**Resource 1: Dissertation timetable**

You can find here a blank timetable. You can download this and fill it in to plan out your time, or print it off to complete if you prefer. You may wish to formulate more than one timetable during your research, breaking down the research process. For example, you might have one timetable that maps out the process start to finish (i.e. noting down which months you want to have achieved what by); and more specific timetables related to specific tasks such as writing up (see Chapter 12). An example is provided for guidance, along with a blank copy. Be sure to include deadlines specific to your school or department in your timetable.

*Example timetable:*

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| Month | Task | Notes |
| March | Start thinking about your dissertation. Identify potential topics for study. | Read Chapters 2 and 3 to gain ideas for how to find a topic.  Complete Tasks 3.1 and 3.2 to start honing ideas. |
| April | Develop your research proposal. | Read Chapter 4 and complete Task 4.2 to develop your question.  Consult Chapters 7, 8 and 9 to think through the methods you will use. |
| May | Complete health and safety forms and ethics approval in relation to proposed project | Read Chapter 5 to think about issues of feasibility.  Complete budget planner to ensure it is affordable. |
| June | Make contact with participants/ arrange fieldwork. Conduct pilot studies to ensure your data collection tools work well. | Start keeping a reflexive diary as per Task 6.2. |
| July | Conduct field research |  |
| August | Conduct field research |  |
| September | Meeting with dissertation supervisor  Data analysis | Read Chapter 10 for how to start organising and processing data. |
| October | Begin write up – draft literature review and methods | Read Chapter 11 for guidance in writing up.  Prepare a new timetable for writing up. |
| November | Continue write up – draft results and analysis |  |
| December | Meeting with dissertation supervisor  Dissertation write up – start to re-draft. Prepare bookends | Hand in dissertation DRAFT for comments from supervisor.  Read Chapter 12 for guidance in finishing up. |
| January | 3rd year exams revisions  Dissertation write up – polishing and proofing | By now you should be almost finished your writing and making small edits. |
| February | **Hand in dissertation** |  |

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