

PhD Cooperation - University of Plymouth & Hochschule Furtwangen University

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Furtwangen Node for PhD's

- Node Coordinator
 - one at the Node Furtwangen (Prof. Dr. Martin Knahl) and one at Plymouth (Prof. Dr. Steven Furnell)
- Each student has 2 or 3 supervisors
 - Typically 2 in Furtwangen
 - At least 1 in Plymouth
 - Students can be resident at Node or distant from Node
- Supervisors meet with student regularly
 - Face to face contact and virtual (email, skype)

- Entry requirements
 - Typically Masters degree (or equivalent), English Language
 - Project proposal, Supervisory capability
 - Application Form
- Fees
 - Approx. £2,100/yr for UK or EU students
 - Approx. £5,000/yr for Overseas students
- Time to do it – register in PT mode
 - Minimum 3 years
 - normally 4 yrs plus 1-2 yrs writing-up
 - Reduced fees in writing-up mode

University of Plymouth

- A new University – 1992
 - Pre-1992 was a Polytechnic
- One of the biggest UK Universities
- 23,000 students at Plymouth, 8,000 at associated partner colleges.
- 1200 academic staff
- 1800 professional staff (technicians + admin)

Why study postgrad at Plymouth?

- 80% of research judged as being of international repute - RAE2008
- 70% of academic staff research active
- £20M/yr research income
- Listed N° 50/130 in UK for research and N° 1 of the new Universities

Why study at Plymouth?

- **69 research groups**
 - **revision to 25 Research Centres 2010**
- **600 academic staff involved in PhD supervision**
- **National reputation for teaching and learning**
- **Awarded £18 million for 4 Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning**
- **Royal Statistical Society Centre for Statistical Education**

Why Plymouth?

Facilities:

- Invested over £110 million over last few years into facilities on campus
- Extensive library
- 24/7 access to computing facilities
- Our own Diving & Marine Centre
- Immersive Vision Theatre



Research degrees

- ResM (Research Master)
 - ◆ 1-2 yr FT
 - ◆ 2-3 yr PT
- MPhil (Master of Philosophy)
 - ◆ 2-3 yr FT
 - ◆ 3-5 yr PT
- PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
 - ◆ 3-4 yr FT
 - ◆ 5-6 yr PT

Faculties and PhD numbers

● Science and Technology	350
● Arts	125
● Business School	100
● Health	30
● Education	20
● Medicine & Dentistry	80

Core features of studying for a PhD at Plymouth / Furtwangen

- All students follow the guidance of the Logbook and the Research Degrees Handbook
- The thesis must be written in English
- The examination follows the UK model
 - private defence of the thesis

What is a PhD?

- the thesis must demonstrate originality, synthesis and critical appraisal
- the thesis is only part of the qualification
- a competent researcher in a field
- the qualification of someone trained in appropriate research methods
- a professional qualification
- the centrality of research and professional skills training and the emphasis on the person

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Research Degrees Handbook

Guidance for
research degree students
and staff

July 2007

University of Plymouth

Graduate School

Research Student
LOG



Student's Summary Record

The following schedule is a guide that may be modified to match school procedures as long as the minimum requirements as outlined in the University of Plymouth Research Degrees Handbook are met.

	Date Held	Annual Monitoring Due ?	
1. Initial supervisory meeting			
2. 3-month meeting			
3. 6-month meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
4. 9-month meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
5. 12-month meeting - preparing for confirmation of route		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
6. 15-month meeting - confirmation of route		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
7. 18-month meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
8. 21-month meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
9. 24-month meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
10. 3 rd year - 1 st meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
11. 3 rd year - 2 nd meeting preparation for submission		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
12. 3 rd year - 3 rd meeting preparation for examination		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
13. 3 rd year - final meeting		yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>

Dates of any formal requirements stipulated by the school

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Study Leave Record (study leave refers to absences from University of longer than 4 weeks for research purposes).

1. Destination, start/end dates _____
2. Destination, start/end dates _____
3. Destination, start/end dates _____

Agreed Formal Extensions and Suspensions (these Extensions and Suspensions can be granted for medical or personal reasons or in cases of difficult research conditions such as the necessity to master a difficult field language, etc.). The faculty, the Graduate Committee and the Funding Body must officially give approval in writing where appropriate. To ensure the appropriate approval process, together with your Director of Studies, you must complete and submit form RDC.1A.

Reason	Start Date	End Date	New anticipated thesis submission date
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

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