Extensions

F-1 students who do not complete their program of study by the expiration date on their I-20 must apply for a program extension before the I-20 expiration date. Failure to extend your stay could jeopardize your legal status and require that you depart the U.S. or file with USCIS for reinstatement of your student status.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: PhD and Master's Students

PhD students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences who have not completed the dissertation by the end of the sixth year of study may request a period of extended registration from the Graduate School. In rare circumstances, Master's students may apply for an extended period of stay.

- Obtain academic approval of the extension from your Director of Graduate Studies. Full instructions on 7th or 8th year extended registration can be found on the GSAS Academic Requirements [1] webpage
- Upon approval, you will receive an email notification from the Graduate School
- Contact your OISS adviser and submit evidence of funding to support the extension. If funded by Yale, please contact GSAS Financial Aid [2] to obtain an updated letter of funding
- OISS will review and extend your immigration document and status as appropriate. An extension does not result in an automatic extension of your F-1 or J-1 visa. If your visa is expired, you will need to get a new visa stamp the first time to travel outside the U.S
- OISS will contact you when the new document is ready

Yale College and Professional School Students

Before you request an extension to your program of study, please make sure to meet with your academic adviser or dean to discuss your plans.

To create and submit your Program Extension (F-1) Request you should open a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and use this link to create the OPT Request and log in to OISS Connect [3].

Important Note:
Only click this link once! Clicking additional times will open duplicate requests and unnecessarily delay the process.

If you are returning to work on your request, log in to connect.oiss.yale.edu [4] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

You will be prompted for your NetID and password, and then should click “Apply Now” and select the 'Request, (current year)’ option.

- Gather evidence of funds: You will be asked to provide evidence of funds sufficient enough to cover tuition, fees, and living expenses for period of your program extension. If the extended period is just for one semester, only one semester’s funding evidence will be required. This budget amount will vary based on your program of study. If you are unsure of what this amount should be, please contact your OISS adviser [5].
- Your OISS adviser will review your request. If there are questions, you will be contacted via email.
- Your OISS adviser will issue a new I-20 to reflect the end date of the approved extended period and the new funding. You should keep this I-20 along with any previously issued I-20s for your records.

Please note: The extension procedure will extend your I-20 but not your visa stamp. If you have an expired visa stamp in your passport, you are permitted to remain in the U.S with a valid I-20. However, the next time you travel out of the U.S., you need to apply for a new F-1 visa [6] to re-enter the country.
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Links
[1] https://gsas.yale.edu/academic-requirements/registration-courses/student-registration-status
[2] &amp;#109;&amp;#97;&amp;#105;&amp;#108;&amp;#116;&amp;#111;&amp;#58;&amp;#103;&amp;#114;&amp;#97;&amp;#100;&amp;#102;&amp;#105;&amp;#110;&amp;#97;&amp;#105;&amp;#100;&amp;#64;&amp;#121;&amp;#97;&amp;#108;&amp;#101;&amp;#46;&amp;#101;&amp;#100;&amp;#117;