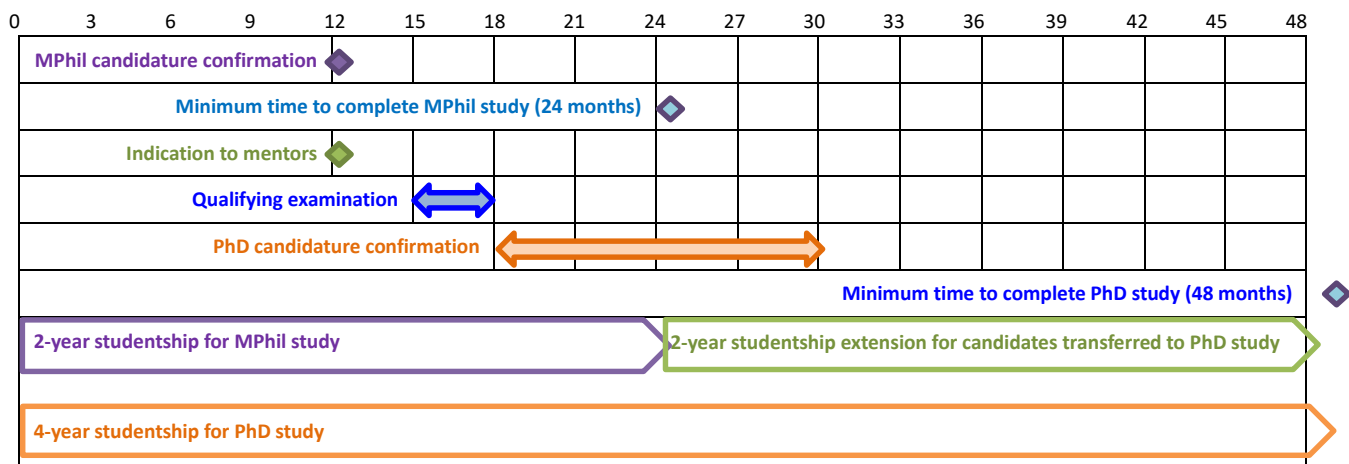


Department of Sociology
Timelines for Two-Year MPhil and Four-Year PhD Study



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 12th 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 12th month of study
- **Qualifying examination:** They must take the qualifying examination between the 15th and 18th 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 18th and 30th 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 15th and 18th 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 18th and 30th month of study.
- **Studentship:** Students will be provided with a 4-year studentship subject to satisfactory progress.
- **Minimum completion time:** 48 months.