Thesis Extension Answers

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1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

I have submitted a draft of my literature review and am currently making the required edits. I have collected my data and am analyzing it using Arc pro and R. I completed a story map that visualizes my data and I plan to include my analysis into this format as well. I have started my methods section, but it is in its infancy.

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

There are a plethora of reasons why my thesis will not be completed on time. First, the global pandemic really stymied my ability to have complete focus like I did at the library. Not being able to utilize campus resources affected me more than I thought it would, and prevented me from being able to interact with my peers to talk through ideas and proofread things in real time. Additionally, my father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Also, I recently acquired a full-time job which has reduced the hours I can spend crafting semi-intelligible sentences. I honestly don’t know which of these has contributed the most towards my inability to complete my thesis by the deadline, but combined they have made getting a complete draft done by the first week in April impossible.

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

My plan is to force myself to continue chipping away at this beast during my weekends while also talking things through biweekly with Sarah Hamman until I reach the thesis summit. As soon as I submit the next draft of the literature review I will continue with my methods section, then use the R Arco pro bridge software to integrate my data that is already in Arc pro to run some statistical tests to see if any variable associations turn out to be statistically significant. I will then write my results and discussion questions, spit out my conclusion and hope it all comes together!