Re: STEM-designated Degree Program  
Date: May 28, 2020

Dear USC Marshall Full-Time MBA Community,

Following a rigorous process for changing CIP codes, USC has approved Marshall’s request and has assigned a new, STEM-centered CIP code for the Full-Time MBA program (52.1301 – Management Science). The Classes of 2019 and 2020 alumni are eligible for this designation.

International students: Please note this change does not guarantee that your OPT application will be granted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). USCIS reviews every application separately/individually. You are responsible for following application instructions, meeting requirements such as working in the field of Management Science, providing all necessary documentation, and adhering to deadlines.

The Full-Time MBA program curriculum, including the number of units (63), core, and elective requirements for all current and incoming students will remain unchanged as it meets the requirements of a STEM MBA.

International students on F-1 student visas can learn more about the STEM OPT extension process on the USC OIS website.

The STEM designation aligns USC Marshall’s Full-Time MBA program with our peer institutions in the top 20 MBA programs, such as, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Berkeley Haas, and Chicago Booth.

Best regards,
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