

I-20 Extensions

- If an F-1 international student needs additional time on their I-20 to complete their studies (an extension), they need to contact the International Student Advisor and the Registrar during the semester **prior** to the semester they would like to be extended. They will need to do the following:
 1. Contact the Registrar and request an “I-20 extension” form.
 2. Wait at least **10 business days** for the form to be processed by the Registrar.
 3. Schedule an appointment with the International Student Advisor after you have been contacted about your extension letter.
 4. The International Student Advisor will approve or deny your I-20 extension request.
- Should your I-20 be approved for an extension, you will need a new I-20 from the International Student Advisor with the additional time reflected on the I-20.
- I-20s may only be extended one semester at a time. This means that international students will have to reapply for an additional extension should they need another semester to complete their studies. They will need to repeat the process described above.
- If you have not requested an I-20 extension before your I-20 expiration date, your I-20 will be considered “completed” and you will need to request a reinstatement as your I-20 cannot be extended after it has expired. Therefore, international students should request an I-20 extension **as soon as possible** to avoid future difficulties with their status.