

## I-20 EXTENSION RULES AND PROCEDURES

### **F-1 students must extend their their I-20 before it expires.**

I-20s cannot be extended after the Program End Date (expiration date)

We recommend that students **start the extension process 1 to 2 months before their I-20 expires**, to ensure enough time to complete the process.

Students who do not obtain an extension before the expiration date will have serious immigration problems that may include the cancellation of the student's F-1 status.

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038	
SEVIS ID: N0004705512			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith		GIVEN NAME John	CLASS <b>F-1</b> ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith		PASSPORT NUMBER	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1980		ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE		LEGACY NAME John Doe-Smith	
<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>			
SCHOOL NAME SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies		SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Helene Robertson PDSO		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE BAL214F4444000 03 APRIL 2015	
<b>PROGRAM OF STUDY</b>			
EDUCATION LEVEL DOCTORATE		MAJOR 1 Economics, General 45.0601	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 72 Months		PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015		PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2021	
<b>The Program End Date is the I-20 Expiration Date</b>			

### **Reasons to extend your I-20**

Extensions are allowed by immigration for “compelling academic or medical reasons”:

- **Academic reasons:** examples include changing your major, lower-level ESL and/or Math classes needed at the beginning of your studies, additional transfer requirements for a specific program, leave of absence for one or more quarters (Fall, Winter, or Spring).
  - Getting an Associate Degree, but need more time to complete transfer requirements for your new school? Meet with an International Academic Counselor to apply for graduation, and at the same time apply to extend your I-20.
  - Sorry, we cannot extend your I-20 due to “delays caused by academic probation or suspension” per immigration law (8 CFR 214.2(f)(7)(iii))
- **Medical reasons:** you were approved for less than 12 units or took a leave of absence for medical reasons, and now you need additional time to complete transfer or degree requirements.

### **Steps to extend your I-20**

- Make an appointment with an International Academic Counselor at <https://foothill.edu/counseling/counselappt.html> **1 to 2 months before your I-20 expires**
- Complete Part I of this form, and bring the form with you to the appointment
- The International Counselor will review your situation, and complete Part 2 of the form.
- If the International Counselor is recommending an extension, they will update your Education Plan.
- Bring the completed I-20 Extension Request Form and your Education Plan and meet with the Immigration Advisor during drop-in advising hours. The advisor will review and make the final determination if your I-20 can be extended under immigration regulations.

**Questions? Come to the International Office - we are happy to help you ☺**



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## I-20 Program Extension Request Form

### PART I: Student Section

I am requesting an extension of the program end date on my current I-20. I understand that I must complete Part I and then meet with an International Academic Counselor about the extension and request an updated Student Education Plan. After the appointment, I must bring this completed form and my Student Education Plan to the International Office and meet with the Immigration Advisor during drop-in hours in order to formally request the I-20 extension.

We recommend that students start the extension process 1 to 2 months before their I-20 expires.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (family name) First (given name)

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Program End Date on I-20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: International Academic Counselor Section

Please complete this section and return to the student with an updated Student Education Plan. Thank you for your assistance.

- I recommend that the student's program be extended until \_\_\_\_\_ ; or
- Student requesting extension due to a medical issue: Student Education Plan completed; or
- I do not recommend a program extension

Reason for recommendation or denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have provided the student with a Student Education Plan (recommendations and medical only) that indicates the classes needed for the student to complete his/her education program at Foothill College.

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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