

## APPROPRIATE TERMINAL DEGREES

1977-78

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### COLLEGE

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#### *LETTERS, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Anthropology (AGES)	Doctorate
Art	<i>Art History</i> - Doctorate; <i>Studio Art</i> - MFA Certain MAs are regarded as equivalent to MFA.
Communicative Sciences & Disorders	Doctorate
Criminal Justice	<i>Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement- Investigations</i> : Doctorate (Ph.D. or equivalent, but not a J.D.) in Criminology, Criminal Justice, Sociology or related field. <i>Criminal Justice/Forensic Science- Investigations</i> : Master's Degree in Criminalistics or Forensic Science (or equivalent) plus experience in full-service crime laboratory, including crime scene investigation and court testimony.
English	Doctorate for teachers of language and literature. MA or MFA for teachers of creative writing.
Ethnic Studies	Doctorate in one of the Social Sciences or a closely related field. Ordinarily, the subject areas encompassed should be History, Political Science, Geography, Sociology, Economics, and Social Psychology.
Geography & Environmental Studies (AGES)	Doctorate, Ph.D.
History Human Development	Doctorate Doctorate - Ph.D. or M.D.
Mass Communication (COMM)	Doctorate
Modern Languages & Literatures	Doctorate or its foreign equivalent. In the case of American Sign Language, the M.A.

Music	<i>Theory, Composition, or Music Education – Doctorate; Applied Music or Conducting – Master’s Degree</i>
Philosophy	Doctorate
Political Science	Doctorate
Public Affairs & Administration	Doctorate (Ph.D., D.P.A.), equivalent degree or Master’s Degree with significant professional experience.
Sociology	Doctorate <i>Social Work/Social Services</i> Doctorate or DSW
Theatre and Dance	<i>Acting, Directing, Stage Design, Technical Theatre, Dance Technique and Choreography – MFA</i> <i>Children’s Theatre, Children’s Dance – Doctorate or MFA</i> <i>Theatre Literature and History, Dance History, Dance Physiology and Therapy – Doctorate</i>

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***BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS***

Accounting & CIS (ACFN)	Doctorate except for faculty with specialization in taxation. For taxation, the Ph.D. in Accounting or MS/MA in Taxation or JD/LLM (Taxation) and BA/BS/MA/MS in Accounting.
Economics	Doctorate
Management and Finance (MGMT)	Doctorate
Marketing & Entrepreneurship	Doctorate

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***EDUCATION AND ALLIED STUDIES***

Educational Leadership	Doctorate, either the Ph.D. or the Ed.D.
Educational Psychology	Doctorate, or in rare cases, the Master’s Degree plus clinical and research experience equivalent to that required for the doctorate.
Kinesiology (& P.E.)	Doctorate for those in Kinesiology and in Education (Supervision of Teachers).

Leadership in Hospitality & LS (HRT)	Master's Degree for those who coach and teach activity courses.
Teacher Education	Master's Degree and professional services experience; or lacking professional experience, the Doctorate.
	Doctorate or equivalent. Equivalency determined in accordance with fixed criteria and specified processes.

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*SCIENCE*

Biological Sciences	Doctorate
Chemistry & Biochemistry	Doctorate
Engineering (School)	Ph.D.; exceptions could arise (e.g. Construction); certain degrees from foreign universities, although not a Ph.D., are essentially equivalent – such cases shall be evaluated as to their equivalency to the Ph.D. on a case by case basis.
Geological Sciences (EES)	Doctorate
Mathematics & Computer Science	Doctorate
Nursing & Health Sciences	<i>Nursing</i> – Master's Degree <i>Health Science</i> – Doctorate
Physics	Doctorate
Psychology	Doctorate
Statistics (STAT & BIOSTAT)	Doctorate in Statistics or Mathematical Statistics, or in Mathematics, if dissertation was related to Statistics.

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*UNIVERSITY LIBRARY*

Library	Master's degree in library science from a library school accredited by the American Library Association, or a degree of equivalent quality.
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