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## MEMO

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RE: CIP Code for UC Berkeley Logic & the Methodology of Science PhD 27.0105 — Topology and Foundations.

Dear USCIS Adjudicator:

At UC Berkeley, the Logic & the Methodology of Science PhD program is designated and coded with the CIP code 27.0105 — Topology and Foundations. 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 27.0105 — Topology and Foundations 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 Logic & the Methodology of Science PhD program best aligns with 27.0105 — Topology and Foundations, 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 properties of unaltered geometric configurations under conditions of continuous, multi-directional transformations. Includes instruction in mathematical logic, proof theory, model theory, set theory, combinatorics, continua, homotopy, homology, links, and transformation actions.

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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