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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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

\_\_\_ Summer Quarter 2023 OR \_\_[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.
	* I have completed the Introduction, Literature Review, and Methods sections for my thesis paper. I will be making some revisions to my Methods section based on the feedback given during peer review. Additionally, I have completed and submitted a thorough safety plan for my research and have confirmed with volunteers their availability to assist me. Finally, I have collected all the necessary materials to complete fieldwork and have received clearance to conduct surveys at Sund Rock Marine Preserve and Hoodsport N Dive.
2. Describe the reason(s) for not completing your thesis by this quarter’s deadline.
	* I am unable to complete my thesis by Spring Quarter 2023 as my research is seasonal and depends on understory kelp growth during late spring and early summer.
3. Provide a detailed plan for completing your thesis during the next quarter.
	* Over the duration of the next quarter, I will be collecting data in the field at two different sites. My plan is to have all understory kelp / substrate measurements completed by the last week of June. Following data collection, I will be organizing the datasets in Excel and running the appropriate tests in R. As such, my goal is to complete the Results and Discussion sections by mid to late July. Immediately following this, I will begin working on my conclusion and prepare for my thesis presentation for Fall 2023.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / Date)

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