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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

\_\_√\_ Summer Quarter 2022 OR \_\_\_ Fall 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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Form questions/answers:

1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

My thesis draft has strong, near finished sections for the Introduction, Literature Review and Methods sections. I am still working on my results, so the Results, Discussion and Conclusion sections are incomplete.

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

The data I collected for my thesis is extensive and is requiring me to use a generalized linear model for analysis. This type of modeling is advanced and was not covered in RDQM. It took longer than expected to sort out the variables I should use for the model, and now I am trying to find formulas to use in R so I can get results using this type of model.

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

Up until the current quarter ends my plan is to find the right formulas to use in R to get results of my data and interpret those results correctly. After I am confident with my results, I can write up the results section in my thesis, followed by the discussion and conclusion sections. I may start writing these up before the current quarter ends and will then have time in the summer to finish everything up due to the extension. Finishing up the writing portions of my thesis should not take all summer long and I expect to have everything completed early on in the summer quarter.