Extension of I-20 Program
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C.F.R 214.2(f)(7)(i): Nonimmigrant F-1 students are permitted to remain in the United State for the time necessary to
Students should complete their program of study before the program end date indicated on their Form I-20. Students who will not complete the academic program by that date must apply to the International Office for an extension before the program end date.

Regulation 8 CFR 214.2(f)(7)(i):
An F-1 student who is currently maintaining status and making normal progress toward completing his or her educational objective, but who is unable to complete his or her course of study by the program end date on the Form I-20, must apply prior to the program end date for a program extension.

Eligibility:
An F-1 student is eligible for extension of their Form I-20 if:
- The student applies to International Office for the extension prior to the program end date;
- The student has continually maintained status;
- The reason for the delay in completion is "caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses;"
- Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for program extension.

Steps:
Before the program end date on the student's Form I-20:
- The student has their academic advisor complete the "Academic Advisor’s Certification Form for F-1 or J-1 Student Program Extension";
- The student submits the completed form to the International Office;
- The student receives their new Form I-20 with the new program end date;
- Students should apply sufficiently in advance of the program end date to allow the International Office advisor adequate time to approve the extension and update SEVIS, to complete the extension before the current program end date.

A student who fails to complete his or her program before the end date on his or her Form I-20 and cannot meet the eligibility criteria for program extension is considered out of status and must apply for reinstatement to student status.

If the student failed to apply to the International Office for an extension before the I-20 program end date, then the student is considered out of status, and is not eligible for an extension and is not eligible to have the SEVIS record corrected by the PDSO. To regain F-1 status in this case, the student would have to either apply for reinstatement or exit the United States and apply for admission with a new SEVIS ID and I-20 issued for initial attendance.

Please allow us 3 to 5 business days to process your I-20
# Advisor’s Certification Form

For F-1 or J-1 Student Program Extension

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires this information for us to grant an extension of student immigration status to an international student. This entire form must be completed.

### To be completed by the student:

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<th>Last name: __________________________________________</th>
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<td>Student ID#: ____________________________</td>
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The program end date on your most recent Form I-20: ________________________

Degree being sought:  
- [ ] Bachelor’s  
- [ ] Master’s  
- [ ] Doctorate

### To be completed by an Academic Advisor or Faculty Advisor

Compelling academic reasons such as a change in major field or research topic are acceptable reasons for a delay in completing program requirements. Unexpected requirements that are caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for an extension of a program of study.

The student has not yet completed the current program of study for one or more of the following:

- [ ] Delay caused by a change in major field of study
- [ ] Delay caused by a change in research topic
- [ ] Delay caused by unexpected research problems
- [ ] Delay caused by extensive background requirements or prerequisite courses for program of study
- [ ] Other (Please explain.) ______________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

I expect this student will complete his or her studies on ________________________________

Month  Day  Year

I hereby recommend that this student be allowed additional time to complete his/her studies/degree program.

Advisor’s Name/Title: __________________________________________________________________

Department: __________________________________________ | Phone #: _______________________

Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: _________________________

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Note: Forms must be faxed/ emailed by adviser, or student must turn in original form.