

1 **Characteristics of Master's Degrees**

2 California State University, Los Angeles offers the following master's and doctorate degrees: the
3 Master of Arts, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Fine Arts, the Master of Music,
4 the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. All five master's degrees and the doctorate
5 degree require greater depth of study and increased demands on student intellectual or creative
6 capacity than the baccalaureate.*

7 The Master of Art (M.A.) Degree provides a broadened cultural background in a recognized
8 disciplinary field or improvement of professional competence.

9 The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Degree provides a program of professional
10 preparation for management positions in business and industry.

11 The Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) Degree provides specialized training and education for artists
12 and designers in design, computer graphics, painting and printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, textiles
13 and metalsmithing.

14 The Master of Music (M.M.) Degree is a professional performance degree that prepares
15 students for professional performance, for teaching in community colleges and for advanced study.

16 The Master of Science (M.S.) Degree provides the opportunity to improve professional
17 competence in areas and approaches involving intense specialization.

18 The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in Special Education, which provides advanced
19 preparation in this diverse professional field is offered jointly with the University of California, Los
20 Angeles.