Guidance for completing the Form I-983

What is SIU’s SEVIS school code. Where can I find this?

It’s listed on your I-20 in the SCHOOL INFORMATION box.
SIU’s SEVIS School Code is CHI214F01061000

What is the DSO Name and Contact Information I should use on the form?

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What is a Qualifying Major and CIP code. Where can I find this?

The CIP code is listed on your I-20 under MAJOR 1 next to the name of your major.
The number format will be 00.0000 (Make sure to include the decimal point).

What is my Employment Authorization Number?

It is the 9-digit USCIS# listed on your EAD card

What is my STEM OPT requested period?

There are two possible scenarios for this one.

Scenario 1 - If you are applying for the 24 Month STEM Extension for the first time, the STEM OPT requested period is the 24 months from the day after your initial OPT ends.

Example:
   If the end date on your OPT EAD card is 07-16-2016, your STEM OPT requested period will be
   From: 07-17-2016 To: 07-16-2018

Scenario 2 - If are already on an approved 17 Month STEM Extension, and are applying for an additional 7 Month Extension, the STEM OPT requested period is the 7 months from the day after your initial 17 Month STEM ends.

Example:
   If the end date on your STEM OPT EAD card is 07-16-2016, your STEM OPT requested period will be
   From: 07-17-2016 To: 02-16-20
When do I complete the Evaluation Student Progress?

You must complete the first “Evaluation of Student Progress” portion of the Form I-983 within 12 months of the listed STEM OPT start date.

When do I complete the Evaluation Student Progress?

At the end of the STEM OPT extension, you must conduct a second, final assessment. Once the evaluations are complete, you must collect signatures from your employer and return the form to the DSO, who will keep it in your physical student record.