



## **How do I change status--From F-1 to F2?**

### **Why might you change from F-1 to F-2**

If you entered the U.S. as on an F-1 visa or are present in the U.S. on an F-1 visa and now wish to accompany your spouse you would need to change from F-1 – F-2.

### **Step One: Write a Statement**

On a separate sheet of paper, write out and answer the following questions and be prepared to discuss them with the international student advisor. At the top of the page write: "Questions and Answers Regarding My Request for a Change of Status from F-1 to F-2." At the bottom of the page print your name, sign your name and write the date.

1. Why you did not enter the U.S. in the F-2 status you now seek?
2. Have you been engaging in the activities for which you were admitted to the United States by the Immigration and Naturalization Services? Explain:
3. Now you wish to stop studying and change your status. Why?
4. In what country do you intend to live and study after your spouse completes his/her studies in the United States? Why

### **You will send the following to INS:**

- A completed Form I-539, Application to Extend Status/Change Nonimmigrant Status. You may download and print the form from the INS web site: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf> You may copy only the pages of the form itself and not print the instructions.
- Cover letter from the applicant
- A properly executed and original Form I-20A-B from La Verne. Be sure to sign item 11. You will send the Original to the USCIS.
- A copy of the photo page of your passport, a copy of your I-94 (both sides), and a copy of your visa.
- A copy of the I-20, passport, and I-94 of your spouse, the F-1 visa holder.
- Copies of evidence of financial support
- I-539 filing fee (currently \$290.00 USD)

### **Send to:**

USCIS California Service Center  
P O Box 10539  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0539

On the bottom left side of the envelope write: Attention: I539/Change of  
Status Unit