

## Request for I-20 Extension (Extension of Program) for F-1 Students

If you will not be able to complete the degree program by the date listed in Program of Study section of your I-20 (“Program End Date MM/DD/YYYY”), you will need to submit a request for program extension to the Center for International Education **BEFORE** the current completion date on your I-20 in order to maintain your F-1 status.

A student who does not complete his or her program before the Program End Date listed on the Form I-20 and does not meet the eligibility criteria for program extension is considered out of status and must apply for reinstatement to student status.

A student who has not completed the program by the completion date and fails to extend their I-20 will be out of status and must apply for reinstatement to student status.

**CIE cannot extend your Program End Date if your current Program End Date has passed**

### Eligibility for Program Extension

- Student must have maintained F-1 status to this point
- Delay in program completion is caused by “compelling academic or medical reasons” [8CFR214.2(f)(7)(iii)]
  - Delays caused by academic probation or suspension do not qualify

### How do I apply for a Program Extension?

1. Verification of Remaining Requirements (email is ok)
  - **Graduate Students**-Meet with your academic (major) department advisor and have him or her email CIE your remaining requirements and which semester/term you will finish your program.
    - Thesis/Project- Meet with your project/thesis advisor and have him or her email CIE verifying you are making progress and the expected completion semester/term of your project.
  - **Undergraduate Students**-Meet with your academic (major) department advisor and G.E advisor (Sam Tran) and request them email CIE your remaining requirements and which semester/term you will finish your program.  
\*\*\*\**College of Business & Economics* students can request verification here  
[www.csueastbay.edu/cbeugforms](http://www.csueastbay.edu/cbeugforms)
2. Complete the Declaration of Finances form (page 2 of this form)
3. Prepare new documentation to show financial support for the remainder of your academic program
4. Submit all the above documents to the CIE **BEFORE** your current I-20 expires.

If your program extension is approved, a new Form I-20 will be created for you and SEVIS will be notified of your program extension.

If you have any questions about program extension, please schedule an appointment with an international student advisor by calling 510-885-2880.

