Request to Extend Thesis Research

Graduate Program on the Environment

The Evergreen State College

Graduate students who require additional time to complete their thesis work may request an extension for the Summer or Fall quarter immediately following the Spring Thesis Workshop. The extension must be requested by the student and approved by the reader and the MES Director. Starting in 2017, students who are approved to continue work on their thesis will be signed up for a one-quarter extension and pay an extension fee of $500.

If the student does not complete the thesis by the end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program. Reader: Please attach any further stipulations for thesis completion.

I, Portia Leigh, request an extension to complete my thesis in (choose only one quarter):

\_\_\_ Spring Quarter 2022

I also understand that I must pay the $500 fee to extend my thesis work for one quarter.

I have read the information outlined in the MES Student Handbook about the services I can use at Evergreen while I am a thesis extension student.

I have attached my answers to the questions below to this form.

1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

My thesis outline is created with my background and introduction complete. I have collected all of my data for my thesis and am currently working on analysis to decipher my data.

1. Describe the reason(s) for not completing your thesis by this quarter’s deadline.

I tried to complete my thesis over this past summer quarter, but my data points that I collected are not plotting correctly on ArcMap. I am working with a scientist from my work to try and figure out why my points aren’t plotting correctly. Without my points, I don’t have an analysis to write, which has halted my progress. If I can’t figure out why they aren’t plotting correctly, I will have to tweak my thesis to complete my paper without having that data. I will work closely with my reader to figure out how to best proceed.

1. Provide a detailed plan for completing your thesis during the next quarter.

I plan to have my points figured out and plotting correctly by December 31. If they still are not plotting correctly by then, I will alter my plan by taking new points in January-February or change my approach. By March 1st, I will be writing up my analysis and discussion and will be sending my writing to my reader to evaluate every other week. I will have my thesis draft completed by April 1st. After this time, I will work with my reader to finalize my paper and have it ready to turn in by May 1st. I will present my thesis in Spring quarter during June. By this time, I will have all of the requirements of my thesis and degree completed.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / Date)

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