



Office of International Affairs

**I-20 Program Extension**

Students in F-1 visa status are assigned an I-20 at the beginning of their academic program. The I-20 has a defined program completion date. Students must complete their studies within this defined period of time. If you find there is a possibility that you will not complete your studies within this period, you must apply for a Program Extension.

Under certain circumstances, it may be possible to extend your I-20 although this is not a guarantee. You must submit evidence of extenuating circumstances that delayed completing your program by the completion date noted on your I-20. The delay must be caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses. *Please note that delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for a program extension.*

**Your application for extension of time must be filed before the expiration date on your I-20 and at least 30 days before the expiration date on your I-20.**

Students will be considered out of status if:

- (1) they do not extend their I-20 before the completion date on their I-20;
- (2) They are not eligible for a program extension.

**The following are documents needed for your application to extend your I-20.**

- A letter requesting a program extension and the reason why you need an extension,
  - Examples: the delay in completing your studies was "caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses.
  - Provide all documents to support your request;
- A letter on department letterhead from your academic advisor with an estimated date of graduation;
- Provide a current bank statement or a letter on official bank letterhead stating you have at least \$28,846 in your bank account (undergraduate); \$26,897 (Graduates);
- Copy of your valid passport and I-94;

**Procedure:** Once you complete the program extension packet and you have gathered all supporting documents, you may present your packet to the Office of International Affairs. We will review your documents and will notify you if you will be granted the extension based on all your supporting documents.

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Student Name	Signature	Date
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4. This student has not yet completed the current program of study due to (Check all that apply):

- No usual delay, original length of time was not reasonable.
- Delay caused by a change in major field of study
- Delay caused by a change in research topic or unexpected research problems
- Other (Please Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. PLEASE ATTACH a copy of the student's updated degree plan to this form.

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Name of Academic Advisor (Print)

Signature

Date

**FOR OIA use only:**

SEVIS input date

DSO Signature

Today's Date

