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 uscis.gov
3. A copy of your spouse's current Form I-94 (both sides or printed electronic I-94 card and copy of admission stamp
4. Copy of the front and back of the Form I-94 card or printed copy of electronic I-94 card and copy of admission stamp
5. Copy of your most recently issued F-1 I-20 (be sure it is signed)
6. Copy of signed 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 the instructions located on the Form I-539. Note that the Form I-539 may be filed electronically through the USCIS Electronic Immigration System (ELIS).

Meet with an Immigration Coordinator in the Office of International Affairs to review the above documents.

Note: You must be maintaining valid F-1 status at the time that USCIS receives your application. Also, be aware that it may take 3 to 6 months to get a response from USCIS. OIA recommends that this application be sent by certified mail with a return-receipt.