



U.S. Immigration
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International Students

STEM Designated Degree Programs

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The following is a list of Classification of Instructional Programs codes published by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES CIP codes) that have been designated by ICE as science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) degrees for the purpose of approving a 17-month STEM extension of optional practical training (OPT) under the provisions of 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(C).

In order for F-1 students to qualify for this 17-month extension, the code for the student's degree program must be on this list. Other requirements are found in the regulatory language.

To suggest a change to the list of STEM designated degrees, write to SEVIS.Source@dhs.gov, with STEM Code Change Request in the subject line. Please include your name, phone number, organizational affiliation, the code(s) you would like to see added and the rationale for the addition. Change requests will be reviewed by ICE in conjunction with the Department of Education and other advisors.

Actuarial Science 52.1304

Computer Science 11.xxxx (except 11.06xx)

11.0101	11.0102	11.0103	11.0201	11.0202	11.0203
11.0301	11.0401	11.0501	11.0701	11.0801	11.0802
11.0803	11.0901	11.1001	11.1002	11.1003	11.1004

Engineering 14.xxx

14.0101	14.0201	14.0301	14.0401	14.0501	14.0601
14.0701	14.0801	14.0802	14.0803	14.0804	14.0805
14.0901	14.0902	14.0903	14.1001	14.1101	14.1201
14.1301	14.1401	14.1801	14.1901	14.2001	14.2101
14.2201	14.2301	14.2401	14.2701	14.2801	14.3101

14.3201	14.3301	14.3401	14.3501	14.3601	14.3701
14.3801	14.3901				

Engineering Technologies 15.xxx

15.0000	15.0101	15.0201	15.0303	15.0304
15.0401	15.0403	15.0404	15.0405	15.0501
15.0505	15.0506	15.0507	15.0508	15.0607
15.0612	15.0613	15.0701	15.0702	15.0703
15.0801	15.0803	15.0805	15.0901	15.0903
15.1102	15.1103	15.1201	15.1202	15.1203
15.1301	15.1302	15.1303	15.1304	15.1305
15.1401	15.1501			

Biological and Medical Sciences 26.xxxx

26.0101	26.0102	26.0202	26.0203	26.0204	26.0205
26.0206	26.0207	26.0208	26.0209	26.0210	26.0301
26.0305	26.0307	26.0308	26.0401	26.0403	26.0404
26.0405	26.0406	26.0407	26.0502	26.0503	26.0504
26.0505	26.0506	26.0507	26.0701	26.0702	26.0707
26.0708	26.0709	26.0801	26.0802	26.0803	26.0804
26.0805	26.0806	26.0901	26.0902	26.0903	26.0904
26.0905	26.0906	26.0907	26.0908	26.0909	26.0910
26.0911	26.1001	26.1002	26.1003	26.1004	26.1005
26.1006	26.1007	26.1101	26.1102	26.1103	26.1201
26.1301	26.1302	26.1303	26.1304	26.1305	26.1306
26.1307	26.1308	26.1309			

Mathematics and Statistics 27.xxxx

27.0101	27.0102	27.0103	27.0104	27.0105	27.0301
27.0303	27.0501	27.0502			

Military Technologies 29.0101

Physical Sciences 40.xxxx

40.0101	40.0201	40.0202	40.0203	40.0401	40.0402
40.0403	40.0404	40.0501	40.0502	40.0503	40.0504
40.0506	40.0507	40.0508	40.0601	40.0602	40.0603
40.0604	40.0605	40.0606	40.0607	40.0801	40.0802
40.0804	40.0805	40.0806	40.0807	40.0808	40.0809
40.0810					

Science Technologies 41.xxxx

41.0101	41.0204	41.0205	41.0301
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Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences 51.1401

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available on line at
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-7427.pdf> .

More information on NCES CIP codes is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/Pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2002165> .

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