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RE: CIP Code for UC Berkeley Masters in Development Practice (M.D.P.) 3.0101— Natural Resources/Conservation

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

At UC Berkeley, the Masters in Development Practice (M.D.P.) program is designated and coded with the CIP code 3.0101— Natural Resources/Conservation. 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 3.0101— Natural Resources/Conservation 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 Masters in Development Practice (M.D.P.) program best aligns with Natural Resources/Conservation, the description of which, according to the U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics, 2010 CIP), is as follows: " A general program that focuses on the studies and activities relating to the natural environment and its conservation, use, and improvement. Includes instruction in subjects such as climate, air, soil, water, land, fish and wildlife, and plant resources; in the basic principles of environmental science and natural resources management; and the recreational and economic uses of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources."

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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