



Southern
Illinois University
Carbondale

Change of Status USCIS Instructions F-2 to F-1*

***F-2 visa holders cannot attend school while the change of status is pending.**

Items required	Notes
Form I-539	Available at: http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf
\$300.00 check or money order made payable to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Please spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use initials "USDHS" or "DHS"
I-901 Fee Receipt	Go to www.fmjfee.com
New Form I-20	Issued by ISS
Original I-94 card	
Financial Statement	Current within 6 months
Copy of your U.S. visa	
Copy of your passport validity page(s)	Showing number, name, photo and expiration date
Copy of spouse's I-20	
Copy of spouse's I-94 card	Front & Back
Copy of any previous I-797A Approval Notices	Receipt Notice from USCIS
Copy of spouse's passport validity page(s)	Showing number, name, photo and expiration date
Copy of spouse's U.S. visa	
Letter of Explanation as to why you want a change of status	Letter must also contain: 1. your address & phone number 2. a request for change of status from F-2 to F-1

Retain Copies of all documents sent to and received from the US Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Once you have collected all the documents and forms listed above please call ISS at 618-453-5774 to schedule an appointment with an advisor who will review your application.

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