# **Department of Sociology** <u>Timelines for Two-Year MPhil and Four-Year PhD Study</u>

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### TIMELINES FOR THREE POSSIBLE ROUTES OF RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE STUDY:

### (1) STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR MPHIL STUDY

- **MPhil candidature confirmation**: Students will have to defend their MPhil thesis proposal (i.e. seek MPhil candidature confirmation) by the 12<sup>th</sup> month of study
- Minimum completion time: 24 months.
- Studentship: Students will be provided with a 2-year studentship subject to satisfactory progress.

### (2) STUDENTS REGISTERED ORIGINALLY FOR MPHIL STUDY SEEKING TO TRANSFER TO THE PHD PROGRAM

- Indication to mentors: Students intending to transfer to the PhD Program will have to indicate to their mentors by the 12<sup>th</sup> month of study
- **Qualifying examination:** They must take the qualifying examination between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> month of study. Students failing the qualifying examination will be given a chance to take a supplementary examination. Should they fail again, they may be allowed to complete the MPhil program within the maximum period of study or dismissed from the program.
- **PhD candidature confirmation:** Students successfully transferred to PhD program will have to defend their dissertation proposal (i.e. seek PhD candidature confirmation) between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> month of study..
- **Studentship:** Students successfully transferred to the PhD program will, subject to satisfactory progress, have their studentship extended by 2 years.
- Minimum completion time: 48 months.

## (3) STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR PHD STUDY

- Qualifying examination: They must take the qualifying examination between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> month of study. Students failing the qualifying examination will be given a chance to take a supplementary examination. Should they fail again, they may be allowed to complete the MPhil program within the maximum period of study or dismissed from the program.
- PhD candidature confirmation: Students passing the qualifying examination will have to defend their dissertation proposal (i.e. seek PhD candidature confirmation) between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> month of study.
  Studentship: Students will be provided with a 4-year studentship subject to satisfactory progress.
- Minimum completion time: 48 months.