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end of the requested quarter, it may result in the student receiving No Credit for their thesis and the student being withdrawn from the program.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, Omar Hernandez, 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Thesis Reader / Date)

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

My main field research collection is completed and I am currently in the process of analysis of that plot data in some meaningful way. The data consist of 8 forest plots and other important data points describing the plots, such as, DBH, leaf litter, forest density, tree heights, age of succession and species. I have dumped my GPS data into maps and have generated maps of the reserve area with the plots in the correct location. I have section of my methods and lit review intro and abstracts.

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

Having done this rather large project alone I have admittedly suffered with being a little overwhelmed by the amount of work and effort it has taken to complete the type data collection portions. I have also suffered from what significance the data has??. This has slowed my writing somewhat. I also have had a minor hardware issues that set me back on revising my lit review, more rewriting and rethinking.

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

The above are not excuses, these are just small delays that I consider the pitfalls of this type of research. Planning is one thing but, reality has a way of changing those plans often times. I hope to pick up speed in the coming weeks and get the bulk of the writing done before the quarter ends. I still would like to extend in order to continue working on thesis into the summer and aim to present in Fall. Extending will help me to better polish and finish properly format this research.