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RE: CIP Code for UC Berkeley Applied Science & Technology (MS or PhD) 14.0101— Engineering, General

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

At UC Berkeley, the Applied Science & Technology (MS or PhD) program is designated and coded with the CIP code 14.0101— Engineering, General. CIP code determinations are made at the University level (not by the DSO), and have final approval from the University of California Office of the President, after review and approvals by the University Registrar, Office of Planning and Analysis, and (for graduate students) the Graduate Division. CIP code 14.0101— Engineering, General is found in the STEM eligible CIP code list: <https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2016/stem-list.pdf>

The student's SEVIS record clearly shows the STEM CIP and major coding, as do the student's OPT and STEM I-20s. UC Berkeley has determined that the Applied Science & Technology (MS or PhD) program best aligns with Engineering, General, the description of which, according to the U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics, 2010 CIP), is as follows: " A program that generally prepares individuals to apply mathematical and scientific principles to solve a wide variety of practical problems in industry, social organization, public works, and commerce. Includes instruction in undifferentiated and individualized programs in engineering."

Berkeley International Office understands that there may be some confusion when a CIP code does not directly mirror the major name as stated on the diploma or transcript. USCIS should be aware that it is common for a particular major name to differ from the designated CIP coding for the degree.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a DSO at Berkeley International Office at internationaloffice@berkeley.edu or 510-642-2818.

Sincerely,
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