September 25, 2015

*Reason for extension*

I met with my committee in mid-July and updated them on my progress, at which point they made several suggestions for how my work should be presented and recommended some novel analyses. I have been working on these analyses in the interim, and have written a draft of my thesis which I am currently revising and expanding under Dr. Courey’s guidance. I was unfortunately unable to complete the analyses before the summer filing deadline. Additionally, one of my committee members, Dr. Volker Hartenstein, was out of the country from mid-August until September 14th, past the filing deadline of September 9th, which precluded me from gathering my entire committee for a defense.

*Graduation timeline*

I am currently revising my thesis and working on completing a small number of data analyses and visualizations for inclusion in the thesis. I plan on finalizing these analyses and my thesis within the next three weeks, at which point I would schedule my defense for the first or second week of November.

Sincerely,

Michael Chambers