

## **Change of Level or Degree Policy**

"Change in educational levels. An F-1 student who continues from one educational level to another is considered to be maintaining status, provided that the transition to the new educational level is accomplished according to transfer procedures outlined in paragraph (f)(8) of this section."

### **Change of Level**

#### **Steps student must take for Change of Level**

The student must submit the following information to the DSO:

1. An admission letter from new academic program
2. Current proof of financial support for new academic program (no more than 3 months old)
3. A completed institutional document request form

### **Important Notes**

1. Change in education level refers to any student changing from ELAP to academic program, or from undergraduate to graduate program
2. ELAP students will NOT change levels until they are completely done with their ELAP program. If they are taking 2 ELAP classes and 2 academic courses, they remain ELAP students in SEVIS.
3. Change of level is particularly important for ELAP students moving into their academic program. They must apply, be accepted, and have their new I-20 created before the program end date on their ELAP I-20.