



## F-1 International Student Program Extension

Students in F-1 status are expected to complete their program of study by the date listed on their I-20 (item 5 on page 1). Under certain circumstances, the date may be extended. The delay must be caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems or documented illness. *Please note that delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for a program extension.* **The application for extension must be made at least one week PRIOR to the I-20 expiration date.** Failure to apply before the completion date on the I-20 will cause the student to lose F-1 status and have to apply for a reinstatement. See 8CFR\*214.2(f)(7)(i)-(iv).

\*CFR = Code of Federal Regulations

The following documents are required to apply for a program extension:

- Evidence of financial support for the period of extension. All financial documents must be less than 6 months old. If scholarships still apply, this can be verified with a form from our office or a letter from the department. Meet with us to discuss which documents you need.
- This form, signed by your advisor or department chair.

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*NOTE: This document will become part of the student's file, subject to review by the Department of Homeland Security.*

### ***To be completed by the student:***

*I am applying for a program extension based on the reason my advisor has indicated below. I understand that I must submit a copy of my new extended I-20 to the Human Resources department if I am working on-campus.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(next page for Advisor's signature)

**To be completed by the Graduate Faculty Advisor or Academic Advisor:**

The student named above requires additional time to complete his/her degree due to the following reason (check one):

The original period of time on the I-20 is not sufficient for the student to finish the degree. The student has been making normal academic progress.

The student changed majors or added a second major.

The student changed research topics

The student had a documented medical illness (student will need to provide evidence)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The new expected date of completion is: \_\_\_\_\_

The student's current major is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(list two if there is a double major)

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_