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**STEM Extension for Economics Major at UCSB
(STEM CIP CODE 45.0603)**

A request for reclassification by the Department of Economics at UCSB has been processed. This is due to the required coursework in the major being substantially quantitative. As such, the Bachelors, Masters, and PhD levels will be recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as within the STEM field.

Before the first OPT period ends, applications are submitted to the USCIS for the extension. The application may be sent up to 90 days before the first authorization end date. In order to apply, employers must be in the E-Verify system and have completed a training plan to guide and assess the student through a sources of continual learning in connection with the major and how it relates to the job.

This training plan is recorded at the employing institution and at UCSB's Office of International Students and Scholars for record keeping and future audits by the Department of Homeland Security. The training plan is not submitted to the USCIS for the extension.

Once all the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the USCIS, the student may continue to work past the OPT end date, up to 180 days, as long as a Notice of Receipt has been obtained. Once the request has been processed, students receive a second work authorization card for the additional two years.

In total, Economic students at UCSB are eligible for three years of work authorization upon successful completion of the program at UCSB.

If you have any questions or concerns with this major at UCSB in connection with the STEM Extension, please call the Office of International Students and Scholars at 805-893-2929 or email us at OISS@ucsb.edu.