Montgomery College

International Student Office

Dear ELAP student,

We hope you are finishing your ELAP program this semester.

If you are finishing ELAI 990, we will need to complete a CHANGE OF LEVEL on your I-20 to show that you are only taking courses for your academic degree in the future (no more non-native English!!). You only have 45 days to extend your I-20.

Your current I-20 shows at Major 2 what Degree Major we have listed for you. If you have changed your plan, please do a <u>Change of Major</u> with Registrar's Office so we have the right information. It will be printed on your new I-20.

Please <u>contact an Academic Counselor</u> for help selecting classes for next term. Selection begins about a month before the end of this semester. All students need to take a Math course so please take the <u>Math</u> <u>Placement</u> so you can talk to your Counselor about all the courses you qualify for. Ask the Counselor to give you an Advising Worksheet to how what you have completed.

If you are not yet finishing ELAP this semester, you will need to EXTEND your current ELAP I-20 BEFORE the last month of this semester. <u>Instruction on how to extend</u>. A counselor will tell us how long you need and also needs to verify that you are "in-status" (attending your classes and passing them).

**Remember, you need to study full time. That is 12 or more billing hours, usually at least 3 classes for ELAP but often 4 or 5 classes (of fewer hours each) in your degree program.

If you are having trouble – ASK FOR HELP! Ask your teacher what he or she suggests, find study partners, and join a conversation group (through <u>www.IF-MC.org</u> or the group established for new students that you can join too).

If you have any questions, <u>contact a Counselor</u> and you can <u>contact your International Coordinator</u> too. We are here to help!

Best wishes, Your International Office