Review panel will consider the amount

of work remaining and recommend a period of completion of up to one year for full-time students

and two years for part-time students. The recommendation will be considered by the University of

Suffolk Progress Review Committee who will submit the relevant recommendation to the

University of Essex Dean of Partnerships, accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation,

for consideration and approval. Students who are permitted to proceed into a completion period

will be required on registration to pay the specified completion period fee as determined by the

University of Suffolk.

30. Where a student has not met the Stage 3 milestones as outlined in Appendix A, the

University of Essex Dean of Partnerships may extend the standard period by up to six months, on

the recommendation of the Progress Review Committee. In such instances, the maximum

completion period available to the student will be reduced accordingly by six months. In

exceptional cases an extension of more than six months may be granted, or the maximum

completion period may not be reduced, and consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis.

A student who is not permitted to proceed into a completion period shall pay in advance the

appropriate fee for the extended standard period.

Thesis requirements

31. A thesis submitted for the degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) must embody the results

of research carried out during the approved period of study and should make a contribution to

knowledge. In the thesis and the oral examination, the student is required to present the results of

research that either forms original work or is an ordered and critical exposition of existing

knowledge. The thesis should set out the relationship between the student's work and the wider

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field of knowledge and should be expressed clearly and concisely. In the case of a thesis involving

original creative output, the thesis must embody the results of research carried out and/or output

created during the approved period of study and must contain a commentary that addresses the

originality and artistic relevance of the work. Within the thesis, the student must show evidence of

the originality of the work or an ordered and critical exposition of existing knowledge/the genre.

The thesis should demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the student's work

and the wider field of knowledge/the genre and should be expressed clearly and concisely.

32. A thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) must embody the results

of research carried out during the approved period of study. In the thesis and the oral examination,

the student is required to conduct and present original investigations that make a significant

contribution to knowledge, to test ideas, whether the student's own or those of others, to

understand the relationship of the theme of the investigations to a wider field of knowledge and to

express themselves clearly and concisely. In the case of a thesis involving original creative output,

the thesis must embody the results of research carried out and/or output created during the

approved period of study and must contain a commentary that addresses the originality and artistic

relevance of the work. Within the thesis and oral examination, the student must show evidence of

the originality of the work, demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of the theme of the

thesis to a wider field of knowledge, make a significant contribution to knowledge/the genre, and

must express themselves clearly and concisely.

33. The thesis and summary must be in English (this does not include quotations).

34. The expected word count for the thesis for the award of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is

50,000 words excluding references, bibliography and appendices. The expected word count of the

thesis for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is 80,000 words excluding references,

bibliography and appendices. If a student wishes to submit a thesis where the length is either

above or below the expected word count by more than 10%, permission must be sought from the

Head of Suffolk Doctoral College at least one month prior to the intended submission of the thesis.

35. The thesis shall include a summary or abstract of the work not exceeding 300 words in

length.

36. The form of a thesis may vary. A thesis will normally consist of an investigation by one

author of a unified theme of research. Where a thesis includes any work that has been written or

produced in collaboration with another person(s), the candidate must explicitly acknowledge this,

and must state, normally in a preface to the thesis, the extent and nature of the contribution of the

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other person(s). This applies whether or not the co-written of co-produced work has been

published in any format before the examination of the thesis.

37. In the case of a thesis involving original creative output, the thesis must embody the results

of research carried out and/or output created during the approved period of study. The thesis must

contain a commentary that addresses the originality and artistic relevance of the work.

38. A student must clearly identify all sources, published and unpublished, from which material

in the thesis is derived, and must supply full references to all sources, in an appropriate format,

both in the body of the text and in the bibliography or reference list.

39. A student must ensure that their thesis does not contain material the publication of which

may lead to liability under English law, specifically (but not limited to): intellectual property law;

data protection law; defamation law; and discrimination law.

40. A thesis may not incorporate, whether in the same or different form, work that has been

submitted to this or to any other Higher Education provider for a degree unless the subject of the

research is an extension or continuation of research begun for such a degree. In such a case the

extent of the material and the degree, if any, obtained should be indicated. The student may be

required to produce the work previously submitted. An exception to this regulation will apply where

the thesis is resubmitted to the University of Suffolk after unsuccessful submission for a higher

award under the University of Essex.

41. A student who is about to submit a thesis must give at least three months' prior notice to

Suffolk Doctoral College via submission of an Intention to Submit form. The form should be

completed in conjunction with the Lead Supervisor and should confirm the proposed title of the

thesis, the thesis abstract, the proposed internal and external examiners (with their CVs) and the

proposed Independent Chair for the viva. The Intention to Submit form is subject to approval by

the Head of Suffolk Doctoral College and the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships.

42. Copies of a thesis for examination shall be submitted electronically according to the

University of Suffolk Guidelines for the Presentation of Theses.

Oral / viva voce examination (viva)

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The viva will normally be held within two months of the submission of the thesis for

examination. A student will normally only be excused from the viva, with the permission of the

University of Essex Dean of Partnerships on the recommendation of the Head of Suffolk Doctoral

College, where the viva has been arranged for a re-examination following a referral period and

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where the examiners are in agreement that the student is now in a position to pass the viva, or

where there are exceptional circumstances which prevent a student from engaging in the viva

process. A viva will not be waived where one or more examiners has deemed from reading the

thesis that the student seems likely to fail, to only be eligible for a lower award or to be referred.

Where the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships grants permission to waive a viva, the student

retains the right to have a viva should they wish.

44. The criteria for selection of internal and external examiners is outlined in the Code of

Practice for the Delivery and Management of Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes.

Except with the prior permission of the Head of Suffolk Doctoral College, both examiners (or where

more than two are appointed, all examiners) shall be present when a viva is held.

Examination results

The outcomes available for each degree are: 45.

a) Pass subject to no corrections.

b) Pass subject to typographical / presentational corrections. The student makes any

corrections prior to submission of the final version of the thesis, usually within four weeks

of being notified of the outcome.

c) Pass subject to minor corrections to be made within three months. The examiners must

provide a list of corrections that they wish to see made. Minor corrections should not

require the student to conduct further research or undertake substantial further work.

These include typographical errors, clarifying points, rephrasing, editing/adding

paragraphs, correcting references, etc. The internal examiner must confirm in writing that

these have been made satisfactorily. Corrections must be made and the thesis submitted

within three months.

d) Pass subject to major corrections to be made within six months. The examiners must

provide a separate list of corrections that they wish to see made. Major corrections require

the student to undertake substantial further work but the corrected thesis should not require

re-examination. Such major corrections include more extensive editorial revisions, the

addition of substantial new material, re-writing of substantial parts of the thesis, re-analysis

of existing data, etc. The internal examiner must confirm in writing that these have been

made satisfactorily. Corrections must be made and the thesis submitted within six months.

e) Referral for re-examination in up to 12 months. The student has not met the requirements

for the degree examined but may resubmit, on one occasion only, a revised thesis for re-

examination within 12 months. The examiners must provide a separate statement

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describing the shortcomings of the thesis and the changes required. These may include,

amongst other things, editorial corrections and revisions, rewriting a part, parts or the whole

of the thesis, the carrying out of further research and/or experimental work. They must also

specify the referral period, which should not normally be less than six months or exceed

12 months.

For viva outcomes (f) to (i) below, the student is awarded a degree at a lower level from the

qualification for which they were initially assessed (i.e. awarding a MPhil to a PhD student). In

such cases, the examiners must clearly provide in their statement how the student has met the

criteria for the lower award in addition to the reasons for not meeting the criteria for the higher

award.

f) Award of a MPhil subject to no corrections.

g) Award of a MPhil subject to minor typographical / presentational corrections. The student

makes any corrections prior to submission of the final version of the thesis.

h) Award of a MPhil subject to minor corrections to be made within three months. The student

has not met the requirements for the degree examined but has met the requirements for

the MPhil subject to the approval of minor corrections. The examiners must provide a list

of the corrections that they wish to see made. Minor corrections should not require the

student to conduct further research or undertake substantial further work. These include

typographical errors, clarifying points, rephrasing, editing/adding paragraphs, correcting

references, etc. The internal examiner must confirm in writing these have been made

satisfactorily. Corrections must be made and the thesis submitted within three months.

i) Award of a MPhil subject to major corrections to be made within six months. The student

has not met the requirements for the degree examined but has met the requirements for

the MPhil subject to the approval of major corrections. The examiners must provide a list

of the corrections that they wish to see made. Major corrections require the student to

undertake substantial further work but the corrected thesis should not require re-

examination. Such major corrections include more extensive editorial revisions, the

addition of substantial new material, rewriting of substantial parts of the thesis, re-analysis

of existing data, etc. and the internal examiner must confirm in writing that these have been

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made satisfactorily. Revisions must be made and thesis submitted within six months.

Referral for a MPhil. The student has not met the requirements for the degree examined

but may resubmit a revised thesis for re-examination for a MPhil. The examiners must

provide a statement describing the shortcomings of the thesis and the changes required.

These may include, amongst other things, editorial corrections and revisions, rewriting a

part, parts or the whole of the thesis, the carrying out of further research and/or

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experimental work. They must also specify the referral period, which should not normally

be less than six months or exceed 12 months.

k) Fail. The examiners must provide a clear statement describing the shortcomings of the

thesis.

46. Any student who receives an outcome that includes 'subject to corrections' who fails to

complete the corrections satisfactorily by the deadline will be given additional feedback from the

examiner/examination team and afforded one further period to complete the corrections required.

Any student who does not successfully complete the corrections to the satisfaction of the

examiner/examination team following the second (and final) attempt, may receive an outcome of

either a lower award or a fail, as deemed appropriate by the examination team.

47. Refusal by a student to complete the stipulated corrections, including not engaging during

the corrections period, will result in the original thesis being returned to the examiner(s) and may

result in an outcome of either a lower award or a fail, as deemed appropriate by the

examiner/examination team. A student may appeal the final decision in line with the published

University of Suffolk Academic Appeals Procedure for Research Degree Students.

Failure to agree

48. In the event of disagreement on the viva outcome, the examiners may, after due

consideration between themselves, certify that their failure to agree on an outcome is

irreconcilable. Two new examiners shall then be appointed. The new examiners will be informed

that the first examiners failed to reach a decision, but will not be shown the preliminary reports.

The new examiners shall examine the thesis and conduct a viva in the normal manner. The new

examiners may recommend to the Head of Suffolk Doctoral College and the University of Essex

Dean of Partnerships any result that was open to the original examiners and their decision on the

recommendation shall be final, subject only to any right of appeal that may be given under the

provisions of the published University of Suffolk Academic Appeals Procedure for Research

Degree Students.

Publication of result

49. The final award is subject to approval by the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships. A

student shall normally be informed of the result of the viva by Suffolk Doctoral College within one

month from the date of the viva.

50. Students are entitled to receive copies of the examiners' reports on their thesis on request,

when examining is complete.

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Final thesis submission

51. Before being eligible for the conferment of the degree, the student shall deposit a copy of

the thesis into repositories at the University of Suffolk and the University of Essex.

Conferral of awards

52. Upon submission of the thesis to the University of Suffolk and University of Essex

repositories, the student will receive an award letter confirming the conferral of the University of

Essex award, via Suffolk Doctoral College. Students who have had their award conferred will be

invited to the next available and appropriate University of Suffolk graduation ceremony.

Research misconduct

53. If either of the examiners suspects research misconduct at any stage during the

examination process, they should notify the Suffolk Doctoral College who will arrange for the

matter to be investigated in accordance with the University of Suffolk Postgraduate Research

Misconduct Policy. The viva shall be suspended.

Appeals and complaints

54. Students have a right to appeal against decisions of a Progress Review Committee or a

viva outcome in accordance with the University of Suffolk Academic Appeals Procedure for

Research Degree Students which is available, together with appeal forms, on the University

website. Any appeal should be made within 15 working days of the notification of the academic

decision against which they wish to appeal.

55. Students have a right to make a formal complaint in accordance with the University of

Suffolk Student Complaints Procedure which is available, together with complaint forms, on the

University of Suffolk website.

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Appendix A

Postgraduate Research Milestones

Postgraduate Research milestones are used to ensure students are making sufficient progress

during their studies, and to provide a supportive framework to guide students through the various

stages of their research. The milestones should also help to keep students on track to submit

within the appropriate period. PGR supervisors should talk through the relevant milestones during

supervisory meetings and they should be referred to on a regular basis.

Annual Progress Reviews panels and the University of Suffolk Research Progress Committee will

use the milestones to reflect on the level of progress being made at the end of each year, ahead

of making a recommendation to the University of Essex Dean of Partnerships on progression.

It is recognised that every research journey is different, and that whilst the milestones provide an

overarching framework of expectations, a degree of flexibility should be given, based on the

subject area, trajectory and scope of research. Students and supervisors are encouraged to

supplement these milestones with individual research plans which take into account the specifics

of an individual research project and the individual circumstances of the PGR student.

Stage 1 (leading to confirmation of PhD status)

By the end of Year 1 (full-time) or Year 2 (part-time), students are expected to have:

1. Undertaken a training needs analysis to identify gaps in their skills and knowledge, in

consultation with their supervisory team.

2. Identified suitable training opportunities, including via the University of Suffolk Research

Development Programme and the Early Career Researcher Network, and actively engaged

with relevant sessions.

3. Refined their original thesis proposal, demonstrating understanding of the chosen topic

within the context of the field, the significance / impact of their planned research, and the

relevant techniques and methods necessary for their research plans.

4. Formulated a realistic project plan detailing research project aims and specific objectives for

the first year, and provisional plans for subsequent years.

5. Undertaken a critical literature review (or equivalent) of the findings of others in the field of

enquiry.

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6. Where relevant, taken steps to ensure that ethical approval is in place before any data

collection commences.

7. Engaged with supervisory meetings and produced supervisory meeting reports in a clear

and self-reflective style.

8. Demonstrated effective project management through the setting of research goals,

prioritisation of activities and evaluation of progress against the project plan (making

revisions to the plan as necessary).

9. Demonstrated the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete

within the standard period, including evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability

expected at PhD level, including adequate referencing and language skills.

10. Engaged with relevant internal and external research seminars or conferences.

Stage 2

By the end of Year 2 (full-time) or Year 4 (part-time), students are expected to have:

1. Reviewed their training needs analysis to identify remaining gaps in their skills and

knowledge, in consultation with their supervisory team.

2. Identified further training opportunities, including via the University of Suffolk Research

Development Programme, and actively engaged with relevant sessions.

3. Demonstrated effective project management through continued review and refinement of

research goals, prioritisation of activities and evaluation of progress against the project plan

(making revisions to the plan as necessary), to include specific aims and objectives for the

second year and provisional plans for the final year.

4. Engaged with supervisory meetings and produced supervisory meeting reports in a clear

and self-reflective style.

5. Demonstrated the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete

within the standard period, including production of draft chapters as agreed with the

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supervisory team.

6. Demonstrated the ability to justify and defend their interpretation of their research, and to

effectively communicate the implications of their research.

7. Engaged with relevant internal and external research seminars or conferences.

8. Undertaken planning for publications and other knowledge exchange activities.

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Stage 3 (leading to completion period)

By the end of Year 3 (full-time) or Year 6 (part-time), students are expected to have:

1. Reviewed their training needs analysis to identify remaining gaps in their skills and

knowledge, in consultation with their supervisory team.

2. Identified further training opportunities, including via the University of Suffolk Research

Development Programme, and actively engaged with relevant sessions.

3. Demonstrated effective project management through continued review of research goals,

prioritisation of activities and evaluation of progress against the project plan (making

revisions to the plan as necessary), to include specific aims and objectives for the final year.

4. Engaged with supervisory meetings and produced supervisory meeting reports in a clear

and self-reflective style.

5. Demonstrated the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity expected when nearing

submission, including completion of research, production of draft chapters as agreed with

the supervisory team, and completion of a final draft of the thesis for supervisory team review.

6. Production of a plan for presentation of the thesis.

7. Production of a detailed and realistic submission plan, including preparation of Intention to

Submit form and plans for engagement in a mock viva.

8. Actively engaged in career and professional development planning.

9. Engaged with relevant internal and external research seminars or conferences.

10. Undertaken planning for publications and other knowledge exchange activities

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