

## Academic Advisor Certification for I-20 Program Extension

The Department of Homeland Security requires that all F-1 students maintain valid F-1 status. This student is applying for an extension of his/her I-20 to maintain valid status while completing his/her degree program. Federal regulations allow only certain compelling academic or medical reasons for a student to extend the F-1 status. Delays caused by poor performance, academic probation, suspension or CPT (internships) are not allowed by regulation. The SEVIS system allows a maximum one year extension. Please complete the information below and return this form to our office or to the student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Biographical Data: (To be completed by the Student)		
Family Name:	First and Middle Name:	Birth Date:
Email:		UNT Student ID:
Current Degree Level:	Current Major:	Current I-20 End Date:

Compelling Reason for Program Extension: (To be completed by Academic Advisor or Department Chair)
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of major from _____ to _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Change in research topic <input type="checkbox"/> Research problems <input type="checkbox"/> Deficiency courses required for degree <input type="checkbox"/> Transferred schools and lost credits. <input type="checkbox"/> English instruction requires additional time. <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Condition. Medical documentation attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Compelling Academic Reason: _____ _____ _____
<i>(Please note that the student must be making "normal" progress towards their degree. If you feel the student is not making "normal" progress, please contact our office.)</i>
According to the degree plan on file, <b>the student is expected to complete his/her program by:</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 20px;"></div> (maximum one year from current end date)

Advisor Certification:	
<i>By signing this form, you are certifying that the student named above requires an extension to their program due to a compelling academic reason.</i>	
<b>PLEASE NOTE: Form must be signed in ink or by Adobe Certified Digital Signature. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.</b>	
Academic Advisor Name and Title:	Department:
Email:	Phone Extension:
Academic Advisor Signature:	Date:

### Note to Student:

Please upload this form into the return this form, along with the "I-20 Program Extension" form in [iNorthTX](#) along with a copy of your financial documentation. Make sure to submit your request to ISSS at least 2 weeks before the expiration of your current I-20.