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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

\_\_\_ Summer Quarter 2022 OR \_X\_\_ Fall Quarter 2022

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: \_\_Ralph Murphy\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / April 29, 2022)

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1. Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.

My thesis work thus far consists of 35 pages containing a rough abstract, intro, lit review, and methods section. I have compiled all of my data and have lots of maps on GIS and graphs. I will be running my results section this Sunday (May 1st) with my peer group to ensure I complete the equations correctly and get feedback.

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

My reasons for not completing in a timelier manner were caused by a lack of complete data. Software issues and other people editing data. (some was lost when a folder was deleted and the program synched). I was requested by my organization that I am working with that I add in data points we know existed from the missing data like a bobcat and a bear and that set back my progress as I had to redo my data tables afterwards.) this set back my timeline for completing the results/discussion. Another major issue was that I am finding it difficult to progress through my lit review and get my zoterro citation machine to properly function, it is taking me a very long time to properly cite and that interrupts the flow of my work. I should have completed this on time but I was unable to make the progress I thought I would. I have come to the conclusion that the best way to overcome this is simply a slow and deliberate way forward rather than attempting to go back and find the citations after I have completed a substantial block of work.

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

My plan is to have my results and discussion section completed as well as my methods section and have existing work peer reviewed and nearly final by May 20th when I begin my summer internship. I will continue to work on my literature review and make my thesis well rounded and complete in the Fall after my internship has ended. I feel comfortable being able to present my results now but that some chapters of my lit review, the boring parts, need to be bolstered and completed.

By May 20th

 \_submit peer reviewed results and discussion section to thesis reader.

 \_submit entire thesis completed thus far to reader

Summer 2022

 -editing, revising, small additions to thesis during this time

October-November 2022

 -submit current thesis to reader and begin final steps of thesis completion

 - present Thesis to peers.

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