

1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

Writing: Abstract, Introduction and Background, and Literature Review

Data: coded 45 news articles, coded 2,096 public complaints, 8 interviews

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

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Inslee issued a statewide "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" Order on March 23, 2020, which prohibits social gathering of any kind and prevents all non-essential businesses from conducting business.¹ This has delayed my qualitative interviews, a significant portion of my data collection.

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

With this extension I will be able to reach out to interviewees, conduct interviews (over the phone or via Zoom), code and analyze all of my data, and write the remaining sections of my thesis.

My proposed extension timeline for Winter Quarter 2021:

Request for Extension - *Friday, October 30th*

Submit First Draft of Thesis to Thesis Reader - *Friday, February 5th*

Request to Present Thesis - *Friday, February 12th*

Submit Final Draft of Thesis to Thesis Reader - *Friday, March 26th*

Present Thesis - *March 15-19th*

1. Jay Inslee, Proclamation by the Governor, Amending Proclamation 20-05, Stay Home — Stay Healthy, March 23, 2020, Governor.wa.gov < <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-25%20Coronavirus%20Stay%20Safe-Stay%20Healthy%20%28tmp%29%20%28002%29.pdf> > (accessed April 14, 2020).