



Optional Practical Training Final Semester Request Form

This form is used to determine the eligibility to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT). Applicants wishing to apply for OPT should submit the form and meet with the Office of Immigration Services at least 60-90 days prior to the end of the semester of graduation (Friday of Finals Week).

Students who fail to complete the graduation requirements specified in this verification may jeopardize their immigration status and lose immigration benefits such as Optional Practical Training. In some cases failure to complete the requirements for graduation will require an application for reinstatement to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Contact the International Student Advisor in the Office of Immigration Services for any questions.

To be completed by student:

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____
 SEVIS Number: _____ HSC ID#: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
 Final Semester: _____ Hours Enrolled: _____

I intend to graduate in the _____ Semester. I understand that my SEVIS record will be updated to reflect the last day of that semester and University financial support will cease on that day.

Post-Completion OPT Pre-Completion OPT OPT Start date _____ OPT End date _____

Thesis/Dissertation Date: _____ End of Term Date: _____

Student signature: _____

To be completed by academic advisor/mentor, if defending thesis/dissertation:

College: _____ Major: _____ Degree: B.S.____ M.S.____ Ph.D.____ Professional____

This student is enrolled in the following type of degree program:

- Non-Thesis** – The student is currently enrolled in the remaining coursework for the degree, and will complete the degree at the end of the semester indicated pending satisfactory completion of the courses required for the program.
- Thesis/Dissertation** – The student will complete all requirements for the degree by the end of the semester indicated and will meet all deadlines for final semester submissions. The student's thesis/dissertation defense is planned for _____ (Tentative Date). Check box below for appropriate action:
 - Use **End of Term date** as the degree completion date for the purpose of applying OPT.
 - Use **Thesis/Dissertation date** as the degree completion date. Program end date on the student's I-20 will be shortened to reflect degree completion.

Academic Advisor/Mentor Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Graduate College Approval:

The student has met with a Graduate College representative and understands that all financial support from the University will cease upon the date approved by the student and mentor once entered by the DSO in SEVIS.

Graduate College Representative Signature: _____

To be completed by DSO (office use only)

RCL Approved

Bursar Clearance

DSO Signature:

Notes: