

After you are a student at BGSU

1. How often should I have my I-20 signed?

You must have a valid travel signature on your I-20 to return to the U.S. after travel abroad. Each signature is valid for one year. (F1 students on OPT: the travel signature is valid for six months).

2. What if I lost my I-20?

- a. If you are at BGSU contact our office and we will print another I-20 for you to pick up.
- b. If you are in the United States contact us by e-mail to iss@bgsu.edu. Make sure to include your mailing address in the e-mail.
- c. If you are out of the United States contact us by e-mail to iss@bgsu.edu. Our office will give you the expedited shipping (at your cost) information.

3. What do I need to do if I don't complete my degree by the ending date on my I-20?

In order to maintain status with USCIS, international students are expected to complete their studies in a given time. If the student is unable to complete all degree requirements by the program end date on the I-20, an extension must be granted before the completion date on the I-20. This is called an Extension of Program (EOP). To request an EOP, complete the [Extension of Program Form \(PDF\)](#) and return it to International Programs and Partnerships at least one week prior to the program end date on your current I-20. Note: Your program extension needs to be authorized in SEVIS before the program end date in item #5 of your Form I-20.