

EXTENSION OF I-20 or DS-2019

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Academic Advisor's Recommendation for Extension of Program of Studies

According to the USCIS, international students are required to complete their course of study within certain time limitations, however there are legitimate reasons for delays in graduation that are clearly defined by the USCIS. F-1 and J-1 students are eligible for a program extension beyond the program completion date listed on their I-20 or DS-2019 plus the grace period (60 days for F-1s/30 days for J-1s). Extensions of this time period are allowed only under specific circumstances. International students who do not complete their program of study within the time period allowed on their I-20 or DS-2019 may apply for an extension or may need to apply for a reinstatement to student status.

Extensions must be processed through the International Student Advisor by submitting the following required items well in advance of the end date on your I-20 or DS-2019:

- 1- academic advisor's certification as to the reason for the request (see below)
- 2- proof of finances for the period of time requested

Student's Name: _____ UID: _____

Date student is expected to complete his/her program of studies: _____

Has this student been continuously enrolled for a full course of study? _____

The student is unable to complete his/her program of study by the ending date on his/her I/20 or DS-2019 due to the following reason(s): PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- _____ Change of major
- _____ Change in research topic
- _____ Unexpected research delays
- _____ Lost credits upon transfer to ISU
- _____ Illness (Doctor's note of explanation required)
- _____ Length of time given on I-20/DS-2019 to complete studies was inadequate
- _____ Other—please elaborate

Academic Department Name: _____

Academic Advisor Name: _____

Please print

Signature _____ Date _____