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EXTENSION OF STAY

F-1 students unable to complete studies by the date listed on the I-20 must file for an extension of stay. This extension is necessary to maintain lawful status. Extension request documentation should be turned in to the Office of International Services at least 30 days prior to the expiration date listed on the I-20.

Eligibility:

- Must have continually maintained status
- Compelling academic or medical reasons such as change of major or research topic, unexpected research problems or documented illness must be the reason for the delay in program completion

Required Documents

- I-20 Extension Recommendation Form
- Evidence of sufficient funding
If the extension is for one year, support for the year must be shown. If the extension is for a shorter period, resources for only the costs of that time period need to be shown.

Note: An extension of stay is NOT possible if the I-20 completion date has passed or if the delay in completion is due to academic probation or suspension. In the above listed circumstances, reinstatement would be the appropriate avenue to pursue.

