F-1 Change of Program Instructions

- F-1 students who plan on changing their program or level of study must obtain a new Form I-20 to reflect that change.

What is a Change of Program?

- Changing your major (for example, changing your major from Business to a major in Arts and Sciences) or starting a new degree level (Business to Masters) is considered a change of program.

What do I need to do in order to change a major?

- Discuss the change with your Immigration Advisor.
  - We will need a letter from your current academic advisor to the new academic area stating that they have officially assisted you in changing your major;
  - Copy of your current I-94;
  - Will the change of major extend beyond your current length of your study in the U.S. that is currently noted on your I-20?
    - If so, this will require a new financial statement. The financial document should be an original document (not scanned, copied, or faxed) that is equal to one year of expenses or if less time is needed, equal to the length of the time needed to finish the program.

Present all of the above to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities and International Affairs for review. If you meet all the requirements, a new updated I-20 reflecting your new program will be provided to you.