Reinstatement to F-1

If your Form I-20 graduation date has expired, then you need to apply for reinstatement to student status with Immigration.

A) These are the required documents you need to submit to the ISSS Office:
   1. Letter from your advisor or department explaining why this degree is taking longer than your original I-20 stated and give a GOOD graduation date. Remember to be very DETAILED with the explanation.
   2. Copy of your award letter (if supported by Rensselaer) or documentation of how you will be supported.
   3. Write a letter of explanation addressed to USCIS, stating the following:
      a) Why you are out of status (specify the violation);
      b) The reason for the status violation;
      c) The effect on you if there is failure to receive reinstatement
      d) A statement that you are currently pursuing or are intending to pursue a full course of study;
      e) And specifically request that USCIS reinstate you to F-1 student status.

B) Hand in your paperwork to the ISSS Office, and then make an appointment to see the International Advisor.

C) The ISSS Office will type you a new I-20.

   1. At the appointment you will submit the following:
      • Completed Form I-539
      • Check for $290.00 made payable to Department of Homeland Security.
      • Your old I-20

D) The ISSS Office will send in the application with a cover letter to Immigration.