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MEMO

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RE: CIP Code for UC Berkeley Geography (B.A., M.A. or Ph.D) 3.0199 — Natural Resources Conservation and Research, Other

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

At UC Berkeley, Geography (B.A., M.A. or Ph.D) programs are designated and coded with the CIP code 3.0199 — Natural Resources Conservation and Research 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. CIP code 3.0199 — Natural Resources Conservation and Research, Other 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 Geography (B.A., M.A. or Ph.D) programs best align with Natural Resources Conservation and Research, Other the description of which, according to the U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics, 2010 CIP), is as follows: " Any instructional program in natural resources conservation and research 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 or 510-642-2818.

Sincerely,
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