



International Student Services

I-20 Program Extension Request Form

F-1 International Students are given a specific time frame in which to complete their degree program. The exact dates are listed as “Program Start/End Date” on page one of the Form I-20. There are often valid reasons that a student is unable to finish a degree by the date noted on the Form I-20. If this is the case, the student is required to apply for an I-20 Program Extension with their Academic Advisor/DSO.

According to federal regulations, an international student is eligible for a program extension, “if the DSO certifies that the student has continually maintained status and that the delays are caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses. Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for program extensions. 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.”

Students, please note:

- You must apply for an extension **BEFORE** the program end date on your Form I-20.
 - I-20s cannot be extended after the program end date. If your end date passes and you did not complete your degree or request an extension, you will be out of status. You will need to depart the United States or apply for reinstatement of status – an expensive and lengthy process. Regaining F-1 status is not guaranteed.
- If you have an unpaid balance hold at Century College, you are not eligible for an I-20 program extension.

Student Instructions:

1. If you think you need an extension, **meet with your Academic Advisor/DSO one semester BEFORE the program end date on your Form I-20.** This will allow enough time to make an academic plan and determine if you are eligible for an extension or to make other plans.
2. **Pay any money owed to Century College.** Students who have an unpaid balance hold at Century College are not eligible for I-20 program extensions.
3. **Fill out Part 1** of the form below.
4. **Submit the form** directly to your Academic Advisor/DSO. They will contact you if further information is needed.
5. If an extension is approved, you will be issued a new Form I-20.

Part 1. To Be Completed by the Student: Please Type or Print Clearly

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____ Degree Program: _____

Form I-20 Program End Date: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

By signing below, I certify that I am requesting a program extension on my Form I-20. I certify I have sufficient funds available to pay all of my necessary expenses for the duration of my studies at Century College.

Student Signature

Date

Part 2. To Be Completed by the Academic Advisor:

Student Name: _____

The reason the above named student has not completed their degree program is: (check all that apply)

- Compelling academic reason
- Compelling medical reason

Comments:

Academic Advisor Signature

Date

Academic Advisor Name (please print)

Phone

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