

# UNDERGRADUATE F-1 & J-1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM EXTENSION RECOMMENDATION

As an **UNDERGRADUATE** student in F-1 or J-1 status, it is expected that you will finish your degree program of study by the completion date on your current form I-20 or DS-2019. If you are not able to complete your degree by that date, you must request a program extension no later than one month before the date your current form will expire. If you fail to extend your I-20/DS-2019 in a timely fashion, or you do not meet the eligibility requirements to apply for the program extension, you will need to apply for REINSTATEMENT to legal F-1/J-1 status; in that case, you will need to contact the ISSS Office for reinstatement information and procedures.

To be eligible to request a program extension, you must show that you have continually maintained status and that the extension is needed due to compelling academic reasons (such as a change of major) or a documented medical reason (official medical documentation from a U.S. doctor/facility), which must be submitted with the Program Extension form.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR A PROGRAM EXTENSION:

Make an appointment to **meet with your UNDERGRADUATE assigned** academic advisor. Section A must be completed by the student. Section B must be completed by your assigned academic advisor or your academic major's department head. Submit the completed form to the ISSS Office. ISSS will then determine your eligibility for a program extension. If approved, you will receive an email notifying you to pick up your new immigration document at the ISSS Office; remember to bring your student ID. **"Sponsored students"** must also submit an updated financial guarantee, which will cover the additional program extension time.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Immigration regulations state that delays in completing your program caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for a program extension. Please see an advisor in the ISSS Office for REINSTATEMENT information.
- Extension requests will not be granted solely because the student was delayed by engaging in employment such as CPT (Curricular Practical Training).
- An I-20/DS-2019 can only be extended for a maximum of one year at a time.
- Program extensions will not be granted to students who have completed their required degree program coursework, nor for coursework remaining for a MINOR; student must apply for OPT (Optional Practical Training).

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### PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

| Name (as it appears on I-20 or DS-2019)   | First Middle   |
|---|--|
| Florida Tech ID Number  | Phone Number   |
| Level: 🖵 Freshman 🔲 Sophomore 🔲 Junior 🖵 Senior   | Current I-20/DS-2019 End Date  |
| Major   | Are you in a flight program? 🖵 No 🛛 📮 Yes  |
| Florida Tech Email Address  |  |
| Do you have dependents here in the United States with you? 🖵 No 🛛 🖓 Yes: How many?  |  |
| Current visa status? 🖵 F-1 🛛 🖓 J-1 Have you applied   | l for an extension before? 🖵 No 🛛 📮 Yes  |
| I am requesting a program extension due to: Academ  | ic reasons<br>reasons (medical documentation must be submitted to ISSS with this form) |
| I certify that I have read and understand the above information.  |  |
| Signature   | Date   |
|   |  |
| PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE'S ASSIGNED ACADEMIC ADVISOR OR UNDERGRADUATE'S ACADEMIC MAJOR DEPARTMENT HEAD  |  |
| My signature below verifies that I have read the "Important Notes" section on the reverse side of this form and that the information I have provided is accurate. |  |
| The above mentioned UNDERGRADUATE student's program plan indicates the following:   |  |
| Major Credits Required for Graduation   | _Major Coursework Credits Completed  |
| Major Coursework <b>Credits Remaining</b> to Compete Program  |  |
| Current GPA   |  |
| Is student currently on Academic Probation? 🖵 No 🛛 🖵 Yes (student will need to see ISSS to apply for REINSTATEMENT)   |  |
| Based upon the information provided above, the new expected date of graduation is   |  |
| Academic Advisor's or Department Head's Name (printed)  |  |
| Department  | Phone Extension  |
| Email   |  |
| Signature   | Date   |