Monash PhDArts (thesis only) – Milestone Requirements

**Confirmation**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project scope and aims.

**Written Submission***
Between 6-8,000 words, containing:
- Thesis title
- Statement of research problem/s
  - introduction
  - research questions or hypothesis
  - subsidiary questions
  - review of relevant research and theory
- Procedure
  - theoretical and conceptual framework
  - analytical techniques, methods
- Proposed project structure (i.e. chapter outline)
- Timeline for project completion / statement of progress to date
- Brief bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least one week prior to the presentation.

*Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission.*

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**Progress / Mid-Candidature Review**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project state in detail.

**Written Submission***
- 20-25,000 words of fully drafted, substantially new thesis material containing:
  - Contribution to discipline knowledge (evolved argument and preliminary findings)
  - Thesis structure (chapter outline)
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion of thesis
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.

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**Final Review/Pre-Submission Seminar**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing:
- Current state of project (in detail)
- Path to completion
- Research contribution to discipline knowledge.

**Written Submission***
Contains:
- Table of contents
- Final or near-final chapter of thesis demonstrating significant research (and specify which 10,000 words the Milestone Review Panel should read)
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion of thesis
- Evidence of completion of the Monash Doctoral Program (120 hours of training).

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least one week prior to the presentation.

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Monash Arts PhD (Creative Writing) – Milestone Requirements

**Confirmation**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project scope and aims.

**Written Submission***
- Between 6-8,000 words, containing material focusing on the two thesis elements: creative component and the exegesis, in a 50/50 split, with some flexibility of 60/40 (creative component/exegesis) permitted.
- A segment of the creative component and / or work in progress focusing on overall creative project
- Critical commentary (exegesis) describing theoretical context of overall project and relationship between creative component and exegesis.

Exegesis should contain:
- Title of research project
- Statement of research problem/s
  - introduction
  - research question / hypothesis
  - subsidiary questions
  - review of relevant research in theory and practice
- Method of Inquiry:
  - framework of creative component
  - theoretical and conceptual framework
  - analytical techniques
  - creative and research approach / design
  - relationship between practical and critical components of project.

Submission must also include:
- Proposed structure of final submission
- Timeline for project completion / statement of progress to date
- Brief bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.

Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission

**Progress / Mid-Candidature Review**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project state in detail.

**Written Submission***
- 30,000 words of substantially new thesis material containing:
  - Fully-drafted segment of creative component (approximately 15,000 words)
  - Fully-drafted exegesis material (approximately 15,000 words)
  - Proposed structure of final submission
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion of project
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.

Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission

**Final Review/Pre-Submission Seminar**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing:
- Current state of project (in detail)
- Relationship between creative and critical commentary components
- Path to completion.

**Written Submission***
Contains:
- Table of contents
- Final or near-final chapter of critical commentary demonstrating significant research (and specify which 10,000 words the Milestone Review Panel should read)
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion
- Evidence of completion of the Monash Doctoral Program (120 hours of training).

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least one week prior to the presentation.

Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission

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Monash Arts PhD (Translation Studies) – Milestone Requirements

**Confirmation**

**Oral Presentation**

At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project scope and aims.

**Written Submission***

Between 6-8,000 words, containing two parts (usually 50/50, but 60/40 translation/exegesis permitted):
- Segment of the translation component and / or work in progress focusing on overall translation project (3,000-4,000 words)
- Exegesis (3,000-4,000 words) describing theoretical context for translation and relationship between translation and exegesis.

Both components contain:
- Title of research project
- Statement of research problem/s
  - introduction
  - outline of translation component
  - research question / hypothesis
  - subsidiary questions
  - review of relevant research in theory and practice
- Method of Inquiry:
  - framework of translation component
  - theoretical and conceptual framework
  - analytical techniques
  - translation strategy and approaches
  - relationship between practical and critical components of project

Submission must also include:
- Proposed structure of final submission
- Timeline for project completion and a statement of progress to date (both project streams)
- Brief bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least one week prior to the presentation.

*Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission*

**Progress / Mid-Candidature Review**

**Oral Presentation**

At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project state in detail.

**Written Submission***

- 30,000 words of substantially new thesis material containing (approximately 50/50 split):
  - Fully-drafted segment of translation component (approximately 15,000 words)
  - Fully-drafted exegesis material (approximately 15,000 words)
  - Proposed structure of final submission
  - Demonstration of contribution to discipline knowledge through preliminary findings and an evolved argument
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion of project
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.

*Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission*

**Final Review/Pre-Submission**

**Seminar**

**Oral Presentation**

At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing:
- Current state of project (in detail)
- Relationship between translation and critical commentary components
- Path to completion
- Research contribution to discipline knowledge.

**Written Submission***

Contains:
- Table of contents
- Final or near-final chapter of critical commentary demonstrating significant research (and specify which 10,000 words the Milestone Review Panel should read)
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion
- Evidence of completion of the Monash Doctoral Program (120 hours of training).

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least one week prior to the presentation.

*Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission*

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**Confirmation**

**Oral Presentation**
No more than 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project scope and aims, summarising written submission and including excerpts/examples of practical component.

**Written Submission***
Between 6-8,000 words, containing:
- Abstract including research aims and significance, research questions, literature review, methods and contribution to discipline knowledge
- Table of contents and chapter summary
- Introduction to the project
- Research questions
- Literature review
- Methodology
- Timeline for project completion
- Bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

**Practical Component**
- A recorded live practical presentation totalling 30 minutes OR
- A portfolio consisting of an equivalent duration in music scores, recordings, programming outcomes, video or other media as appropriate to the sub-discipline

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**Progress / Mid-Candidature Review**

**Oral Presentation**
No more than 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project state in detail, summarising written submission and including excerpts/examples of practical component.

**Written Submission***
- 15,000 words of substantially new material containing:
  - Abstract including research aims and significance, research questions, literature review, methods and contribution to discipline knowledge
  - Table of contents and chapter summary
  - At least one fully drafted chapter
  - A statement addressing your previous milestone recommendations (approx. 500 words)
  - Detailed timeline for completion of project
  - Bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

**Practical Component**
- A recorded live practical presentation totalling 45 minutes OR
- A portfolio consisting of an equivalent duration in music scores, recordings, programming outcomes, video or other media as appropriate to the sub-discipline

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**Final Review: Pre-Submission Seminar**

**Oral Presentation**
No more than 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, including:
- Description of project state in detail
- Extended project abstract, including research aims and significance, research questions, literature review, methods and contribution to discipline knowledge
- Summary of written submission
- Detailed path to completion

**Written Submission***
Contains:
- Table of contents
- Final or near-final chapter of written component demonstrating significant research (10,000 words)
- Extended project abstract and marking criteria (750 words)
- A statement addressing your previous milestone recommendations (approx. 500 words)
- Detailed timeline for completion
- Bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completion of live practical presentation (completed 70-90-minute recording or portfolio)
- Evidence of completion of the Monash Doctoral Program (120 hours of training).

*Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two week prior to the presentation.*

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Monash Arts PhD (Theatre Performance) – Milestone Requirements

**Confirmation**

**Oral Presentation**
No more than 20 minutes duration at a program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project scope and aims, summarising written submission and including excerpts/examples of practical component.

**Written Submission***
Between 6,000-8,000 words, containing:
- Abstract including research aims and significance, research questions, literature review, methods and contribution to discipline knowledge
- Table of contents and chapter summary
- Introduction to the project
- Research questions
- Literature review
- Methodology
- Timeline for project completion
- Bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

**Practical Component**
- Evidence of progress in live practice component (equivalent to 6,000-8,000 words)

*Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.*

**Progress / Mid-Candidature Review**

**Oral Presentation**
No more than 20 minutes duration at a program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project state in detail, summarising written submission and including excerpts/examples of practical component.

**Written Submission***
- 15,000 words of substantially new material containing:
  - Abstract including research aims and significance, research questions, literature review, methods and contribution to discipline knowledge
  - Table of contents and chapter summary
  - At least one fully drafted chapter
  - A statement addressing your previous milestone recommendations (approx. 500 words)
  - Detailed timeline for completion of project
  - Bibliography
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

**Practical Component**
- Evidence of progress in live practice component (equivalent to 15,000 words)

*Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.*

**Final Review/Pre-Submission Seminar**

**Oral Presentation**
No more than 20 minutes duration at a program (or equivalent) seminar, including:
- Description of project state in detail
- Summary of the extended project abstract, including research aims and significance, research questions, literature review, methods and contribution to discipline knowledge
- Summary of written submission
- Detailed path to completion

**Written Submission***
Contains:
- Table of contents
- Final or near-final chapter of written component demonstrating significant research (10,000 words)
- Extended project abstract and marking criteria (750 words)
- A statement addressing your previous milestone recommendations (approx. 500 words)
- Detailed timeline for completion
- Evidence of progress towards completion of live practical presentation (completed 70 to 90-minute recording or script)
- Evidence of completion of the Monash Doctoral Program (120 hours of training).

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Monash Arts PhD (Journalism) – Milestone Requirements

**Confirmation**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project scope and aims.

**Written Submission***
Between 6-8,000 words, containing:
- Title of research project
- Statement of research problem/s
  - introduction
  - research question / hypothesis
  - subsidiary questions
  - review of relevant research in theory and practice
- Method of Inquiry:
  - framework of journalism component
  - theoretical framework
  - research methodology and relationship between practical and critical components of project.
Submission must also include:
- Timeline for project completion
- Brief bibliography

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least one week prior to the presentation.

*Note: students intending to prepare and submit a thesis including published works should include demonstration of, or a statement of progress towards such publications in the written submission*

**Progress / Mid-Candidature Review**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing project state in detail.

**Written Submission***
- Minimum of 25,000 words of fully drafted thesis material demonstrating contribution to knowledge through preliminary findings and evolved argument (preferably comprising two or three chapters) containing:
  - Exegesis (approximately 12,500 words)**
  - Either non-fiction book (approximately 12,500 words) or in other projects 25% of overall project equivalent
  - Proposed structure of final submission
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion of project
- Evidence of progress towards completing Monash Doctoral Program.

Students must submit their written work to the panel at least two weeks prior to the presentation.

**Final Review/Pre-Submission Seminar**

**Oral Presentation**
At least 20 minutes duration at program (or equivalent) seminar, describing:
- Current state of project (in detail)
- Relationship between practical and critical commentary components
- Path to completion
- Contribution to field of knowledge.

**Written Submission***
Contains:
- Table of contents
- Final or near-final chapter of thesis demonstrating significant research (and specify which 10,000 words the Milestone Review Panel should read)
- A contextualising statement or draft of the thesis introduction of no more than 2,500 words
- A brief statement addressing your previous milestone, no more than 500 words
- Detailed timeline for completion of portfolio
- Evidence of completion of the Monash Doctoral Program (120 hours of training).

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