

F-1 Program (I-20) Extension Academic Advisor Recommendation Form

An F-1 visa student who is currently maintaining status and making normal progress toward completing his or her degree may apply for a program extension if he/she has a **compelling academic or medical reason**. A "*compelling reason*" includes such things as a change of major or a documented illness that has interfered with full-time study. *Academic suspension* and *probation* are **not** considered acceptable reasons for a program extension. A request for an F-1 Program Extension **must** be filed **prior** to the expiration date (item #5) on the current I-20, or a student will lose his/her F-1 status and need to apply to the U.S. CIS for reinstatement.

Section A: To be completed by Student:

Family/Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

WIN Number: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

On what date will your I-20 expire?: ____/____/____ (check item #5 on your I-20 document)

Section B: To be completed by Academic Advisor:

Educational level (check one): Bachelor _____ Master _____ J.D. _____

Major: _____

Program Extension is requested until (month/day/year): ____/____/____

Why is the extension needed (briefly explain)?:

I verify that this student is making normal progress toward the completion of his or her degree, and recommend that this student's F-1 program be extended until the requested date due to the reason indicated above.

Academic Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____ Department: _____

Phone ext.: _____ E-mail: _____

Section C: To be completed by Office of International Programs

Program extension is _____ / is not _____ approved.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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