



Change of Status from F1 to F2

YOU MUST MAINTAIN F1 STUDENT STATUS WHILE YOUR CHANGE OF STATUS CASE IS PENDING. FAILING TO MAINTAIN F1 STUDENT STATUS WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF F1/F2 STATUS.

1. To change your U.S. visa status from F1 to F2, you can either
 - A. Travel outside the U.S., apply at a U.S. consulate for the new visa type, and re-enter the U.S. in the new status OR
 - B. Request a change of status within the U.S. by sending an application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. To apply within the U.S., compile the items needed below and mail the application items to USCIS. This process could take approximately 1 to 3 months.
2. Process
 - 1) Completed form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status. You can download the form from www.uscis.gov. (Make sure to complete all parts of the form that apply to changing from an F1 to an F2.)
 - 2) Application Fee: Check the I-539 form instructions for the appropriate fee amount. Please write your check or money order payable to the Department of Homeland Security.
 - 3) The dependent I-20 created for you by UTC International Office (or another school if your spouse does not study at UTC.) You must send the original I-20, not a copy. Photocopies of your spouse's immigration documents:
 - ID page of his/her passport;
 - F1 visa;
 - I-20 (all three pages and the I-20 should include the financial support for you as a dependent.)
 - I-94 printed out from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/>

For more information, visit "Change My Nonimmigrant Status."

<https://www.uscis.gov/visit-united-states/change-my-nonimmigrant-status-category/change-my-nonimmigrant-status>

or visit the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. <https://www.uscis.gov/>

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