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International Student Services

Request for Form I-20 Extension

Eligibility Criteria for I-20 Extension

☐ Extensions can be granted only for **documented academic or medical reasons**.

☐ Students requesting an I-20 extension must prove they have **sufficient financial resources to fund their studies and living expenses**.

☐ Applications for I-20 extensions must be **filed in a timely manner** (Please apply at least 1-2 months prior to the expiration of your current Form I-20). Once the program end date has already passed, Form I-20 can no longer be extended!

The following are NOT valid reasons for I-20 extensions:

- Repeating courses to improve your GPA

- Enrolling in extra courses not required for the completion of the degree program.

- Participating in non-required internships / training or engaging in non-required research

- Delays caused by academic probation or suspension.

"(iii) Program extension for students in lawful status. An F-1 student who is unable to meet the program completion date on the Form I-20 may be granted an extension by the DSO if the DSO certifies that the student has continually maintained status and that the delays are caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses. Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for program extensions. A DSO may not grant an extension if the student did not apply for an extension until after the program end date noted on the Form I-20. An F-1 student who is unable to complete the educational program within the time listed on Form I-20 and who is ineligible for program extension pursuant to this paragraph (f)(7) is considered out of status. If eligible, the student may apply for reinstatement under the provisions of paragraph (f)(16) of this section." **[8 CFR 214.2 (f) (7) (iii)]**

Documentation
Documents listed below must be completed and submitted to a Designated School Official at the International Student Services, or by email to international@swosu.edu

☐ "Request for Form I-20 Extension" completed and signed by the student and his/her Academic Advisor
☐ Undergraduate / Graduate Certificate of Financial Resources and a recent bank statement in the sponsor's name, or other accepted supporting financial documents
☐ Updated copy of the photo page in your passport & copy of your most recent Form I-94
☐ Copy of your most recent I-20 showing you have been maintaining F1 status
☐ An unofficial transcript (a degree check is highly recommended)
☐ Proof of medical conditions if the delay s caused by medical reasons.

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Section 1: To be completed by the student

Last Name: _____ Given name(s):_____

Date of birth: mm/dd/yyyy _____   SWOSU student ID# _____

Major Field of Study: _____ Degree level: ☐ Associate's ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Master's

I need additional time to complete my degree program and request that my I-20 be extended. I have not completed my degree by the expiration date on my I-20 because of the following reason (s):

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 2: To be completed by the Academic Advisor

I confirm that the student mentioned in Section 1 is making satisfactory progress towards completing his / her degree and is eligible to continue his / her studies. The student and I have met, and we agree that his / her expected degree completion date is _____ (Term, year).

The student has _____ credit hours remaining, excluding current term.

The reason(s) for this extension are:

☐ the student changed his major field of study

☐ the student added a second major*

☐ the student changed his research topic

☐ the student encountered research problems

☐ Other compelling academic reasons (please review Eligibility Criteria, 8CFR 214.2 (f) (7) (iii) on Page 1):

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    Advisor's Name _____ Advisor's Signature: _____

    Academic Department: _____ Date: _____

Students pursuing a dual degree program should consult with and obtain signatures from each program's advisor. If one degree program is completed, a statement confirming the completion of the program is required.