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Application for Program Extension of F1 Status

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) permits program extension for, “compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses.” A program extension may not be granted for reasons resulting from academic probation or suspension. International students must apply for a program extension before the program end date stated on their I-20 form. If you fail to apply for an extension before the program end date, you will be considered out of status and you must apply for reinstatement. **At present, program extensions may only be granted for up to one year at a time.**

Section 1: To Be Completed By the Student

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
Program: _____ Degree Level: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

In addition to having your faculty advisor complete Section Two below, you are required to submit original documentation of financial support for the additional period of time you will need to complete your degree for tuition and living expenses. See reserve side for more details.

Section 2: To Be Completed By Your Faculty Advisor

The student named above is applying for a program extension. Please take the time to answer the questions below:

1. Has the student been making normal progress towards the completion of his/her degree program? Yes No

2. The student has not yet completed his/her current course of study due to:

- Change in research topic
- Unexpected research problems
- The original length of time given to complete studies was not sufficient
- Medical Problem (letter from physician or medical professional documenting your condition is required)
- Other compelling academic reasons (please explain): _____

3. Do you recommend that this student be given additional time to continue his/her studies? Yes No

4. When is the student expected to complete his/her studies? _____
(Month and Year)

Name and Title of Person Completing this Form: _____

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Section 3: To Be Completed By the Student

Application for program extension requires proof of financial support for the additional period of time you will need to complete your course of study. Please refer to the budget estimates for the academic year in the *International Student Addendum* on the CIIS website at http://www.ciis.edu/students/international_prospect.html.

Estimate of Expenses	
Living Expenses	\$ _____
Tuition Expenses	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Living expenses based on the annual amount listed in the *International Student Addendum*.

Tuition expenses based on actual plan of academic study for the time requested for the Program Extension:

Please return to the International Student Advisor with official documentation attached for Program Extension approval and update of your SEVIS I-20. Your updated I-20 will be ready within one week of submission.