Model for Doctoral Research and Writing Process

The PhD Process

Supervision Tools for Supervisors and Students

Field of interest

Possible topics

Thesis proposal

Pilot Study

Data collection

Data analysis

Writing up

Maximum uncertainty

Minimum uncertainty

THESIS

Background theory

Focal theory

Data theory

Contribution

Timescale in ‘terms’ [1 term = 4 months full-time, 6 months part time] / Reference: Phillips & Pugh (1987)

Writing Through

- Keeping a journal
- Writing around a point, theory, etc
- Writing in response to reading the literature
- Early drafting
- Getting written feedback from supervisor
- Getting oral feedback from supervisor and peers
- Intensive writing
- Continuing feedback from supervisor and peers
- Designing layout

“...A creative research project involves a dialectic - an argument between the general conception and particular investigations, a back-and-forth between data and theory, between formulation and critique. This dialectic has to follow its own logic. If we knew its course in advance, the research would not be worth doing.” (Connell, 1985)

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