

## **F-1 Student Program Extension**

International Students in F-1 status, if you are not able to complete all of your program requirements before the expiration date on the PROGRAM OF STUDY section of your SEVIS I-20; you must apply for a program extension.

### **Eligibility**

**You may apply for a program extension if:**

1. You have continuously maintained lawful F-1 status
2. The delay in completing your program requirement has been caused by compelling academic reasons (such as changes in major field or research topics, or unexpected research problems), or compelling and documented medical reasons. Delays in completing program requirements that are caused by academic probation or suspension **are not** acceptable reasons for program extensions.

### **When to apply?**

All students should contact the International Students Office at least 60 days before the completion date on your SEVIS I-20. You should make an appointment to discuss your case with an International Student Advisor.

### **How to Apply?**

If you are eligible for a program extension, please prepare this form and bring copies of the following documents with you to your appointment:

1. Your valid passport biographical information page with the expiration date
2. Most recent Electronic I-94 <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/recent-search> or I-94 card
3. All previously issued I-20s
4. Letter of recommendation from your departmental advisor if the extension request is due to an academic reason
5. Proof of financial support

**Please allow sufficient time for your documents to be processed. Failure to follow this procedure will result in the termination of your F-1 Status. Consequently, you will not be eligible to apply for any type of employment, school transfer or any other F-1 benefits. If the "Program End date" indicated below the PROGRAM OF STUDY section of your SEVIS I-20 has already passed, please contact the office immediately.**

## F-1 Student Program Extension Application

Name:
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Family Name, First Name Middle Name

SEVIS ID # <b>N00</b>
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The SEVIS ID # Can be found in the upper left corner of your SEVIS I-20

Enter the date of when you expect to complete your academic program:
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Has there been an important change in your financial support since your last SEVIS I-20 was issued, such as a decrease in the amount of money available, a change in sponsors or a substantial change in your money needs?

Yes  No

If Yes, Please explain:

Explain below why you should be given more time. Why you have not yet completed your studies and why will you need the amount of time you have requested? Please be sure to print this form out after you are done and sign your name and insert today's date.

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Your signature
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Return **all documents** requested and the program extension form to the staff of the International Students Office (to **Room 1109 or 1133 Hunter East**) before the ending date of your SEVIS I-20. If you are not able to bring it in, sign and date it then scan it and attach the form to our email [intlss@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:intlss@hunter.cuny.edu).

Please remember that you need to extend your program as early as 60 days prior to the program end date on your Hunter College SEVIS I-20.