



## F-1 STUDENT REQUEST FOR PROGRAM EXTENSION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SEVIS ID # \_\_\_\_\_

I need more time to complete my studies than was estimated on my I-20.

The reason for the delay is:

### IMPORTANT ACADEMIC REASON

\_\_\_ Change of Major

\_\_\_ Change of Research Topic (Academic Advisor/Dean's Certification is required below)

\_\_\_ Unexpected Research Problems (Academic Advisor/Dean's Certification is required)

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting a CAP extension? (circle one) YES or NO

### ILLNESS OR MEDICAL REASON

Date(s) of illness or medical condition \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Documentation is on file with the PDSO/DSO

\_\_\_ Documentation is attached

### Academic Advisor's Certification

I certify that the delay in completing the program of study has been caused by the important academic reason indicated above.

The student is expected to complete the program of study by (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Date (print): \_\_\_\_\_

## Extension of F-1 (I-20) Student Status

### General Information and Eligibility

The program extension request form is to be used by an F-1 student who is unable to complete their course of study by the program end date on form I-20 (F-1 Student). To allow sufficient time for the extension procedure and SEVIS update, a student must submit their request to the PDSO/DSO at least 30 days before the expiration date of the I-20. A student who fails to request an extension prior to the program expiration date will be considered out of status and must apply to USCIS for reinstatement.

In order to be eligible for a program extension a student must:

1. Submit complete documentation to the PDSO/DSO for an extension at least 30 days before the program completion date listed on his/her current I-20.
2. Have continually maintained legal F-1 student status.
3. Seek an extension for a delay caused by a compelling academic or medical need for the extension, such as change of major or research topic, unexpected research problems, or documented illness.
4. If there is a change in funding source, provide financial documentation covering your educational and living expenses for the extension period.

### Financial Documentation

If there is a change in your source of funding, you must provide proof that you will be able to continue to meet the expenses (living and education costs, including living expenses for dependent family members, if any) of studying at CST.

**Please note:** The extension procedure will extend your I-20 but not your visa stamp. If you have an expired visa stamp in your passport, you are permitted to remain in the US with a valid I-20. However, the next time you travel out of the US and need to reenter, you will still need to apply for a new visa stamp to return to the US.