

# F-1 Extension of Stay (EOS)

## Deadlines

- The earliest that a student may apply for an EOS is the semester in which the current I-20 will expire.
- An EOS must be completed before the program end date on your current I-20.
- ISS processing times are 5 to 10 business days from the time the student's request is complete.

## Required Documents

- **Proof of Financial Resources:** Current evidence of all sources of financial support for the student and any dependents. For detailed information about acceptable proof of financial resources, please visit the ISS Proof of Financial Resources page at <http://iss.tamu.edu/Prospective-Students/You-are-admitted-Now-What#1-ProofofFinancialResourcesI-20%2FDS-2019>.
- **Immigration Documents:** Copy of the passport, visa, I-94, and current I-20 for the student and any dependents.
- **F-1 Extension of Stay (EOS) Authorization Form**
- **Proof of Medical Condition:** If a medical condition caused or contributed to your need for an extension, it is necessary to submit a letter written by a recognized, licensed health care practitioner. The letter must be written on the practitioner's own professional letterhead stationery and it should state that a specific (explained) illness or medical condition compelled the student to reduce or to interrupt (state which one) his/her full course of study. The letter should also specify the semester(s) and dates involved. If the medical condition is considered to be ongoing or open-ended, this information should be stated in the letter. In this case, it may not be possible for the student to continue to hold a visa type that requires full time University attendance.

## Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Texas A&M University EOS Rules

- Federal regulations require that F-1 students have a valid Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) at all times.
- F-1 students are eligible for an EOS if he/she is in good academic standing, in legal status with DHS, and if the delay in completing degree requirements by the I-20 program end date has been caused by compelling academic or documented medical reasons. A student's overall academic progress, performance, and seriousness of purpose can also help to determine eligibility. **Delays caused by any periods of academic probation, suspension or employment are not acceptable reasons for an EOS.**
- An EOS can be granted for a maximum of 12 months at one time.
- If a student will be out of the country during the weeks prior to the program end date on the I-20, they should discuss how they can still apply for an EOS with an ISS Advisor before leaving the U.S.
- Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria for an EOS or who have already exceeded the program end date on the current I-20 must meet with an ISS Advisor as soon as possible to discuss the need for Reinstatement or New Entry.
- Students who are granted an EOS will receive a new Form I-20 and must complete a new Form I-9 with their employing department payroll office.
- F-2 dependent extensions are included in the F-1 student's EOS.
- Students who fail to extend their I-20 prior to the expiration date must stop working immediately and schedule an appointment with an ISS advisor.

# F-1 Extension of Stay Form

**This section must be completed by all F-1 students**

First Name:  Last Name:

UIN:  Major:

I, the undersigned, affirm that I am in legal status with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in good academic standing, and meeting departmental expectations in academic progress, performance, and seriousness of purpose. I certify that I have read the F-1 Extension of Stay (EOS) handout and I understand the rules pertaining to an Extension of Stay.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

**This section must be completed by sponsored students only.**

Sponsored students must obtain a Sponsored Student Programs (SSP) Advisor's signature before submitting this form to ISS.

SSP Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

**This section must be completed by the student's academic department.**

1. Is the student in good academic standing and meeting departmental expectations for academic progress, performance, and seriousness of purpose? (If no, the student may not be eligible for an EOS and should contact ISS as soon as possible.)  Yes  No
2. Is the delay in completing the degree requirements caused by any periods of academic probation or suspension?  Yes  No  
(If yes, the student is not eligible for an EOS and should contact ISS as soon as possible.)
3. Please describe the compelling academic reason(s) (i.e. change of major, change of research topic, problems with research, lost credit upon transfer to Texas A&M) OR documented medical reason for the delay in graduating by the completion date on the current I-20:

4. If a previous extension has been granted for the same academic program, please specify the new reason(s) for the additional delay and the progress made since the last extension was granted:

5. Please state the specific academic requirements remaining:

6. Student's expected date of graduation (semester and year):

**Academic Advisor** (Required for both undergraduate and graduate students)

Name:  Email:

Phone:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

**Department Head or Department Graduate Advisor** (Required for graduate students only)

Name:  Email:

Phone:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

"State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) you are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you."