Request to Extend Thesis Research

Master of Environmental Studies

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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

\_X\_ Winter Quarter 2023

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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_11/14/22\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / Date)

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1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

I feel confident in understanding my thesis topic, I am at the point where I just need to integrate my findings with the research. I completed the majority of my data collection, with the exception of one interview. Additionally, I am currently organizing a women’s share/learning collaborative. Academic research wise, I feel like I am done learning and now need to write. I am actually very excited to dedicate the time into writing my thesis and having this be a beautiful resource for future generations.

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

This quarter was very difficult for me, as my husband suffered a freak accident that led to requiring a lot of care. He has been off work, which means I have had to be the provider the last couple of months. I had intended to quit my job, as it requires a 60 mile commute each way, but due to the accident I had to stay on board. Now that his recovery is on the horizon, I have turned in my resignation for January 3rd.

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

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| **Month** | **Thesis Writing Plan** |
| November | * Draft of Introduction & Methods for review
* Annotate interviews conducted
* Conduct final interview
* Hold women’s gathering (part of data collection)
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| December | * Finish transcribing all data collected
* Finalize Literature Review research and annotate articles for citation
* Begin writing literature review
* Submit edited drafts of Introduction & Methods
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| January | * Submit draft of literature review
* Submit draft of results section
* Research on PPN somatic psychology for discussion section
* Outline & write discussion section
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| February | * Outline & write conclusion section
* Review, edit, and finalize all sections
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| March | * Thesis Presentation: Prepare & Present
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