F-1 STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRAM EXTENSION FORM
EXTENSION OF STAY TO CONTINUE IN THE SAME ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Why apply for Extension of your I-20?
International Students with F-1 status are required to register full time every semester and are limited in the amount of time they may continue in an academic or language program. The stated length of study and expected completion date on the initial I-20 to begin your current degree program at SUNY New Paltz determines whether you must apply for a "Program Extension" to remain in the US to complete your academic program.

If you will not be able to complete your current academic program by the program end date on your I-20, you must apply for a program extension before that date. If you do not file for an extension, or if you file after your program end date, you lose your student status and you will need to apply for reinstatement.

Eligibility:
- You must be in lawful F-1 status under the visa supervision of SUNY New Paltz.
- You must have maintained unbroken full time enrollment for every semester of your academic program in which you were in F-1 status.
- Delays in completing your studies must not be caused by academic probation or suspension.

Procedures for applying for Program Extension:
Submit the following documentation to the International Student Programs Office in VH 201.

- Financial documentation dated within the past 3 months to cover the costs of the additional time needed to complete your program.
- The Academic Program Extension Form completed by your academic advisor stating the academic reasons for your need to extend your stay at SUNY New Paltz and the anticipated date of completion of your program of study.

Deadline:
You must submit all materials for the extension to the International Student Programs Office in VH 201 10 days prior to your I-20 completion date.

The International Student Programs Office will review your application for eligibility, prepare a new SEVIS I-20 for extension of stay and update your SEVIS record. We will contact you when your new I-20 is ready- remember to sign and date the new I-20.
Faculty Recommendation Form for
F-1 Student Academic Program Extension

This form provides the International Students Programs Office with information required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for issuance of an extended Form I-20 for a student to remain in the U.S. for an additional period of time.

Student: Please provide the following information:

Name: __________________________________________

Student ID#: ___________________________ Email address: _______________________

Major: ___________________________ Date current I-20 expires: _______________________

Current Local Address: (on campus address or residential address):

______________________________________________________________

Academic Advisor: The student named above is applying for an extension of their form I-20 to complete their academic program. Please provide the following information and recommendation.

This student is currently (please check the relevant box):

☐ in good academic standing ☐ on academic warning ☐ on academic probation

Reason additional time is needed to complete degree requirements:

☐ Change in Major
☐ Previously enrolled in the ESL Program, Haggerty English Language Program
☐ Transfer credit issue
☐ Medical Reason
☐ Other: ____________________________________________________________

Completion Date:
Student’s anticipated completion date (mm/dd/yyyy): ____________________________

I recommend that the above named student receive additional time to complete his/her degree.

Advisor’s Name (please print): ________________________________

Advisor’s Signature: _______________________________________

Department: ___________________________ Date: ________________