



WORLD: International Learning

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Academic Advisor Certification for I-20 Program Extension

The Department of Homeland Security requires that all F-1 students maintain valid F-1 status. This student is applying for an extension of his/her I-20 to maintain valid status while completing his/her degree program. Federal regulations allow only certain compelling academic or medical reasons for a student to extend the F-1 status. Delays caused by poor performance, academic probation, suspension or CPT (internships) are not allowed by regulation. The SEVIS system allows a maximum one year extension. Please complete the information below and return this form to our office or to the student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Biographical Data: (To be completed by the Student)		
Family Name:	First and Middle Name:	Birth Date:
Email:	SU Student ID:	
Current Degree Level:	Current Major:	Current I-20 End Date:

Compelling Reason for Program Extension: (To be completed by Academic Advisor or Department Chair)
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of major from _____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in research topic
<input type="checkbox"/> Research problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Deficiency courses required for degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Transferred schools and lost credits.
<input type="checkbox"/> English instruction requires additional time.
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Condition. Medical documentation attached.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Compelling Academic Reason: _____

<i>(Please note that the student must be making "normal" progress towards their degree. If you feel the student is not making "normal" progress, please contact our office).</i>
According to the degree plan on file, the student is expected to complete his/her program by
<input type="text"/> (maximum one year from current end date)

Advisor Certification:	
<i>By signing this form, you are certifying that the student named above requires an extension to their program due to a compelling academic reason.</i>	
Academic Advisor Name and Title:	Department:
Email:	Phone Extension:
Academic Advisor Signature:	Date:

Note to Student:

Please return this form, along with the "Request for New or Revised I-20" application form and new financial documentation to WORLD at least 2 weeks before the expiration of your current I-20.