

Department of Mathematics  
Milestones for Research Degrees

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Full-time  
study

Part-time  
study

RPC  
3 months

**Research Plan Confirmation (RPC)**

- A brief description of your research area (2-4 pages) for discussion with supervisor(s)
- Complete [Plagiarism Awareness online course](#)
- Non-native speakers take [DACR1](#) (Doctoral Academic Communication Requirement Assessment 1) unless exempt.

RPC  
3 months

ESA  
12 months

**Early Stage Assessment (ESA)**

- Written report of research problem which is to form the core of your thesis (no more than 15 pages) orally examined by at least one independent member of academic staff.
- Must've discussed and agreed with supervisor [Mutual Expectations](#)
- Must have completed [Plagiarism Awareness online course](#)  
Must have achieved [a minimum 2 Graduate School credits](#)
- Non-native speakers who scored Level 1 or Level 2 in DACR 1 must take [DACR 2](#) unless exempt.

ESA  
24 months

LSR  
24 months

**Late Stage Review (LSR)**

- Written report of research problem (no more than 30 pages) orally examined by two independent member of academic staff
- Must have achieved [a minimum 4 Graduate School credits](#)
- Must have satisfied 100 hours of taught courses/activities

LSR  
48 months

**Year Three Progress Report (Y3PR)**

- Year three progress report describing achievements/immediate goals for discussion with supervisor(s).

36  
months

72  
months

**Exam Entry Form (EEF)**

- Completed/submitted at least 4 months before thesis submission date

48  
months

96  
months

**Thesis Submission**

- electronically via the Postgraduate Milestones tile in [My Imperial](#).