

**Process for Students Pursuing a  
Doctor of Education  
Saint Louis University**

**%" Written Examination**

Upon completion or in the final semester of completing coursework requirements, language/research tools requirements, and any special, additional requirements of the major field, the doctoral student prepares to take the written portion of the preliminary degree examination.

The required written examination(s) is taken at a time scheduled by the major field department.

**&" Oral Examination/Project Defense**

The Doctoral Oral Examination Form found on the Graduate Education website <https://www.slu.edu/academics/graduate/current-students/forms-petition.php> under the links for Current Students and then Doctoral Students is filed by the department and proposes the student's committee, consisting of five members of the Graduate Faculty (one member can be Graduate Instruction status), to conduct and evaluate the oral examination, and the date and time of the examination.

The major field department should also include in this notice any graduate courses from other institutions that are to be formally a part of the student's Doctor of Education program through the Evaluation of Advanced Standing form (found under the link for Forms and Petitions).

The Oral Exam Form must be received by the Doctoral Candidacy Advisor (DB 420D) AT LEAST TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE EXAM/PROPOSAL DEFENSE.

The student should work with the advisor and Graduate Program Director to build the student's program as accurately as possible in DegreeWorks, the University's new electronic degree audit tool.



**5. Project Submission**

After the required corrections are made for forma