



# MEMO

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RE: CIP Code for UC Berkeley Data Science BA – 11.0199 Computer and Information Sciences, Other.

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

At UC Berkeley, the Data Science BA program is designated and coded with the CIP 11.0199 Computer and Information Sciences, Other. 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. The CIP code 11.0199 Computer and Information Sciences, Other is found in the STEM eligible CIP code list:

<https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/stem-list.pdf>

The student's SEVIS record clearly shows the STEM CIP and major coding, as does the student's STEM I-20, and OPT I-20s. F-1 regulations at 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(C)(2)(iii) state: *At the time the DSO recommends a 24-month OPT extension under this paragraph (f)(10)(ii)(C) in SEVIS, the degree that is the basis for the application for the OPT extension must be contained within a category on the STEM Designated Degree Program List.*

UC Berkeley has determined that the Data Science BA program best aligns with the CIP code 11.0199 Computer and Information Sciences, Other, the description of which, according to the U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics, 2020 CIP), is as follows: "Any instructional program in computer science not listed above."

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](mailto:internationaloffice@berkeley.edu) or 510-642-2818.

Sincerely,

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