

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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

☒ Winter Quarter 2021

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)

1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

The focus of this quarter for me was to prepare for the interview portion of my thesis. I finished putting together my interview questions through collaboration with work colleagues. I also completed my IRB Human Subjects Review application which was approved on 11/17/2020 and have begun preparing to send out an initial call for interview participants to set up interviews. My literature review is mostly complete and each of the other sections are in progress; the bulk of the upcoming work will be focused on interviews, interview coding, and analysis.

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

As I indicated above, my focus this quarter was to finalize putting together interview questions and to have my IRB/HSR application approved so I could begin my research. With COVID-19 and a full-time job working in the field I am doing my research in, balancing mental stability with work and scholarly obligations has been difficult, to say the least. Because of this I have tried to take an approach to completing the thesis that would work best for me, even if it has taken me longer than anticipated to do so. I believe that I am in a good place to finish the thesis by the end of next quarter.

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

Important Dates:

Last Day to Submit Request to Extend/Present Thesis Research	February 8
MES Thesis Presentations	March 1-5 (Week 9)
Thesis Submission Due Date	March 19

December

- Reach out to jurisdictions and potential interview participants to set up interviews
- Start interviews
- Transpose interviews to text in-between interviews.

January

- Finish interviews
- Finish transposing interviews
- Begin interview coding process

February

- Continue interview coding process, begin analysis.
- Write the results and analysis/discussion sections of the thesis

- Continue flushing out sections of the thesis that need more attention.
- Begin formatting

March

- Present thesis
- Finalize putting together the thesis (formatting, etc.)

If you have any questions about specific elements of the thesis, please feel free to reach out to me directly at (360) 915- 3056 or at spesky12@evergreen.edu.