

**The Ohio State University  
Office of International Affairs (OIA)**

**CHANGE OF STATUS:  
F-1 Student to F-2 Dependent**

In order to change from a student to dependent status, your F-1 spouse must be in the United States in valid F-1 status at the time you are requesting this change.

**Your request for change of status to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) should consist of the following:**

1. Completed [Form I-539](#) with the processing fee (check or money order made payable to Department of Homeland Security); for the most current fee information visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)
2. A copy of your marriage certificate. English translation required.
3. A copy of your spouse's current Form I-94 (both sides) and I-20.
4. Original Form I-94 (you are very strongly encouraged to keep a copy of the front and back of the Form I-94).
5. Copy of your (F-1) I-20.
6. Original Dependent I-20.
7. Copies of the pages in each individual's passport that include biographical information, passport picture, and passport expiration.
8. Copies of financial verification in the form of a bank statement or letter from the F-1 spouse's sponsor.

**For further information please see instructions located in Form I-539.**

*Make an appointment with a foreign student adviser in the OIA to review the above documents.*

**Note: It may take 3 to 6 months to get a response from CIS. Therefore you must maintain your F-1 status until your change of status from F-1 to F-2 has been approved. OIA recommends that this application be sent by certified mail with a return-receipt**