

International Student Employment & Degree Level Changes



Topics to Cover

- > Background on International Student Services (ISS)
- > Newcomer's Intro to International Student Employment
 - Background on CPT & OPT
 - Recent OPT Changes
- > I-20 Duration, UW Level Advancement, and Affect on Study and Benefits
- > New Tools and Processes
- > Questions
 - Case Studies



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- Changes from full-time to part-time enrollment
- Degree level changes
- Field of study changes
- Program duration and extension changes

ISS Updates Student's Record in SEVIS Database

Screenshot of SEVIS Record

Report I-20
Print Draft I-20

Views:
Start History

Personal/Administration Details
Employment Information
Actions: Authorize TO Draft Below-Pull Content
Change Education Level
Complete Program
Expenditure Action
Transfer Program
Transfer Out
Employment/Training: Employment Authorization
Off-Campus Employment: Off-Campus Employment
Corrections: Request Change To Student Status
Request Change To Student Status
Open and Cancel Student Government Request

Student Information

F-1 STUDENT
Griffin, Melody

SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies
Start Date: August 8, 2011 End Date: June 30, 2016

Status: ACTIVE
Status Change Date: June 24, 2015
SEVIS ID: N0004708499

Active Post-Completion OPT I-20 Fee Paid I-20 ISSUE REASON: CONTINUED ATTENDANCE

Personal / Contact

Gender: FEMALE
Date of Birth: August 20, 1990 Age: 35
Country of Birth: BAHAMAS, THE
Country of Citizenship: BAHAMAS, THE
Telephone: Student does not have a telephone number.
Email Address: mgmell@gmail.com

U.S. Address: 2450 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
Address Status: Not Validated
Foreign Address: 15 Main Street, Nassau BAHAMAS, THE

Overall Remarks
This student will be eligible for the OPT STEM extension.

Program

Education Level: BACHELORS
Degree Name: Mech E and Engng
Major 1 and Name: Mechanical Engineering
Major 2 and Name: None
Minced and Name: None
Program Start Date: August 8, 2011
Program End Date: June 30, 2015

English Proficiency
School Requires English Proficiency for this Program: Yes
Student Has English Proficiency: Yes

Additional Names

Passport Name: Melody Griffin
Preferred Name: Melody Griffin
SEVIS Legacy Name:

Travel

Port of Entry:
Date of Entry:
I-94 Admission Number:
Port of Departure:
Date of Departure:

Passport

Passport Number:
Passport Expiration Date:
Country of Issuance:

Financial

Expenses	02 months	Funding	02 months
Estimated Average Cost for Tuition and Fees	\$10,000.00	Student Funding for Student's Personal Funds	\$20,000.00
Living Expenses	\$6,000.00	Funds From This School Fund Type	
Dependents Expenses		Funds From Other Source Type	
Other Costs		On-Campus Employment	
Employment		Total Funding	\$20,000.00
Total Expenses	\$16,000.00		

Dependents

Student Requests

Request Type	Request Status	Request Number
OPT Extension	APPROVED	abc

Correction Requests

Request Type	Request Status	Request ID
Program Date Change	PENDING	123456

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ISS Maintains & Updates Government I-20 Forms

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512

SURNAME-PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith	GIVEN NAME John	F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1985	ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON ISSUE REASON: Updated Form I-20 or Name Correction	LEGACY NAME	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME XYZ School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SCHOOL ADDRESS 9007 Nancy Lane, PT. WASHINGTON, WA 98542
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Title: Dept. International Student Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE JAL214F4444000 02 APRIL 2015

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL MAJORS	MAJOR 1 Business, General (2,500)	MAJOR 2 Math (2,000)
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 12 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY BASIC	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student on professional
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2016	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 10,000	Personal Funds	\$ 0,000
Living Expenses	\$ 5,000	Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship	\$ 20,000
Expenses of Dependents (1)	\$ 2,000	Family Member Resource Details	\$ 0
Unkwn	\$ 0,000	Gov/College Employment	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 17,000	TOTAL	\$ 20,000

REMARKS

Registration begins 09/01/2015. (Please report to ISS upon arrival).

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which was received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined from the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

SIGNATURE OF: Rita Best, International Student Advisor DATE ISSUED: 02 May 2015 PLACE ISSUED: Pt. WASHINGTON, WA

STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, exclusively for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.6(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

Student Signature SIGNATURE OF: John Doe Smith DATE: DATE

If student is under 18, parent's name X If student is under 18, parent's signature I am authorized to sign on behalf of the parent.

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ADDRESS (city/state or province/country) DATE

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512 (F-1) **NAME: John Doe Smith**

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

EMPLOYMENT STATUS Approved	TYPE CPT
EMPLOYMENT START DATE 28 September 2016	EMPLOYMENT END DATE 16 December 2016
EMPLOYER NAME Specified Employer, Inc.	EMPLOYER LOCATION Kirkland, WA
COMMENTS	

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE
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EVENT HISTORY

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE
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OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

AUTHORIZATION	START DATE	END DATE
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TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry to the country of the student to attend the named school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.

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		X		
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Newcomers' Introduction to International Student Employment

Off-Campus:
Prohibited



On-Campus:
Permitted



Practical Experience Models Across Campus

> Varying Names

- internship
- practicum
- co-operative education with sponsoring employer
- civic engagement

> Varying Compensation Models

- Paid
- Unpaid

> Varying Curricular Integration

- Credit-bearing
- Mandatory (non-credit-bearing)



Practical Experience and Pre- Authorization

> Pre-authorization required before:



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- > Pre-authorization required before:
 - Off-campus internship



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 - Off-campus internship
 - Off-campus experiential education



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 - Off-campus employment



Practical Experience and Pre-Authorization

- > Pre-authorization required before:
 - Internships off-campus
 - Off-campus experiential education
 - Off-campus employment
 - An excess of 20 hours/week of on-campus employment/internships
 - > inclusive of all activity/positions



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- > **Vetted** by departments and ISS



Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

> Government pre-approval via I-20 update

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- > **Portable** – student can choose to change employers, positions, or locations.



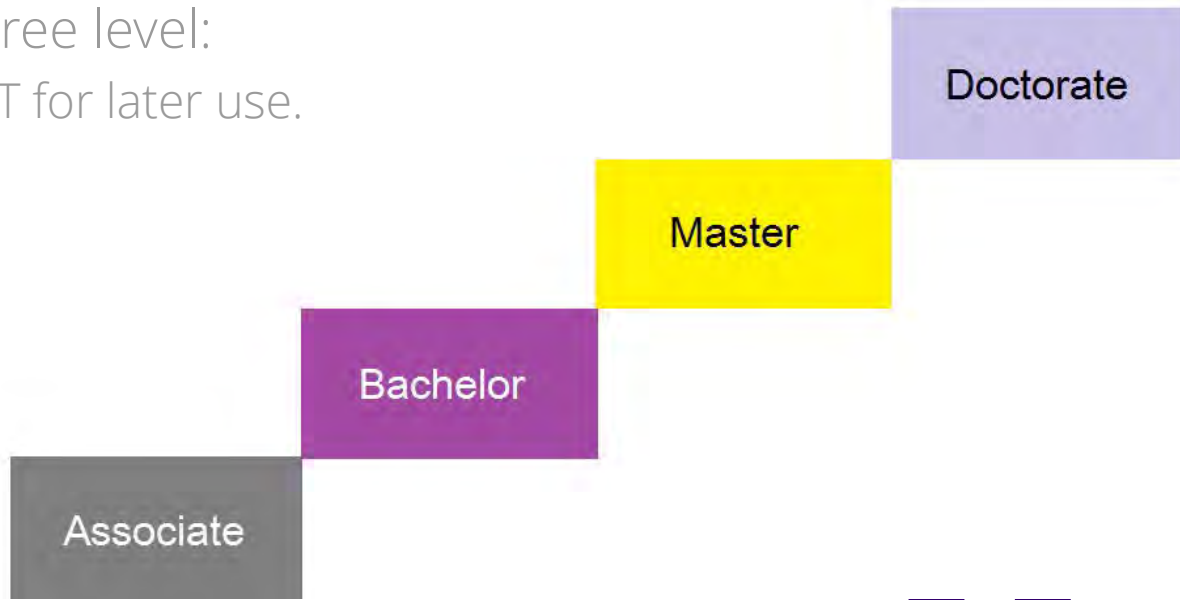
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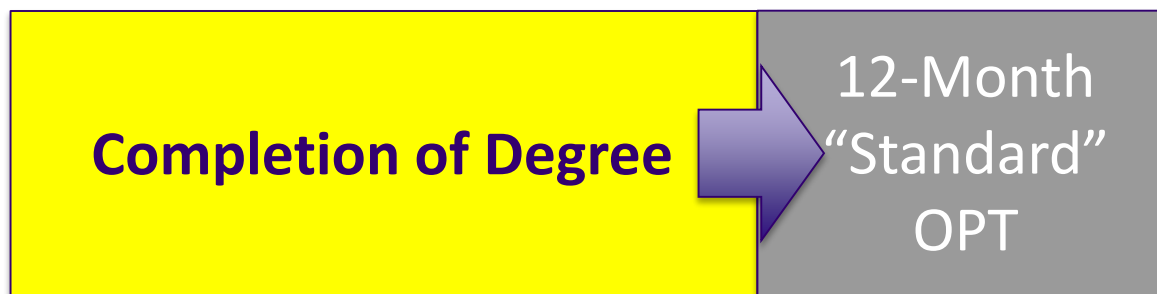


“Standard” Optional Practical Training (OPT)

- > “Standard” OPT is for 12 months
 - Most commonly used immediately after program completion
- > Tied to academic level
 - Additional blocks can be granted as student advances/completes higher academic level.
 - OPT must be used during or immediately after completing a degree level:
 - > can’t “bank” OPT for later use.



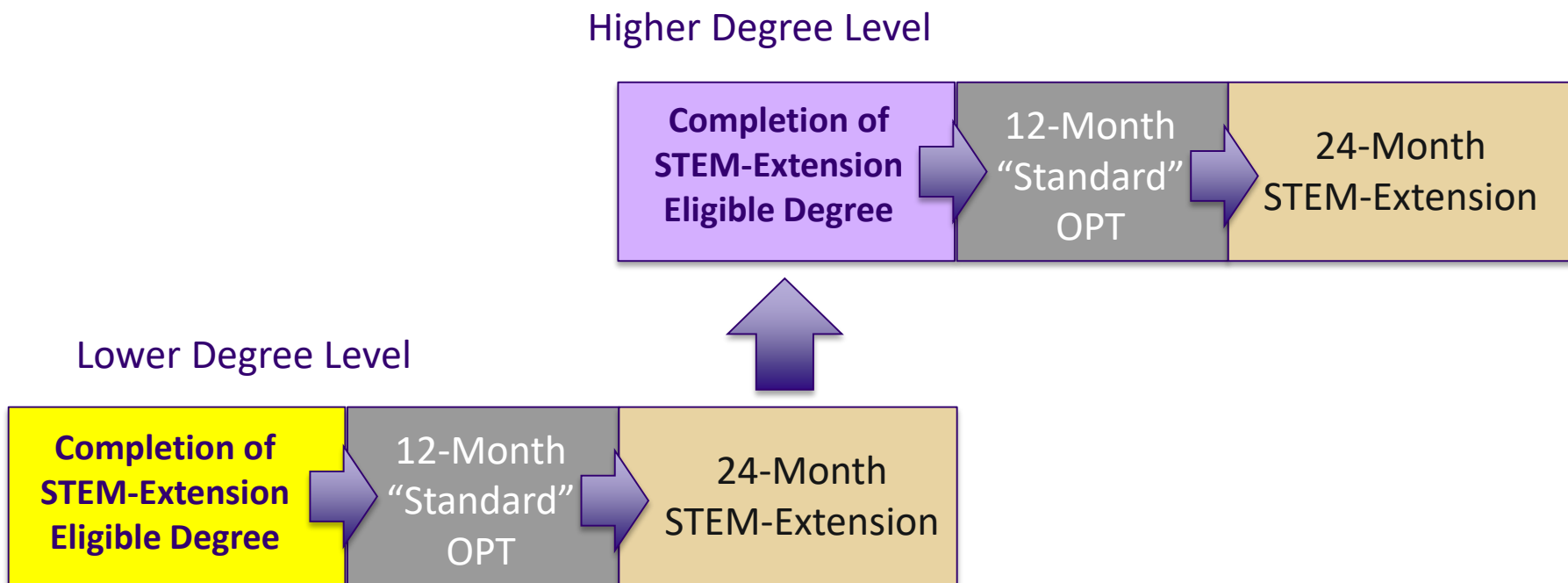
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CIP Codes

- > CIP codes are used in reports to the U.S. Department of Education.
- > All degrees at UW have an existing CIP code.

IES :: NCES National Center for Education Statistics

COLLEGE Navigator

University of Washington

States (use map for more than 1 state)
 Vermont
 Virginia
 Washington

ZIP Code Miles from

Programs/Majors
 0 Items Selected

Level of Award
 Certificate
 Bachelor's
 Associate's
 Advanced

Institution Type
 Public
 Private non-profit
 Private for-profit

4-year
 2-year
 < 2-year

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

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University of Washington-Seattle Campus
 1400 NE Campus Parkway, Seattle, Washington 98195-4550

General information: (206) 543-2100
 Website: www.washington.edu
 Type: 4-year, Public
 Awards offered: Bachelor's degree
 Master's degree
 Post-master's certificate
 Doctor's degree - research/scholarship
 Doctor's degree - professional practice
 Doctor's degree - other

Campus setting: City: Large
 Campus housing: Yes
 Student population: 45,408 (31,063 undergraduate)
 Student-to-faculty ratio: 20 to 1

Expand All Collapse All

GENERAL INFORMATION

TUITION, FEES, AND ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES

FINANCIAL AID

NET PRICE

ENROLLMENT

ADMISSIONS

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

PROGRAMS/MAJORS

COMPLETIONS (NUMBER OF AWARDS CONFERRED) 2014-2015
 Completions are the number of awards conferred by program and award level.

PROGRAM	BACHELOR	MASTER	DOCTOR	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE
Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences				
Food Science	0	-	-	-
Plant Sciences, General	-	13	-	-
Soil Sciences, Other	-	0	0	-
Category total	0	13	0	-
Architecture and Related Services				
Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology	39	35 ^d	-	-
Architectural History and Criticism, General	0	0	-	-
Architecture	52	42	-	-



What's in a Name?

University of Washington: Political Science
Illinois State: Politics and Government
Cornell University: Government
University of Maryland: Government and Politics

Text Changed	Title & Definition	Action	CIP Code
	<p>Political Science and Government, General. A general program that focuses on the systematic study of political institutions and behavior. Includes instruction in political philosophy, political theory, comparative government and politics, political parties and interest groups, public opinion, political research methods, studies of the government and politics of specific countries, and studies of specific political institutions and processes.</p>	-	45.1001



STEM Extension Benefit Eligibility

Detail for CIP Code 11.0401



Title: Information Science/Studies.

Definition: A program that focuses on the theory, organization, and process of information collection, transmission, and utilization in traditional and electronic forms. Includes instruction in information classification and organization; information storage and processing; transmission, transfer, and signaling; communications and networking; systems planning and design; human interfacing and use analysis; database development; information policy analysis; and related aspects of hardware, software, economics, social factors, and capacity.

See also: [25.0101\) Library Science/Librarianship.](#), [52.1201\) Management Information Systems, General.](#)

Detail for CIP Code 25.0101



Title: Library and Information Science.

Definition: A program that focuses on the knowledge and skills required to develop, organize, store, retrieve, administer, and facilitate the use of local, remote, and networked collections of information in print, audiovisual, and electronic formats and that prepares individuals for professional service as librarians and information consultants.

See also: [11.0401\) Information Science/Studies.](#), [13.1334\) School Librarian/School](#)



Public CIP Code Lookup

<https://grad.uw.edu/admissions/find-a-program/>

Check it out: <https://grad.uw.edu/admissions/find-a-program/>

Program Detail

Civil & Environmental Engineering - MS

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Basic Information

Degree Information

Highest Degree: doctoral

Degrees offered: MS

Accepts GNM: Yes

CIP Code: 14.0801



CIP Code on I-20

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20 Certificate of Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1545-0047

SEVIS ID: **NO004705512**

CLASS: **F-1**

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL: **MASTER'S**

NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH: **72 Months**

PROGRAM START DATE: **01 SEPTEMBER 2015**

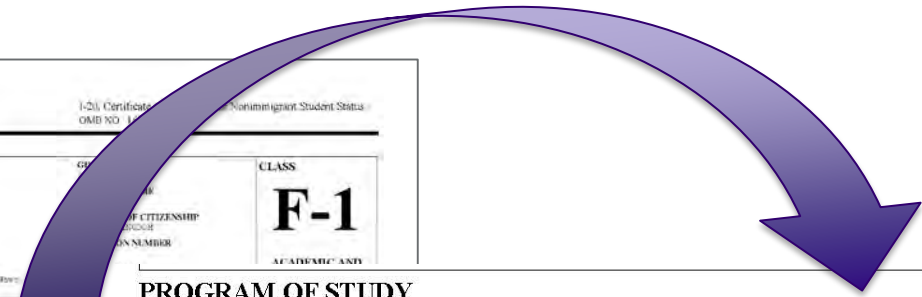
MAJOR 1: **Economics, General 45.0601**

MAJOR 2: **None 00.0000**

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: **Required**

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES: **Student is proficient**

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Non-Employment Immigration Benefits and Degree Level

Per Degree Level

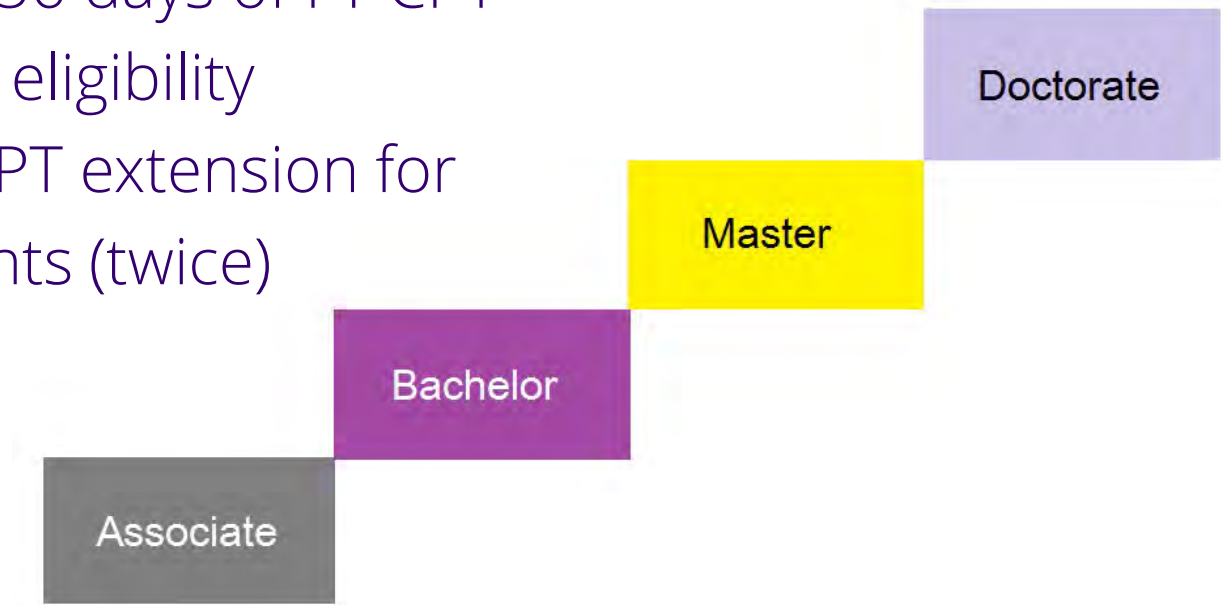
- > 4 quarters of leave/part-time study for medical reason
- > Permission for part-time study for valid, pre-approved academic reason



Employment Benefits and Degree Level

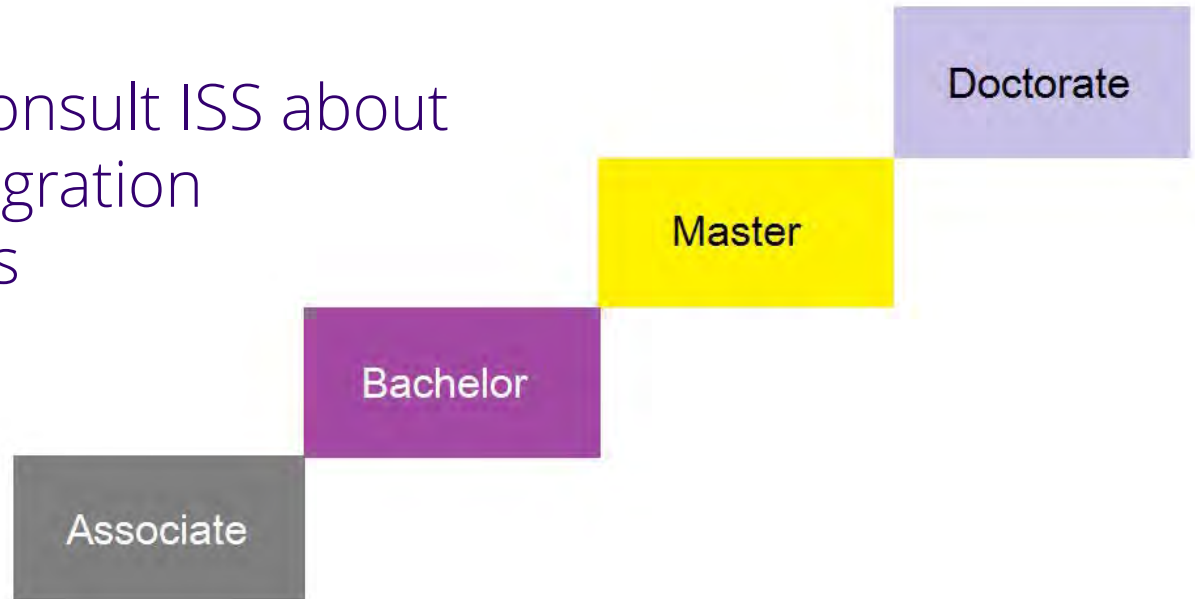
Per Degree Level

- > 12 months of OPT per level
- > More than 356 days of FT CPT cancels OPT eligibility
- > 24-month OPT extension for STEM students (twice)



Students Unaware of Immigration Factors When Advancing Degree Levels

- > Students are focused on academic issues involved with a degree level change/advancement.
- > No “banking” benefits for use later at/after another level.
- > Many fail to consult ISS about possible immigration consequences



Possible Consequences to Students

- > Missed deadline for issuing doctoral level I-20 – possible outcome is forced departure from USA
- > US border crossing and visa denials because contradictory level of study records
- > Full-time enrollment unexpectedly required in summer if change of level “effective” summer quarter
- > Existing on-campus employment and CPT cut short when change of level unexpectedly becomes “effective”
- > Potential loss of OPT when change of level to doctorate is processed unexpectedly



Not a New Issue!

- > Not a new issue
- > Previously resolved case-by-case
- > Steep increase in number of international students and stagnant technology = more and more students experiencing negative consequences



How to Avoid Pitfalls? New Process, New Tools

Goals:

- > Ensure both student and university compliance with immigration regulations
- > Help students avoid immigration problems and inadvertent loss of immigration benefits
- > Provide graduate program advisors with better information and streamlined processes



Data Flow

MyGrad → SDB → ISS database → Gov't SEVIS database
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New I-20 Form

MyGrad Update Button: **Do Not Press Until....**

Degree Title **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AERONAUTICS & ASTRONAUTICS (A A-0-2-6)** [UPDATE](#)

Current Status

Resident Status **International - Student Visa**

Application [View Application Detail](#)

MyPlan [Go to MyPlan](#) [\(help\)](#)

Cumulative GPA

Degree Title **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AERONAUTICS & ASTRONAUTICS (A A-0-2-6)** [UPDATE](#)



Filter the Student List for International Students

Super User Main Page: **Aeronautics and Astronautics**

[Find Person](#) | [User Profile](#) | [Unit Profile](#) | [Application Entry](#) | [Student Fee Payments](#) | [View Applicants](#) | [View Grad Students](#) | [View Faculty](#) | [View Admin](#) | [Main Page](#) | [Help](#) | [End Session](#)

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GRAD PROGRAM
Department View

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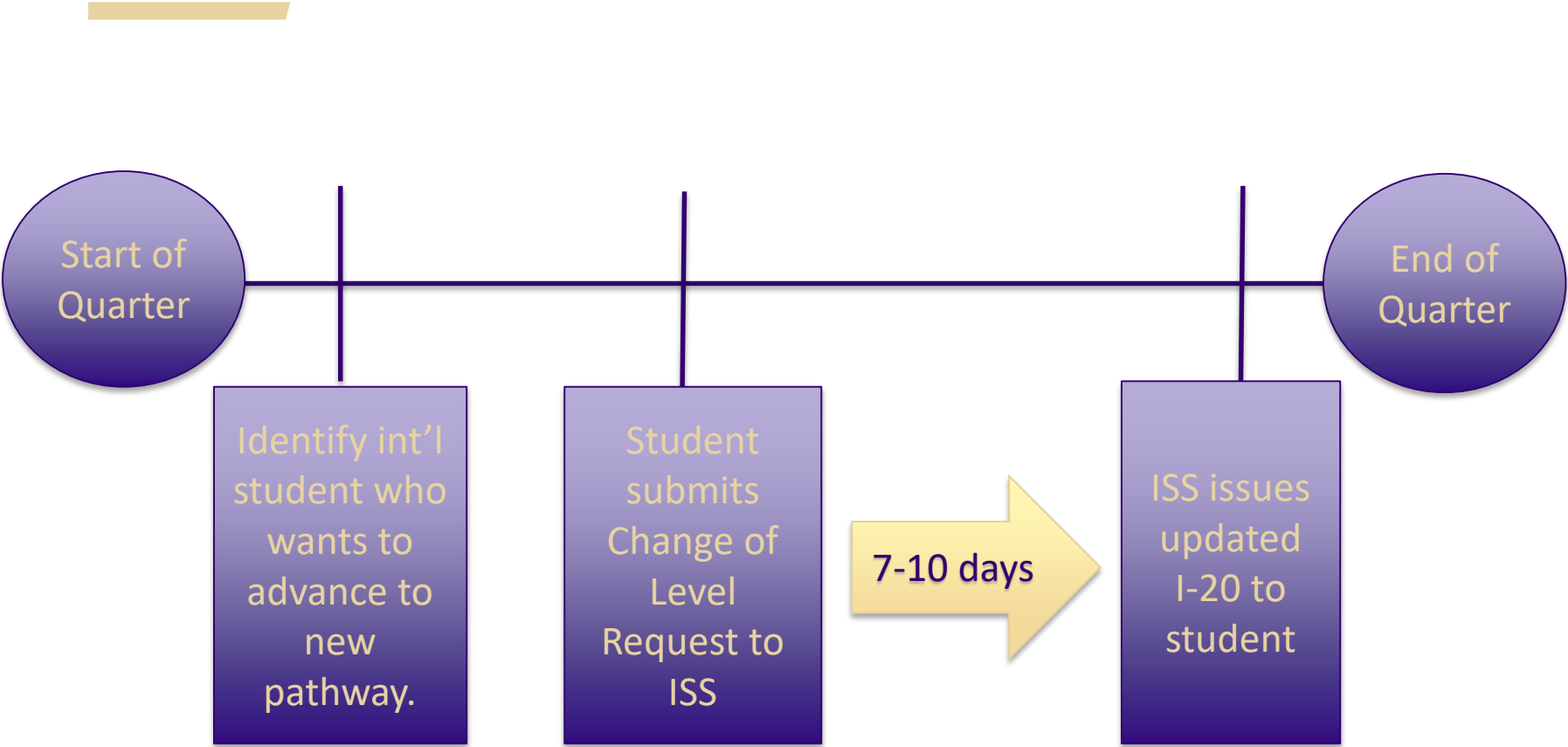
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- Ethnicity
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- Residency
- SystemKey
- UWNNetID
- VisaType

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Proposed Timeline



Step 1: ISS Change of Level Request Form



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International Student Services

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Change Level of Study

- [Overview](#)
- [Change of Level Instructions](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Overview

You were admitted to the United States to complete a specific educational program as reflected on your I-20 or DS-2019. If your academic program will change, it is your responsibility to request an

Updates



[Annual Vacation](#)

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[Extending Your I-20 or DS-2019](#)

Step 1: ISS Change of Level Continued

Graduate students:

If you are changing from a Master's degree to PhD or vice versa (or if you are in your approved OPT period following your Master's or PhD), follow these instructions to request the new I-20:

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- Inform your [ISS advisor](#) of your expected graduation date.
- Request a Change of Level I-20 from Graduate Enrollment Management Services (GEMS) in your online admissions application's [Next Steps Page](#).
- Warning: if you are currently in your OPT period, remember that your OPT authorization be cancelled on the first day of the quarter of your new graduate program.

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Change of Level I-20 Request Information

- > Will student earn Master's or promote without earning MS/MA?
- > Will student enroll full-time the next available quarter or take vacation in between? (Such as spring to autumn)
- > Does student want to take a break from studies for an internship or job related to their degree?
- > Will student travel between the "end" of one program level and "start" of next program level?



Questions and Answers

Feedback and Ideas

ISS will send message to GPA/GPC listserv to announce when formal feedback process is live.

Urgent questions or feedback? Email uwiss@uw.edu

Subject Line: Attn: Leana & Megan – Change of Level



Case Studies & Examples

Example 1 – Medical Reduced Courseload

- > Student has master's I-20 expiring June 2018
- > Student has a chronic health problem that flares up, and during Autumn 2017 she applies for and is approved for graduate on-leave status.
- > Student also applies for and is approved for a medical reduced courseload, permitting her to remain in the USA for treatment.
- > Student returns to study in Winter 2018, and is promoted to PhD as performance before and after leave has been stellar.
- > PhD promotion incorrectly transmitted to SEVIS as “program information update” instead of “change of level,” indicating that original master's level was incorrect, and the student has always been PhD level.
- > Previously-authorized medical reduced courseload now linked to PhD level, meaning student has only 3 more quarters of medical reduced course load if more flare-ups occur.



Case Study 2

Effective Quarter Problem

- > Student had 2-year master's I-20 with August expiration date.
- > Promoted by department to PhD in June – effective AUT quarter
- > Student follows current ISS “Change of Level” process; grad advisor completes ISS’s “Change of Level” form indicating SUM effective quarter
- > ISS issues student “Change of Level” I-20 showing SUM PhD start
- > Mid-June, ISS contacts student to determine why not enrolled FT for summer. Student indicates not planning to enroll, and traveling SUM quarter for vacation and visa renewal
- > ISS explains that with I-20 “Change of Level” effective for SUM, FT enrollment mandatory in SUM.



Case Study 3

Master's Degree Conferral Triggers Deadlines

- > Student had 2-year master's I-20
- > Master's was conferred in SPR 2016. No record of pending level change in MyGrad or SDB.
 - Student's on-campus work authorization ended last day of SPR 2016.
 - Student required to leave the USA within 60 days of last day of SPR 2016.
- > Student contacts ISS by email 18 days before 60th day deadline to consult about change to PhD. Indicates has been trying to request a Change of Level I-20 through GEMS online application process
 - If unable to have Change of Level processed by 60 days of last day of SPR 2016, student must leave the country
 - > Re-entry on new I-20 possible, but student will be ineligible for CPT and OPT for one academic year
 - > Student is in financial difficulty as PhD funding does not kick in until AUT 2016 – travel will present unexpected burden