

Key timings for DPhil students: Transfer and Confirmation

You are expected to submit your thesis within four years from being admitted as a Probationer Research Student (PRS). The key milestones are shown below (except for [MPLS](#) and [Medical Sciences](#) Doctoral Training Programmes and the [Biochemistry: OU/TSRI programme](#) in Medical Sciences). Please contact your Programme Director/Administrator for further information.

Year One	1 st term	You are admitted as a Probationer Research Student (PRS)
	2 nd term	
	3 rd term	Put in application for transfer to DPhil status
Year Two	4 th term	Transfer should be completed by the end of the 4 th term. If you do not transfer to another status (DPhil, MLitt, MSc by Research) by the end of the 4 th term, you will lose your PRS status and will no longer be registered as a student of the University. In exceptional circumstances, you may apply for a deferral of up to two terms.
	5 th term	
	6 th term	If by the end of the 6th term, after having two terms deferral, you have not transferred to another status (DPhil, MLitt, MSc by Research) you will lose your PRS status and will no longer be registered as a student of the University.
Year Three	7 th term	
	8 th term	Put in application for confirmation of DPhil status
	9 th term	Confirmation of status should be achieved by the end of this term. If you do not confirm DPhil status by the end of the 9th term, you will lose your student status and will no longer be registered as a student of the University. In exceptional circumstances, you may apply for a deferral of up to three terms.
Year Four	10 th term	You should aim to submit your thesis before the end of your 4th year
	11 th term	
	12 th term	DPhil status is lost if your thesis is not submitted twelve terms from admission as a PRS. This means that you will no longer be registered as a student of the University. In exceptional circumstances, you may apply for an extension of time to submit your thesis.



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