

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
UNIVERSITY **WNE** I-20 Extension Form

Students unable to complete their program of study within the time listed on their I-20 may request an I-20 extension to remain in status. Extension paperwork should be turned into International Student & Scholar Services at iss@wne.edu **at least two weeks prior to the I-20 expiration date.**

Eligibility for an I-20 extension:

- Must have maintained status
- Must have compelling academic or medical reasons, such as a change of major or research topic, unexpected research problems or documented illnesses, etc.

Reasons to DENY an I-20 extension request:

- I-20 completion date has passed
- Taking additional courses beyond those required for program completion
- Insufficient academic progress
- Accommodating on- or off-campus employment opportunities (i.e. full-time CPT or OPT, or to adjust when you can start/end OPT)

Section 1: Student Information: (to be completed by student)

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Current Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Major: _____ Degree Level: ___ Bachelor ___ Masters ___ PhD/J.D./PharmD

Student Signature: _____

Once approved, your I-20 will be updated and you will be contacted to pick it up.

Section 2: Faculty Advisor/Department Recommendation: (to be completed by Faculty Advisor/Dean)

The time initially granted to an F-1 international student to complete program of study is limited by federal regulations. The student named above is requesting an extension beyond the initial period granted. This form is to certify information needed to determine if the extension is permitted under the rules of Department of Homeland Security.

We have reviewed the above named student's records and have determined that the student meets the required academic criteria to recommend a program extension. We recommend for the following reasons:

Check all that apply:

Delay caused by change in major field of study

Delay caused by change in research topic

Delay caused by unexpected research problems

Delay caused by lost credits upon transfer to Western New England University

Student needs additional time to complete degree requirements

Other (please provide an explanation): _____

_____ Expected Date of Program Completion (term/year)

Advisor's Name: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form can also be found on the [ISSS website](http://iss.wne.edu). If you send this form by email you are confirming the above information and do not need to bring the signed original to the ISSS.

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