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PROGRAM EXTENSION PROCEDURES

Department of Homeland Security
United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)

Effective: January 1, 2003

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An F-1/J-1 student who is admitted for duration of status is not required to apply for an extension of stay as long as the student is maintaining status and making normal progress toward completing his or her educational objective. An F-1/J-1 student who is currently maintaining status and making normal progress toward completing his or her educational objective, but who is unable to complete his or her course of study by the program end date on the Form I-20/DS-2019, must apply for a program extension pursuant to paragraph (f) (7) (iii) of this section.

An F-1/J-1 student who is unable to meet the program completion date on the Form I-20/DS-2019 may be granted an extension by the Designated School Official (DSO) if the DSO certifies that the student has continually maintained status and that the delay is caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illness. Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for program extensions.

NOTE: A DSO may not grant an extension if the student did not apply for an extension until after the program end date noted on the Form I-20/DS-2019. An F-1/J-1 student who is unable to complete the educational program within the time listed on Form I-20/DS-2019 and who is ineligible for program extension pursuant to this paragraph (f) (7) is considered out of status. If eligible, the student may apply for reinstatement under the provisions of paragraph (f) (16) of this section.

FINAL RULE: The final rule eliminates the prior rule's "30-day" period of favor of an open period for requesting program extensions, provided that the request for extension is made and granted **prior** to the program end date on Form I-20/DS-2019. The final rule specifies that a student must apply for a program extension before the end date on Form I-20/DS-2019.

PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

1. Program Extension Biographical Application
2. Current Form I-20/DS-2019
3. Passport
4. I-94 Arrival/ Departure Card
5. Financial Statement – must be currently dated document showing US dollars for 12 months:
<http://international.lamar.edu/life-at-lamar/finance-issues.html>
6. Written documentation from your academic advisor (or department chair) which verifies the reasons for the delay and includes a new date for completion of studies.

**PROGRAM EXTENSION
BIOGRAPHICAL APPLICATION**

PLEASE PRINT:

LU ID NO: _____ **SEVIS NO: N** _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

US Street Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ (M/D/YR) Gender [] Female [] Male

Birth Country: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of Expiration: _____

Visa No: _____ Visa Expiration Date: _____

I-94 No: _____ Social Security No: _____

Level of Study: [] Bachelors [] Masters [] Doctor [] PhD [] LLI Program

Major Program of Study/ Branch: _____

Driver's License No: _____ Issued by State of: _____

Telephone: _____

PLEASE PRINT:

Email Address: _____

Student's signature

Date