F-1 PROGRAM EXTENSION

This handout is designed for students in F-1 Status who are seeking to extend the length of their program. If you have any questions about this form, please contact your International Student Advisor.

Duration of Status: You have been admitted to the U.S. for “duration of status” which is defined as:
1. The time during which you are pursuing a full course of study and making normal progress toward completing that course, --plus—
2. The time you may be working in authorized “optional practical training” or “academic training” after you complete studies (if you qualify and are so authorized), --plus—
3. 60 days to depart the country for F visa holders.

The USCIS grants duration of status to F-1 students by entering the notation “D/S” in the upper right corners of both the “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status” (Form I-20 for F visa holders).

Limitations on Duration of Status: The program end date on the most recent I-20 (item #5) you were issued is the date by which you are expected to complete the requirements for your current program. If you are unable to complete your program of study by that date, consult with your International Student Advisor at least 30 days before reaching the program end date. If you are eligible for extension of your time limit, your advisor will assist you to comply with extension requirements.

Eligibility Requirements for Program Extension: You may apply for an extension of your study program if:
1. You have not yet exceeded the time limitation placed upon your study by the expected program end date on your I-20 –and—
2. You have continuously maintained lawful F-1 status –and—
3. The delay in completing program requirements has been caused by compelling academic reasons (such as changes of major field or research topics, or unexpected research problems), or compelling and documented medical reasons. Delays in completing program requirements which are caused by academic probation or suspension (such as retaking courses) are not acceptable reasons for extension of a program of study.

If your completion of studies date has expired or if you do not meet the eligibility requirements to apply for program extension, you may need to apply for “reinstatement: to lawful F-1 status.” In this case, immediate consultation with your International Student Advisor is necessary.

Student Financial Support: F-1 Students - You must provide updated financial documents before your program extension can be approved. Please attach a copy of your graduate contract, endorsed bank letter, etc., to verify financial eligibility for I-20 issuance.
Recommendation
For F-1 Program Extension

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

PID: ___________________________ Expiration date of current I-20: ________________________ (Month/Day/Year)

- You must provide updated financial documents before your request can be approved.
- Estimated Expenses:

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*If you have F-2 dependents, you will be required to provide additional support.
Please contact your advisor for more information.

This form is provided to facilitate the communication of certain information required by regulations of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Its completion is needed for a student in F-1 status or J-1 status to be granted an extension of the time limitation placed by the USCIS on the student’s current program of study. Any questions you may have can be directed to the Office of International Student and Faculty Services at (740) 593-4330.

1. Has this student been continuously enrolled for a full course of study? _____Yes_____No

2. This student will complete requirements for current program by the end of: ________________ (Semester/Year)

3. This student has not yet completed the current program of study due to: (check all reasons that apply)
   ____Delay caused by a change in the major field of study
   ____Delay caused by a change in research topic
   ____Delay caused by unexpected research problems
   ____Delay caused by documented medical problems
   ____Other (please provide a letter of explanation with this form)

4. This student will be enrolled in _____ hour(s) of an FTE thesis/dissertation course: ____ Yes ____ No

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

Department Chair or College Representative’s Signature*: __________________________________________

Printed Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________

College or Department: ______________________________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________________________________________________________

* ISFS forms may only be signed by a representative from the College Student Services Office (Undergraduate Students) or Department/Graduate Chair’s (Graduate Students).