

The University of Texas at Arlington  
 Department of Linguistics & TESOL

**Milestone Agreement Form**

This form must be submitted to the PhD advisor by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your PhD program.

**Program Timeline for all Students in the PhD in Linguistics Program**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Program Expectation</b>	<b>Individualized Plan (insert month/year)</b>
Successfully passing the oral comprehension exam	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	
Review of student's progress with advisor, using the DS-PRO system	Annually, after the Spring semester	
Qualifying paper topic approval	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> week of 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	
Qualifying paper completed, successfully defended, and approved by committee	4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester	
Dissertation proposal completed, successfully defended, and approved by committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> year	
Dissertation completed, successfully defended, and approved by committee	End of 5 <sup>th</sup> year	
Student completes and files all paperwork required for graduation	End of 5 <sup>th</sup> year	
Dissertation accepted by the University	End of 5 <sup>th</sup> year	

**Degree Completion Checklist for Students**

- Maintain active student status by registering for courses every fall and spring semester
- Complete Milestones Agreement Form with your advisor no later than the last class day of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester
- Fulfill the language requirement
- Complete all required organized coursework
- Schedule and successfully complete required qualifying exams
- Form your dissertation committee in consultation with your advisor and dissertation Chair
- Have your committee approved by program GSC and Graduate School
- Prepare and successfully present your dissertation proposal
- Apply for Advancement to Candidacy
- Enroll in required dissertation hours and complete your dissertation
- Successfully complete your defense of your dissertation
- Submit required documentation to the Graduate School for completion and graduation

## Possible Consequences if Milestones are not Completed in a Timely Manner

- Reduced eligibility for conference and research travel funding
- Loss of EGTA and associated funding
- Dismissal from the program for insufficient academic progress

I have read this form and have had the opportunity to discuss the information contained in it with my advisor. I understand the academic milestones that I am expected to reach in order to successfully complete the Linguistics PhD Program, as well as the expected timeline for completing these milestones.

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Advisor's Signature

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Date

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Supervising Professor (if identified)

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Date