

I-20 Program Extension

Students who need additional time to complete their degree may request an I-20 program extension. This is the first step in the process to extend their stay past their AUD. I-20 extensions are subject to eligibility and are not guaranteed.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for an I-20 program extension, the following must be true:

- The student is currently in active F-1 status.
- The student is in good academic standing (GPA 2.0 or higher).
- The student has made good academic progress in their degree program.
 - No more than 1 retake of a single course.
 - No more than 1 major change.
 - No more than 15 credits of classes with grades (Fs or Ds) that do not count toward degree.
- The student has sufficient financial support for additional time in the U.S.
- The student has a **compelling** reason for needing more time. Reasons may include:
 - Change of major
 - Cohort/course cycle availability
 - Academic RCL in first semester
 - Medical RCL(s)
 - Circumstance beyond student's control: natural disaster, national health crisis, school closure, etc.

I-20 Program Extension Process with International Advisor

- Complete an I-20 Extension Request Form.
- Submit this form with updated proof of financial support to an International Advisor. Financial support must be a bank statement/letter and sponsor form/letter.
- Wait for your request to be reviewed. Your International Advisor will notify you via your Butler email.

An updated I-20 with an extended Program End Date does **NOT** mean you have an updated AUD. Your AUD cannot be updated without the review and adjudication of the U.S. government. Further action from the student is required to request an extension from the U.S. government (see EOS Handout for further details).



I-20 Program Extension Request Form

This request form must be submitted **at least 30 days prior to the SEVIS Program End Date listed on the I-20.** To be eligible for an updated I-20, students must be in active F1 status, in good academic standing and making academic progress, have funds for additional time, have no active holds, and have a compelling reason for needing additional time. **Program extensions are not guaranteed.**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Butler ID# _____ SEVIS ID _____

SEVIS Program Start Date: _____ SEVIS Program End Date (current): _____

SEVIS Program Extension Requested Through (semester): _____

Program Extension Reason(s)

____ Additional courses due to change of major
____ Program cohort / course cycle availability
____ Academic RCL
____ Medical RCL

____ Circumstances beyond student's control
(explain)

In the box, explain why you need a program extension beyond your original I-20 program dates.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

To be completed by International Advisor:

- ☐ Eligibility for EOS
☐ Approved
☐ Denied

Updated SEVIS Program End Date: _____

- ☐ Entered in SPACMNT & GOASEVS
☐ Submitted in SEVIS, printed I-20 for student

Advisor: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____