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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 <u>before</u> 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:

your supporting documents.

- (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

Student Name	Signature	Date	



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Program Extension Form

Turn this form into our office at least 30 days before your I-20 expiration date. Extension requests cannot be processed after the expiration date of the I-20 or DS-2019.

Complete By Student:

ld#	LAST	First	Middle
U.S Address (St	reet / Apartment/ house	#, City, State, Zip code)	
Telephone			E-mail address
Do you work on-c	ampus? 🛭 YES 🛭	□ №	
Signature of Stud	ent		Date
For Academic A	dvisor/Department Hea	ad ONLY:	
his/her program o only with the cons	of study in F-1 status. Expense of the academic dep	tensions granted in maxir	ocated for the completion of mum increments of one year mation is also acceptable via ssued email.
1. The student is	pursuing the following a	cademic program:	
Major		DegreeLevel	
Date expected to	completed the program		
2. Is this student r	making normal progress	toward the degree? \(\sum \)	ES NO
3. Do you recomn	nend this student be give	en additional time to cont	inue studies? ☐YES ☐ NO

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SEVIS i	input date	DSO Signature		Todays Date	
FOR OI	A use only:				
	Name of Acad	demic Advisor (Print)	Signature	Date	
5.	PLEASE ATTACH	a copy of the student's updated	I degree plan to this form.		
	Other (Please E.	xplain)			
	☐ Delay caused by a change in research topic or unexpected research problems				
	☐ Delay caused by a change in major field of study				
	☐ No usual delay, original length of time was not reasonable.				
4.	This student has no	ot yet completed the current pro	gram of study due to (Ched	ck all that apply):	