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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

**X** Fall 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / Date)

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1. At the of May, early June, I completed my data collection on the Root Glacier in Alaska. Currently I am waiting for filters to arrive and working towards sending some of my samples to other institutions for analysis.
2. There are several factors that lead to my thesis not being complete by the summer deadline. Working through summer schedules, having to ship my samples to outside labs, finding filters for my bacterial analysis and having pneumonia for three weeks all contributed to me not completing my thesis by the deadline. The filters that we tracked down take approximately 54 days to ship, this by itself slows down my timeline.
3. I plan on finishing all my data analysis as soon as possible. I am hopeful that everything will be analyzed, and I will have access to the results by the end of September, beginning of October. This puts me on track to finish by the fall quarter deadline.

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| September | * Receive data from outside sources * Finish in house analysis on bacterial abundance |
| October | * Wrap up all data analysis * Complete discussion and conclusion |
| November | * Work on final draft |
| December | * Finalize and submit thesis |