

Change to Part-Time Programme (MPhil/PhD Sociology)

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Dear Benjamin,

Before the Christmas break you asked about changing to part-time study, apologies for the delays in responding to you here.

As per the [regulations](#), the period of study for part-time is not twice that for full-time, so as you have already completed some study as a full-time student, your new deadlines for submission/completion – and for upgrade – will be calculated pro-rata.

With regards to the upgrade, students registered as part-time attempt upgrade around the beginning of the 4th year of part-time study – this works out to around 1095 days of part-time study. Bearing in mind that you have already completed some study as full-time, and recalculating the dates pro-rata, this would mean that your upgrade would fall due in August 2019 by my calculations. Owing to the difficulties inherent in trying to schedule an upgrade over the summer vacation, and lack of staff availability over the summer break, in reality your upgrade would move to autumn 2019. The deadline for the work would be confirmed separately however previous autumn upgrades have had a September deadline for the work followed by October upgrade interview.

With regards to your wider deadlines, the final deadline for MPhil would move to 3 June 2021 – assuming successful upgrade you would receive an additional 24 months for completion of the full PhD (as a part-time student), so your revised submission target would move to 03/Jun/2022 and completion deadline to 03/Jun/2023. Note that the submission target is just that – a target – there is no problem if a candidate submits up to 3 months after the submission target, as they may still be able to complete by the completion deadline (by which they should have submitted, had viva, made any required corrections, and been awarded the degree), assuming a favourable outcome to the viva.

Please note that the above dates reflect an 'effective from' date of 14 January 2019, so may change depending on when your change to part-time is actually effective from! However, I wanted to give you some idea of what the revised deadlines would look like should you decide to move to part-time.

Please let me know should you decide to go ahead with this change to p/t study.

Best wishes
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