

Requesting I-20 Extension

An F-1 student who is unable to complete his/her program by the program end stated on the Form I-20 may be granted an extension by the Designated School Official if the following requirements are met:

- The student has continually maintained status.
- The delays are caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses.

Reasons that do not qualify for extension are:

- Delays caused by academic probation or suspension.
- An extension request made after the program end date noted on the Form I-20.
- An F-1 student who is unable to complete the educational program within the time listed on Form I-20 and who is ineligible for program extension is considered out of status. If eligible, the student may apply for reinstatement.

Items required for an extension

Please See [I-20 Extension Checklist](#)