Application for Extension of I-20 / F-1 Program

An F-1 student’s I-20 maintains their F-1 status in the US, so it must be valid at all times. Your I-20 end date is specified in item number 5 on your I-20.

If you will not complete your current degree program at UMBC before your I-20 end date, you need to apply for a Program Extension, which will extend the I-20 end date to a later date. **Please note, the I-20 must be extended BEFORE the current program end date.** Failure to apply for an extension before the current end date often leaves students out of status, requiring the expensive and difficult Reinstatement process. Please be aware of your I-20 end date!

To apply for a program extension, please prepare the following two documents, and drop them off at the IES office or stop by during office hours to speak with an International Adviser about your Program Extension.

1. **Proof of Academic Progress:** Immigration regulations require that you are making active progress towards completing your degree. To show this, please have your academic adviser/program chair fill in the Verification of Academic Status Form (attached)

2. **Proof of Continued Financial Support:** Your financial sponsor needs to submit a letter or email to the IES office indicating that they will continue to sponsor you financially while you are at UMBC. Students with Graduate Assistantships (including TA or RA positions) can provide an updated contract or email from their supervisor indicating continued funding.

After these documents have been submitted and reviewed by an International Adviser, we will prepare a new I-20 with the end date extended appropriately. Please be sure to save all previous I-20s in your records, and use this new I-20 for all official purposes moving forward.
VERIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STATUS FORM

*To be completed by Academic adviser or Department chair only.

Student Last Name________________________ Student First Name________________________

Student Email___________________________ Dept___________________________________

Academic Adviser or Department Head: The above named student has applied for an academic extension of his or her immigration documents. Please provide the information requested below.

1. The student is engaged in the following academic program:

   Major____________________________   Degree___________________________
   □Undergraduate
   □Masters
   □Ph.D

   Number of credits required for degree_______________________________________

   Semester/year expected to complete program of study (mm/dd/yy):_______________

2. Is this student making normal progress toward his or her current degree?
   □Yes   □No

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

4. This student has not yet completed the current program of study due to
   (Please check all that apply):
   □Delay caused by a change in major field of study
   □Delay caused by change in research topic
   □Delay caused by unexpected research problems
   □Delay caused by loss of credits upon transfer to UMBC
   □No unusual delay. The original length of time given to complete studies was not
     reasonable for a typical student in this program.
   □Other (please explain):

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Signature                                                          Title
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Print Name
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Campus Address                                              Date