Graduate Program—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the following admission requirements:
   a. Students are accepted in the spring for the fall semester. Contact the department for application deadline, application packet and required supplementary materials. Notification of admission will occur prior to the end of the spring semester.
   b. Completion of the baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in counseling, psychology, sociology, social work, human services, education or a related helping profession. Student with other undergraduate backgrounds may be accepted, but must complete the necessary undergraduate prerequisites as delineated by their advisor prior to advancement to candidacy. These prerequisites include abnormal psychology, developmental, social or community psychology, research methods, and statistics. It is strongly recommended that students complete these prerequisite courses before beginning their graduate course work.
   c. Have a GPA of 3.00 or higher and/or evidence of personal and professional suitability for community psychology work, and have an interest in rural practice. In part, this will be inferred from the applicant’s academic and employment history, and an interview when possible.
   d. A statement of career goals and how the M.A. degree program fits these goals (see application packet for specific instructions regarding statement).
   e. Three letters of reference with recommender forms (supplied in application packet), endorsing the applicant’s admission to the community psychology program.
   f. If enrolling as a part-time student, applicant must enroll in at least 1 required course during the first semester, and register for at least 6 credits each academic year.

2. Complete the general university requirements (page 176).

3. Complete the master’s degree requirements (page 180).

4. Complete Option A or Option B:

Option A:

a. Complete the following core program courses:*  
   PSY 630—Community Psychology .................................................. 3
   PSY 631—Community Psychology: Cross-Cultural Applications and the Ethics of Change .......................................................... 3
   PSY 635—Field-Based Research Methods ......................................... 3
   PSY 636—Program Evaluation .......................................................... 3
   PSY 650/COUN 650—Cross-Cultural Psychopathology .................. 3
   PSY 660/COUN 623—Counseling Theories and Applications I ........ 3
   PSY 662—Clinical Team/Practice .................................................... 3
   PSY 678—Multicultural Psychological Assessment ........................ 3
   PSY 698—Project (6) or PSY 699—Thesis (6) ................................. 6
   b. Minimum credits required ......................................................... 30

Option B:

a. Students desiring a master’s degree that allows them to be eligible for licensure as a Psychological Associate in the state of Alaska must complete Option A and the following additional 18 credits:*  
   PSY 644—Advanced Multicultural Lifespan Development ................ 3
   PSY 647/COUN 647—Professional Ethics ....................................... 3
   PSY 661/COUN 660—Cross-Cultural Counseling ............................ 3
   PSY 666/COUN 666—Family and Network Therapy ....................... 3
   PSY 674/COUN 674—Group Counseling ........................................ 3
   Approved electives ........................................................................ 3
   b. Minimum credits required ......................................................... 48

*Student must earn a B grade or better in each course.

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2006-2007 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog.