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Change of Status USCIS Instructions F-2 to F-1 **

** F-2 visa holders cannot attend school while the change of status is pending.

Items Required	Notes
I-539 Form	Available online at: http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf Please use the ISS address in Part 1 of the form which is SIUE, Box 1616, Edwardsville, IL, 62026-1616
\$370 check made payable to Dept. of Homeland Security	Please make sure to use the correct date and that the check is filled out correctly. Please spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Do not use initials "USDHS" or "DHS"
Financial Statement for 1 year of study	Must be dated within the past 6 months
Copy of your U.S. Visa in your passport	Be sure the copy is legible
Copy of I-94 print out	https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html
Copy of your passport expiration page	Your passport should not be expired
Copy of your spouse's current I-20	All pages are required
Copy of your spouse's I-94 print out	https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html
If spouse is on OPT, a copy of EAD card	Front and Back required
Copy of spouse's passport expiration page	Their passport should not be expired
Copy of spouse's U.S. visa page from passport	Be sure the copy is legible
Letter of Explanation indicating why you want to change status	The letter should contain: 1. That you are requesting to change from F-2 to F-1 2. Your signatures at the bottom of the letter 3. The reason why you want to change status 4. That you have followed all the F-2 regulations and are currently in status
New I-20 Form	This will be issued by ISS office after you submit all your change of status documents to ISS
I-901 Fee Receipt (\$200 Fee)	Go to www.fmjfee.com Can only be paid after I-20 is issued

Once you have collected all the documents and forms listed above please call ISS at 618-650-3785 to schedule an appointment with an advisor who will review your application and issue I-20. Retain copies of all documents sent to and received from USCIS.

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