

EXTENSION OF F-1 PROGRAM

Information

F-1 students who will not complete their degree requirements and, therefore, will not be able to graduate by the anticipated date indicated on their current Form I-20 have apply for an Extension of F-1 Program **before their current Form I-20 expires**. The extension is granted by the DSO in the Office of Global Engagement, all paperwork necessary for the extension has to be filed at least 2 (two) weeks before the expiration date of student's current Form I-20. Students who fail to extend their program before their current Form I-20 expires will fall out of status and jeopardize their stay in the U.S.

*If the expected program completion date has already passed and, therefore, current Form I-20 has expired, the student **must** contact Office of Global Engagement immediately!*

Students are eligible for an extension of their F-1 status if:

- The expected date of program completion, stated on the current Form I-20, is a date in the future
- Student has maintained legal status throughout his/her program of study
- The delay in completion of program requirements was caused by:
 - constraining academic reasons such as change of major, courses availability, unforeseen problems with research topic
 - constraining, documented medical reasons

Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are NOT acceptable reasons for program extension

Students are ineligible for an extension of their F-1 status if:

- The expected date of program completion, stated on the current Form I-20, is a date in the past
- The student failed to maintain legal status
- The student is not making normal progress in his/her program of study
- The student is on academic probation/suspension

Students ineligible for program extension due to any of the above stated reasons must contact the Office of Global Engagement immediately. The ineligible student may need to apply for reinstatement of status or may need to return home and re-enter the U.S. with a new Form I-20.

How to Apply

Students applying for Extension of Program must submit following documentation to the Office of Global Engagement:

1. Attached Extension of F-1 Program Form completed and signed by the Dean/Asst. Dean of the School/Program Coordinator/Academic Advisor
2. Affidavit of Support
3. International Student Financial Statement (if applicable)
4. Unofficial transcript (if applicable)
5. Photocopies of:
 - Current Form I-20
 - Passport, which shows its expiration date
6. If you have F-2 dependents in the U.S.:
 - Proof of payment of the SEVIS fee for each dependent
 - Proof of health insurance coverage for the duration of the extension period

Once all documentation has been submitted and if you were eligible for the Extension of F-1 Program your DSO will contact you and let you know when your Form I-20 will be ready for pick up.

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Extension of F-1 Program

(To be completed by Dean/Asst. Dean of the School/Program Coordinator/Academic Advisor)

Student Name: _____
(last) (first)

Z Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

I, _____, expect the above named student to complete all requirements of his/her program of study on/by (term): _____
term/yyyy

The above student needs a program extension due to:

- unexpected academic/research problems
- loss of credits while transferring to Stockton University
- a change of major program of study/research topic
- an unanticipated illness (with a physician's note)
- Other:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: *If the delay in completion of the program of study is due to academic probation or suspension, or if the I-20 has already expired, the extension of the program is not possible.*

DSO name: _____ Date Received: _____
