



International Student & Scholar Center

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Additional Documentation Required for Change of Visa Status by Visa Type

F-1 to F-2 – For example, you are married to a UMass Dartmouth F-1 student and wish to change to F-2 dependent status

- Copy of your current I-20
- Copies of primary F-1 spouse's immigration documents – passport, visa, I-94 record
- Marriage certificate proving the relationship to the person with the F-1
- A letter explaining your reasons for wanting a change of status as described in the checklist. It is important that you convince USCIS of your non-immigrant intent. F-2 status means that you plan to be in the US with your F-1 spouse and then return to your home country with your spouse. You should mention that you know you cannot work at all or study full-time while in F-2 status.

Note:

You must maintain your F-1 immigration status until the application is approved.

Once approved, all full-time degree study and employment must immediately cease. Part-time degree study is allowed for F-2 dependents. Please review this U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [information](#).