

I-20 PROGRAM EXTENSION

F-1 Students

Academic Advisor Certification

Section 1: To be completed by student

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Academic major: _____ Degree Level: _____

Current I-20 completion date: _____ Degree Program length: _____

Name of Academic Advisor: _____

Section 2: To be completed by academic advisor or department chair

The Department of Homeland Security requires that all F-1 students maintain valid F-1 status. This student is applying for an extension of his/her I-20 to maintain valid status while completing his/her degree program. Federal regulations allow only certain compelling academic or medical reasons for a student to extend the F-1 status. Delays caused by academic probation and suspension are not allowed by regulation. The SEVIS electronic system allows a maximum one year extension.

Compelling reason for extension:

_____ Change of major from _____ to _____

_____ Change in research topic or research problems

_____ Deficiency courses required for degree

_____ Transferred schools and lost credits

_____ Medical condition. Medical documentation attached.

_____ Other compelling reason _____

According to the degree plan on file with the department, the student is expected to complete his/her program by _____.

Signature of Academic Advisor/Department Chair

Date

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

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