

PHD in English Linguistics UCM

Student Monitoring

Students should keep REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THEIR SUPERVISORS (at least one per semester). In these sessions the following issues are to be addressed: issues concerning the project, progress of research, possible publishing strategies, contents of students' potential publications, potential presentation of research results in Conferences, and -from the 5th semester onwards-, issues concerning the viva and preparation of students' CVs for future careers.

When meeting the supervisor, students should hand in a report of accomplishments and completed tasks as well as an updated outline of their dissertation. Goals to be achieved in the following period should also be set in these meeting sessions. Students should be able to clearly identify the value of their work to date; they will highlight improvable aspects and set precise new targets.

Before the ending of the first year, students must formally present their dissertation proposals. Once accepted and signed by supervisors, proposals will be approved by the Academic Committee.

If research develops through paths other than those initially foreseen, students will have the opportunity to modify their proposals, presenting a new one under the approval of their supervisors and the Academic Committee.

Once the final version of the dissertation is ready, two favourable reports must be submitted to the Academic Committee, one by the supervisor of the project and a second one by either a Faculty member or an external expert. Reports should make clear the academic viability of the dissertation and may include relevant aspects of the candidate's performance along their academic training period. These reports are mandatory and previous to the appointment of board members.

After the viva (www.ucm.es/normativa), the Academic Committee, with the agreement of the dissertation supervisor and the board of examiners, may encourage the publication of best monographs for national and international dissemination of knowledge.

Further information on the relation between supervisors and students may be obtained from the [PhD Agreement](#) and www.ucm.es/normativa.

Students requiring [bridging modules](#) should meet their tutor or supervisor for the selection of most suitable courses.

Part-time students living abroad must be guaranteed access to research facilities and electronic resources in their place of residence to maintain regular contact with tutors or supervisors.