

## F-1 STUDENT REQUEST FOR I-20 EXTENSION

In accordance with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) regulation 8 C.F.R. § [214.2\(f\)\(7\)\(iii\)-\(iv\)](#), an international student on an F-1 visa is eligible for an extension of their I-20 under the following circumstances if:

- the student has continually maintained status and
- the delays are 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 extensions.
- An extension will not be granted if the student did not apply for an extension until after the Program End Date on their form I-20.

Students must provide documentation of financial support in order to receive an extension of their I-20. This includes a Financial Support Statement and a bank letter(s) or bank account statement(s) issued within the past 6 months. Please go to: <https://uca.edu/international/cost-of-attendance/> for current financial requirements.

The extension will only be granted for a **maximum of one year at the time**. Applications may be submitted no earlier than 90 days before the expiration of the current I-20. If additional time is needed beyond one year, a new financial statement and extension request will be required at that time.

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### SECTION I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UCA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current** expiration date on I-20 form: \_\_\_\_\_ **Requested** completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECTION II: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT'S ACADEMIC ADVISOR

1. Advisor's Name and Department: \_\_\_\_\_

2. This student has not yet completed the current course of study due to:

( ) Delay caused by a change of major field of study or addition of a second major or minor;  
New major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Delay caused by change in research topic;

( ) Delay caused by unexpected research problems;

( ) Delay caused by documented medical reasons (documentation must be attached.);

( ) No unusual delay. The original length of time given to complete studies was not sufficient.

( ) Other compelling academic reason (please explain):  
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3. When will this student complete his/her studies? \_\_\_\_\_

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Academic Advisor's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number