



## CHANGING FROM STUDENT TO SPOUSE STATUS

In order to change your status in the U.S. from a student to a dependent you must file a Change of Status Application with USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Service).

Your request to USCIS should include the following:

1. Letter from you to immigration containing:
  - a. Your address, telephone number and date, and,
  - b. Your reason for requesting the change;
2. Copy of your I-94, passport, visa;
3. Original financial proof;
4. Copies of your spouse's valid immigration forms, I-94, I-20 (page 1 and 3), passport and visa;
5. Form I-539 (<http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-539.pdf>) with fee of \$290 made payable to *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*;
6. New dependent I-20 or DS-2019 from OISS (Office of International Students and Scholars);
7. Copy of Marriage certificate
8. G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance

Keep a copy of the application and we suggest that you mail the application by certified mail, return receipt requested or by federal express. Response from immigration can take up to three months, so plan ahead.

\*NOTE: If you are traveling out the U.S., the change of status can be accomplished by taking a SEVIS I-20 with you and obtaining the F-2 visa in your passport at a Consulate outside the U.S. and then entering the U.S. as an F-2 dependent.