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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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, \_\_\_\_\_Matthew Knox \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 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: \_\_\_Kathleen M. Saul 5/2/2022\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / Date)

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**Describe your progress on your thesis thus far.**

I have collected 1 set of 8 samples from the 3 sets that was proposed for my research. I am close to completing Intro, Lit review, and methods.

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

I have been unable to collect enough samples. My results and discussions are very limited.

My writing is still chaotic, and I feel my literature review has moved off topic. I want to believe that I can complete the writing in 4 weeks. I’m having doubts. I feel mired in the lit review, as it consumed so much time.

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

I am unsure of a detailed plan. I need samples, and significant editing of lit review as well as a discussion section.

If possible, I will discuss this further with my reader and advisor. However, I plan to continue writing as much as possible.

In the event I am able to extend, it is my plan to finish sample collection in the summer or fall, depending on weather.