Program dates are the start and end dates of the entire program while the student is studying at your school.

Note: Program end dates may be shortened or extended in SEVIS, if needed. Select the SEVIS links for:
- Shorten program.
- Extend program.
- Request change to program dates.
- Manage Initial Program and Session Dates (if in Initial status).

Session dates are the start and end dates of each semester, trimester or quarter.

Note: If a student graduates earlier than the original program end date, use the shorten program link in SEVIS.

If a student delays enrollment, select “Manage Initial Program and Session Dates” in SEVIS if the record is in Initial status. If the record is not in Initial status, contact the SEVP Response Center for assistance.

For more detailed information, please see related articles on the SEVIS Help Hub.