Request to Extend Thesis Research

Master of Environmental Studies

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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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, Skyler Specht, request an extension to complete my thesis in (choose only one quarter):

\_X\*\_ 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.
2. Describe the reason(s) for not completing your thesis by this quarter’s deadline.
3. Provide a detailed plan for completing your thesis during the next quarter.

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

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1. Currently I am finishing working on the results section of my thesis and have most of the other sections completed. However, I have not yet turned in a draft copy of my thesis to my thesis reader which puts me behind schedule in terms of being able to present. I would have liked to present this quarter and am just slightly behind being able to do so.
2. It has taken time to go through the data for my results, but I am nearly finished; the timeline for me to finish both the thesis and be able to present this quarter will be tight. Ralph and I propose for me to focus on submitting a draft to him as soon as possible so that he can provide comments and to present Spring quarter. After I receive feedback from Ralph, I will work on finalizing my thesis and turn it in by the start of Spring quarter, as I will not need a full quarter at all to finish it.
3. As indicated, I plan to:

* Complete my results and discussion and submit a first draft of my thesis to Ralph as soon as possible (1-1.5 weeks out)
* Focus on completing a final draft of the thesis by the end of this quarter or before the start of next quarter, as soon as I can address comments made by my thesis reader.
* Present Spring Quarter, understanding that I have not yet turned in a completed first draft with comments back from my thesis reader.

Even though I do not need the full quarter I would be willing to pay the $500 extension understanding that I would be presenting that quarter and would technically still be extending my thesis research during that time. I am happy to discuss this more if needed, I am excited to finish out and I am very close!