

## 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 program end date 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 does not apply for an extension before the program end date on their current I-20.

An extension will be granted for a **maximum of one year**. If additional time is needed beyond one year, a new extension request will be required at that time. Applications may be submitted no earlier than 90 days before the program end date of the current I-20.

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

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

Program end date on current I-20: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested program end 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 his/her 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 reason (student was granted semester/s of permission for reduced course load).
  - ( ) No unusual delay. The original 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

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Date

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Telephone number