To qualify for a program extension, F-1 students must meet the following requirements:

1. The expiration date of the I-20 has not yet passed
2. Continuously maintained the F-1 student status
3. The delay in completion of program must be due to one of the following reasons:
   - Compelling academic reason (change of major)
   - Compelling medical reason (documentation is required from U.S. licensed medical physician)
4. Must have sufficient funds to cover the additional time needed to complete program requirements

**NOTE:** Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for a program extension.

**To be completed by your Department Academic Adviser**

Student’s field of study: ________________________ Degree Level: _______________

The student experienced a delay in his or her program due to the following reason(s): (check all that apply)

- Change in major or field of study
- Change in research topic or unexpected research problems
- Inadequate time on original immigration document to complete program requirements
- Medical condition

Is the student making normal progress toward his/her educational objective?  Yes No

Student is expected to complete his/her educational objective by: ________________ semester, 20____

Adviser Name: ________________________________ Phone: ___________________

Signature: ____________________________________ Date: ___________________

**Statement of Financial Ability**

Indicate the funding sources used to support you and your dependents and supply the appropriate financial documents (check all that apply):

- From personal or family funds
- Financial support from government agency, private foundation, or other organization
- Financial support from Southern Arkansas University

I certify that I will be responsible for the total cost for each year of study Southern Arkansas University, including expenses associated with my dependents.

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________________

**Family Name**   **First (Given)**   **Middle**