

**International Student
Extension of Stay Form**

Law 214.2(f)(7) requires an international student who is unable to complete his or her educational objective by the Program End Date on the Form I-20 to apply for a program extension **prior to the program end date** of the I-20. *You may extend your program for compelling academic reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or for medical reasons. Delays caused by academic probation or suspension or by financial difficulties are not acceptable reasons for program extensions.* Please complete this form (with your academic adviser if delay caused by academic reasons) and return it to the International Student Advisor.

Please remember you must make adequate academic progress towards completing your course of study to remain in status and to receive Concordia financial aid.

Student Name _____

Concordia ID Number _____

**Academic Adviser's Recommendation for Program Extension Caused by
Compelling Academic Reasons**

Academic adviser or department chair: This form is provided for your convenience to facilitate the communication of information about DHS regulations for international students extending their stay.

Please review the information above and complete

Student's major(s) _____

Student's minor(s) _____

Number of credits earned thus far _____

Anticipated graduation date _____

Delay in program completion is caused by:

- change in major or minor or adding majors or minors to original program
- lost credits when transferring
- original completion estimate was unreasonable for an average student in this program
- authorized reduced course load interrupted course of study
- other – please explain in detail on reverse.

I recommend the student be granted additional time to complete the course of study.

Academic Adviser's or Chair's signature _____

Academic Adviser's or Chair's name _____

Date _____

Program Extension Request for Medical Reasons

Please attach an explanation of what medical reasons have caused the delay in your program and medical documentation supporting the explanation.

DSO procedure

Review and if you approve update SEVIS (including major and minor information) and issue a new Form I-20 reflecting the new program end date. DSO may grant an extension anytime **prior to** the student's end date.

If the program end date has passed, the student is considered out of status and may apply for reinstatement under the provisions of paragraph (f)(16).