

CHANGE OF STATUS INSIDE THE USA

NOTE THIS WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR VISA, ONLY IMMIGRATION STATUS

There is no guarantee an F1 visa stamp will be granted, even change of status has been approved inside the U.S.

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The change of status time period may take six to eight months or more.**
- 2. You must maintain your current immigration status up to 30 days before the program start date on your I-20.**
- 3. You may be required to attend a biometric service interview at a local Application Support Center.**
- 4. You must inform USCIS if you move during this time of period.**
- 5. You may hire an immigration lawyer to handle your petition.**
- 6. During the petition, you should not leave the USA, and**
- 7. Once the F status is approved you will have to enroll full-time, attend mandatory Orientation, SEVIS Check-in, and be covered by medical health insurance.**

SIGNATURE OF PERSON

DATE

DEAR _____:

Student ID: E_____

Bring the following to your appointment for your change of status:

- 1. Form I-539 (<http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf>)
Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application (<http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1145.pdf>)**
- 2. SEVIS I-901 fee \$350 (<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>) – process at OISS office**
- 3. SEVIS I-20 will be issued by OISS. EMU's school code: DET214F00310000**
- 4. Application fee - \$370 plus \$85 biometric fee payable to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Check or money order).**
- 5. Proof of financial ability (Original bank Statement) amount \$_____ as indicated on the I-20.**
- 6. Notarized Form I-134 (if the financial sponsor is not the applicant or spouse, and the sponsor resides in the U.S.)**
- 7. Copy of Scholarship letter (if applicable)**
- 8. Verification of current status:
Passport, Visa stamp, I-94, or I-797A Approval Notice, I-20/DS-1029 or Employer's letter (if applicable)**
- 9. Marital status / birth certificate with authorized translation**
- 10. Verification of principal visa holder:
Passport, Visa Stamp, I-94, or I-797A Approval Notice, I-20/DS-2019 or proof of employment, recent pay stubs and W2 form (if applicable)**
- 11. If you are already in an adjustment of status proceeding for the "green card", you need to provide us with a statement from your lawyer indicating that a COS to F1 will NOT jeopardize your AOS petition. This is also true if you are applying for a change of status to other non-immigrant status.**