An F-1 visa student who is currently maintaining status and making normal progress toward completing his or her degree may apply for a program extension if he/she has a compelling academic or medical reason. A "compelling reason" includes such things as a change of major or a documented illness that has interfered with full-time study. Academic suspension and probation are not considered acceptable reasons for a program extension. A request for an F-1 Program Extension must be filed prior to the expiration date (item #5) on the current I-20, or a student will lose his/her F-1 status and need to apply to the U.S. CIS for reinstatement.

Section A: To be completed by Student:

Family/Last Name: ____________________________ First Name: ______________________________

WIN Number: ___________________ Phone: ___________________ E-mail: _______________________

On what date will your I-20 expire?: ______/_____/__________ (check item #5 on your I-20 document)

Section B: To be completed by Academic Advisor:

Educational level (check one): Bachelor _____ Master _____ J.D. _____

Major: ____________________________________________________________

Program Extension is requested until (month/day/year): ______/_____/__________

Why is the extension needed (briefly explain)?:

I verify that this student is making normal progress toward the completion of his or her degree, and recommend that this student’s F-1 program be extended until the requested date due to the reason indicated above.

Academic Advisor’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________

Name (printed): ____________________________ Department: ___________________________

Phone ext.: ___________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Section C: To be completed by Office of International Programs

Program extension is ______ / is not ______ approved.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________

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