Reinstatement of Immigration Status

A student who has failed to maintain F-1 student status (including but not limited to: carrying a full course load, late extension of program or missing a semester of classes) may be reinstated to F-1 status at the discretion of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

IMPORTANT: Students who have been out of status for more than five (5) months must demonstrate that the failure to file for reinstatement within the five (5) month period was as a result of exceptional circumstances and that the student filed the request as promptly as possible under the exceptional circumstances.

To apply for reinstatement you will need:

1. **Form I-539** completed by the student. (Available at: [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov))
2. **Form I-20** (prepared by Center for International Education).
3. Photocopy of your SIUC original entry I-20.
4. $370.00 (processing fee) check or money order made out to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security”.
5. **Original I-94** card (Available at: [cbp.gov/i94](http://cbp.gov/i94)).
7. **Letter from the student** containing the following:
   - The explanation as to how you violated your status (i.e. dropped a class without permission, allowed Form I-20 to expire, etc…)
   - The violation of status resulted from circumstances beyond your control (or) that failure to receive a reinstatement would result in extreme hardship to you.
   - That you are currently pursuing, or intending to pursue, a full-time course of study.
   - That you have not been engaged in unauthorized employment.
   - That you are not in deportation proceedings.
8. **Financial Statement** (How are you funding your education in the U.S.?)
9. **Letter from your academic advisor** indicating your new graduation date and that you are currently enrolled as a full time student.
10. Payment receipt for SEVIS I-901 fee if more than five months out of status
11. SIUC transcript in a sealed envelope.

When all of the items are complete, **please call 618-453-5774 and ask to make an appointment for reinstatement.** An adviser will review all of the information and prepare a letter of support prior to your submitting the application to USCIS.

If you have any questions, please call 618-453-5774 or e-mail issinfo@siu.edu.

**You may not apply for reinstatement without first speaking with a CIE Adviser.**

Following your appointment, your reinstatement application should be mailed to one of the following addresses:

**via U.S. Postal Service:**

SIUC
P.O. Box 660166
Dallas, TX 75266

**via Express Mail & Courier Deliveries (FedEx/UPS):**

SIUC
Attn: I-539
2501S State Highway 121 Business
Suite 400
Lewisville, TX 75067

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Center for International Education, Mailcode 4333, 425 Clocktower Dr, Carbondale, Illinois, 62901, phone 618-453-5774, fax 618-453-7660

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