



International Programs

OPT I-20 Request Form

Review each statement below and check each box to confirm that you understand and agree.

- I understand that requesting a new I-20 will make permanent changes to my SEVIS record, including shortening my program end date. I am certain that I will graduate on time.
- I understand that my OPT application must be received by USCIS within 30 days of the date my OPT I-20 is issued.
- I will not submit my OPT application to USCIS without my new OPT I-20.
- I am fully responsible for the accuracy of my entire OPT application.
- I have attached my **Academic Advisor Graduation Form** signed by my advisor.
- I have reviewed and will continue to follow the guidelines on the Minot State University OPT website.

The information below will be updated on your SEVIS record. This information must match your future I-765 form exactly.

- Cell Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____
- City of Birth: _____
- Physical Address (where you currently live):

- Mailing Address (where you want your EAD card delivered):

- I will graduate with the following major(s): _____
- My preferred OPT start date is: _____ (must be within 60 days of graduation). I recognize that I cannot change my mind about the date I requested, and that USCIS may grant a different date.

Your name exactly as it appears in SEVIS (same as your I-20): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Next Steps:

1. Submit this form and your **Academic Advisor Graduation Form** to the Office of International Programs. You may email scans of the forms or drop them in the office lockbox.
2. Your OPT I-20 will be sent to your MSU email address.
3. You will be responsible for signing the new I-20 before including it in your application. You must double-check your documents and submit your application to USCIS within 30 days of being issued your OPT I-20.



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Academic Advisor Graduation Form

This form is to be filled out by the student's academic advisor after a serious discussion about the student's academic plan. If there is any possibility that the student might not graduate on time, please do not complete this form.

This form facilitates the communication of certain information required by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations. The student must return this form to the Office of International Programs. Questions should be directed to the International Student and SEVIS Compliance Coordinator at erin.marie.anderson@minotstateu.edu or 701-858-3348.

Student Name: _____

ID Number: _____

1. OPT must be in the student's major field of study and commensurate with the student's educational level.

Please specify the student's degree level and major(s) below.

- Bachelor's degree with major(s) in: _____
- Master's degree in: _____

2. To the best of my knowledge, this student will complete the academic program and graduate at the end of this semester. Please add the year after the appropriate semester. If you believe the student might not graduate, no matter what the reason, please do not sign this form.

- Spring _____
- Summer _____
- Fall _____

3. By signing this document, I certify my recommendation that this student should be considered for Optical Practical Training. I understand that the student's I-20 end date will be shortened to reflect the graduate date listed above. Furthermore, the student will not be eligible for an extension of their academic program if they do not meet graduation requirements by the semester specified above.

- a) Advisor's Signature: _____
- b) Advisor's Name and Title: _____
- c) Department: _____
- d) Date: _____

Please return this form to the student so that they can submit it to the Office of International Programs along with other required documentation.