

# Initial Supervisory Committee Report

## PhD | for First Year Students



**Section 1** — completed by the Student in advance of the Supervisory Committee meeting  
**Section 2** — completed by the Supervisory Committee  
**Section 3** — completed by the Student and form sent to the GCTS by **October 1** [gcts.office@utoronto.ca](mailto:gcts.office@utoronto.ca)

Note that in the case of a discrepancy between the explanatory notes below and the regulations in the current [Graduate Conjoint Degree Handbook](#), the regulations in the Handbook will prevail.

See Appendix on page 3 for Handbook Reference details.

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### SECTION 1 — Student Information

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Last Name	First Name
Student number	Year of Admission
College of Registration	

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#### Committee Members — Handbook §C4<sup>1</sup>

Supervisor

Member #1	Is Member #1, Co-Supervisor?	Yes	No
Member #2			

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#### Languages — Handbook §C6<sup>2</sup>

Has the student completed all admissions language requirements?	Yes	No
If <b>NO</b> , does the student have an approved language waiver?	Yes	No

Please complete the following for all required languages

Language	Competency	Proficiency	Expertise	Plan for completion (eg. Fall 2024)
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#### Coursework — Handbook §C5<sup>3</sup>

Coursework requirements:

- **TSJ5021H**
- **TSJ5022H**
- **Six graduate level electives**, of which:
  - Two must be at the 5000/7000 level.
  - Maximum two 7000 courses.
  - One must meet the methodology course requirement.
- **Approved transfer credit/course exemptions should also be indicated.**

Please complete the following coursework schedule plan:

**Course Code and Abbreviated Topic/Title**

**Plan for completion**

**Core courses**

(eg. Fall 2024)

1. TSJ5021H Research and Scholarship
2. TSJ5022H Area Studies

**Methodology (list course):**

3.

**Electives (list courses):**

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**SECTION 2 – Committee Comments**

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If applicable, please add any comments below:

**Supervisor Signature**

We attest that the above information is correct, and has been reviewed and approved by all members of the committee.

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Supervisor, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 3 – Student Comments**

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If applicable, please add any comments below:

**Student Signature**

I attest to the accuracy of the information in Section 1 and have read and understood the comments in Section 2, if applicable.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX

## Handbook Section References

<sup>1</sup> A prospective supervisor is assigned at admissions, and an initial supervisory committee is formed. Throughout the coursework phase, they help the student explore and refine their research interest and goals. As the student enters the stage of writing the thesis prospectus and sitting for general examinations, the research area becomes more fully defined. At that stage, the prospective supervisor and initial supervisory committee might be confirmed and continue to assist the student for the next stages; a change of supervisor or supervisory committee members might also be deemed desirable. Confirmation of the thesis supervisor and the supervisory committee are signified to the GCTS in the Student Progress Report. Changes in committee are reported to the GCTS in the same manner. All changes of supervisor must be approved by the Associate Director, Graduate Programs.

<sup>2</sup> All doctoral students must demonstrate competence in at least two languages, in addition to English, one of which must be a modern language. The student's supervisory committee determines the two required languages. If the supervisory committee determines something that differs from the conditions recorded in the student's letter of offer, the supervisor communicates this determination directly and immediately to the GCTS.

Biblical studies students must normally demonstrate expertise in the biblical language of specialization, competence in the other biblical language, and competence in a modern language.

- Students in Old Testament studies are also expected to have expertise in biblical Hebrew and competence in Hellenistic Greek; exceptions may be determined by the supervisory committee and shall be recorded in the annual supervisory committee reports.
- Students in New Testament studies are expected to have expertise in Hellenistic Greek and competence in Biblical Hebrew; exceptions may be determined by the supervisory committee and shall be recorded in the annual supervisory committee reports.

<sup>3</sup> Unless granted an accommodation through Accessibility Services, students are required to take three courses per Fall/Winter semester until courses are completed. Two courses per semester may be permitted in cases where students have advanced standing, plan to take courses over summer, or are otherwise able to demonstrate that they will be able to complete all coursework by the end of the first semester of their second year. For students with language waivers or coursework extensions, please see the handbook (especially §§A7.11.4 and C6.7) for information on coursework registration restrictions.

## Timeline

## YEAR 1

Sep-Dec	Coursework
Jan-May	Coursework
May-Aug	Coursework (optional)

## YEAR 2

Sep-Dec	Language study (concurrent with courses)
Jan-May	Coursework
May-Aug	Thesis prospectus approved / preparation for general exams

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