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MEMO

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RE: CIP Code for UC Berkeley Building Sciences, Technology and Sustainability subplan of Architecture MS/PhD 04.0902— Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

At UC Berkeley, the Building Science, Technology and Sustainability subplan within our Architecture MS and PhD degree programs is designated and coded with the CIP code 04.0902- Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology. 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 04.0902- Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology 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 Building Science, Technology and Sustainability subplan of study within our Architecture MS and PhD degree programs best aligns with Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology, 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 focuses on the application of advanced technology to building design and construction, retrofitting existing buildings, and efficient operation of buildings, including lighting and daylight design, acoustics, solar design, building conservation, and energy-conscious design. Includes instruction in architecture, building technology, civil and structural engineering, mechanical engineering, environmental control systems, sustainability, and computer tools and applications."

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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