The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. Masters wear a traditional mortarboard with long tassel. The master hood is 3 1/2 feet long and is trimmed with 3” wide degree color velvet. The colors of the institution are displayed in the inside lining of the hood. Red and White lining shown.

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