

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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

X Winter Quarter 2022 OR ___ 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)

Approved: _____ (Director / Date)

Question 1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

I have turned in the first draft of my thesis introduction, lit review, methods, and findings. Working with my thesis reader (Ralph Murphy) I realize that I have a decent amount of work to do still on these sections. I recently finished up my findings section and am now working on flushing out some of the details that I missed in my lit review.

Question 2. Describe the reason(s) for not completing your thesis by this quarter's deadline.

Earlier this quarter I talked with Ralph about trying to finish this fall and he was supportive of the idea. However, I recently decided that I could use another quarter to finish my thesis. Truthfully, it is just taking longer to finish than I originally thought. Some of the revisions I am making are taking a lot of time to research and incorporate into what I have already written and this extension will allow me to finish the thesis without rushing it or risking not being able to finish in time.

Question 3. Provide a detailed plan for completing your thesis during the next quarter.

- 1) November 2021
 - a) Revise introduction, literature review, methods, and findings. Nov 12th – Dec 3rd
- 2) December 2021
 - a) Draft of Discussion. Dec 4th – Dec 25th
 - b) 2nd draft to Ralph. Dec 31st
- 3) January 2022
 - a) Revisions and formatting Jan 1st – 31st
- 4) February 2022
 - a) Third Draft. Feb 7th
 - b) Presentation Preparation. Feb 21st – Feb 28th
 - c) Final Draft. Feb 28th
- 5) March 2022
 - a) Thesis Presentation. March 1st – 3rd
 - b) Last minute edits and formatting. March 7th – 10th
 - c) Submit final copy to MES office by March 18th.