

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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

x Spring 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)

Supplemental Questions:

1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

My thesis is nearly complete. I completed data collection and my initial analysis in late Spring, early Summer 2019, and coordinated a collaborative second analysis in late 2019 that was necessary after proper evaluation of the dataset. All sections are close to completion and are in their 1st or 2nd drafting stage, apart from my results and discussion sections.

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

The complications leading to my year-long extension(s) have been difficult to address during the pandemic. For Winter 2021, some of these include:

- Complications with the analysis portion and discussion of my thesis (ongoing since early 2020).
- Complications with my writing process and the need for external input before turning in final drafts (referred to help source for this recently, so solutions are in progress).
- Reduced access to student services as a remote, extended student, including communication, mentoring, and community.
- Difficulties from trauma I experienced in 2020, being a student with disabilities, and losing access to some of the health care services I need.

I have recently been getting help with the major problem areas of my thesis including results, discussion, and analysis, so some of these issues are being addressed.

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

Winter 2021

- Finished Results & Discussion of Analysis sections by end of March 2021
- Full thesis draft turned in April 9th, 2021
- Revisions and edits of final draft turned in May 28, 2021
- "Request to Present Thesis Research" April 30, 2021
- Finished presentation with feedback/revisions if needed by May 18, 2021
- Present thesis on designated day between May 18-27th
- Submission of final, signed version of thesis June 4th, 2021.

I work every day on my thesis as I can with work and other life responsibilities/needs. I am confident that with the guidance I'm receiving from the MES Program I will be on track to finishing my thesis in Spring quarter 2021.