All doctoral students are required to develop professional experience by actively participating in the intellectual life of our discipline. Student attendance and presentation at departmental events such as colloquia, workshops, or brown bags forms an essential part of developing collegial relationships with faculty and other students, as well as contributing to the vibrant intellectual life in the department.

To this end, all students must meet the following requirements in order to advance to doctoral candidacy. (These requirements represent minimum standards; students are strongly encouraged to go beyond them as a matter of building a strong professional record.)

**Attendance Requirements:**

1. By the last day of their fourth semester in the doctoral program, students must attend five department colloquia or workshops.

2. By the last day of their sixth semester in the doctoral program, students must attend an off-campus conference. All costs of attending such an event must be borne by the student unless the student is also presenting at the conference, in which case, travel funding for the student can be applied for.

**Oral Presentation Requirements:**

1. By the last day of their sixth semester in the doctoral program, students must present at a Graduate Research Colloquium or other departmental-sponsored event.

2. Prior to filing a request to schedule the doctoral comprehensive exam (i.e., the dissertation proposal defense), students must have delivered two oral presentations at organized linguistics meetings, at least one of which is not at UT Arlington and for which presentations are competitively selected on the basis of abstract evaluation. The two papers must represent research on two different topics (e.g., one in phonology and another in pragmatics).

Students must supply the Graduate Advisor with proof of participation in the conference in the form of both a letter of acceptance and a copy of the conference program plus a copy of any handouts created for the talk. Students who do not present documentation of having completed this requirement will not be allowed to schedule a dissertation defense, regardless of any coursework completed.
Written Submission Requirements (two papers):

All students must prepare and submit two different pieces of linguistically-themed academic writing for possible publication in a professionally-recognized venue. At least one of these two must be accepted for publication. Here are further details:

1. Prior to the filing a request to schedule the doctoral comprehensive exam (i.e., the dissertation proposal defense), students must have submitted a journal-length manuscript for review by a publishing body.

2. Prior to filing a request to schedule the doctoral final exam (i.e., the dissertation defense), students must have secured evidence that they have had (or will have) one of the following types of publications appear in print: a research article in a refereed journal, a research article in a working papers volume, a research paper in a conference proceedings volume, or a linguistics-related book review.

Students must supply the Graduate Advisor with proof of having completed these requirements in the form of a letter of acknowledgement from the publishing body and, in the case of a published work, a copy of the same. Students who do not present documentation of having completed each part of this requirement will not be allowed to schedule the corresponding examination, regardless of any coursework completed.

Notes:

*Please note that in general, co-authored presentations / publications may not be used to satisfy these requirements. However, if compelling circumstances warrant, students may submit a request for consideration outlining arguments why a co-authored work should count; this request should be submitted to the departmental Graduate Studies Committee for approval. In addition, work used to satisfy Professional Activity Requirements must be a result of research undertaken while a student in the linguistics program at UT Arlington, rather than prior to entering this program.