

Doctoral Checklist

Discuss coursework in consultation with your Program Area Adviser

Bilingual/Bicultural Education.....	Dr. Maria Franquiz
Cultural Studies in Education.....	Dr. Luis Urrieta
Early Childhood Education.....	Dr. Michelle Perez
Learning Technologies.....	Dr. Liu Min
Language and Literacy Studies.....	Dr. Denise Davila
Physical Education Teacher Education.....	Dr. Xiaofen Keating
Social Studies Education	Dr. Katie Payne

Begin coursework

All students must meet the following requirements prior to graduating:

- a) Maintain a minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA
- b) Take at least 18 hours of coursework in the major area (EDC courses)
- c) Take at least 6 hours of out-of-department coursework
- d) Take the core curriculum courses: Foundation and Research Sequence

** Note: All courses required for the Doctorate must be completed within a six-year period.*

Additional course options:

- a) You may take 20% of your coursework (2 courses) on a CREDIT/NO CREDIT basis. These will not factor into your GPA.
- b) 50% of your course work must be taken at UT Austin
- c) EDC 396V Independent Study constitutes less than 25% of your coursework
- d) You may transfer a maximum of 6 graduate hours from another institution with approval from the Graduate Adviser, Graduate Studies Committee.

Schedule First-Year Review

For more information, see your program area's "Program Area Review and Qualifying Exam Guide" on the [Doctoral Program Forms & Documents](#) page

Participate in research projects

Complete a preliminary copy of the Program of Work (POW)

The POW form for your program area can be found on the [Doctoral Program Forms & Documents](#) page

Schedule Mid-Program Review

For more information, see your program area's "Program Area Review and Qualifying Exam Guide" on the [Doctoral Program Forms & Documents](#) page

Begin thinking about your dissertation

- a) Think about a possible dissertation topic.
- b) Decide which faculty you might want to serve on your qualifying exam and dissertation committees.
- c) Talk to faculty; solicit feedback and foster relationships.

Professional Development

Consider attending, and possibly presenting, at annual meetings of professional associations and learned societies.

Schedule and take your Qualifying Exams

For more information, see your program area's Program Area Review and Qualifying Exam Guide on the [Doctoral Program Forms & Documents](#) page

Apply for Doctoral Candidacy

For more information, See the [Doctoral Candidacy](#) page

Defend dissertation proposal

- Find a date/time when your committee members may attend
- Schedule a room online
- Return signed Approval of Dissertation Proposal form to Graduate Coordinator

Secure approval to conduct research with human subjects (if necessary)

See the [UT Human Subjects/IRB website](#) to determine what forms are needed and to submit your proposal electronically

Conduct research, complete the dissertation and any remaining coursework

Prepare for graduation

- a) Review the graduation deadlines and submission information on the Graduate School (OGS) [Deadlines & Submission Instructions](#) page.
- b) File [Doctoral Graduation Application Form](#) with Graduate School at the beginning of semester you plan to finish.

Schedule Final Oral Exam/Dissertation Defense

This process is explained in detail on the [Form Submission via DocuSign](#) page

Conduct Final Oral Defense

After the defense, your dissertation committee members will need to sign the "Report of Dissertation Committee" form. This form certifies both that the doctoral candidate has passed their Final Oral Examination and that their dissertation is approved for final submission.

Upload dissertation and required paperwork by [designated deadline](#).