Have you taken Spanish in college but can't seem to reach your ultimate goal of fluency? Spend a semester in Madrid, taking fascinating, challenging courses along with other study abroad students. Albany's program is housed at the Instituto Internacional, a prestigious educational institution with an excellent library, which is also home to several other U.S. university programs.

Our program features a selection of upper division undergraduate courses in advanced language, literature, art, cinema, history, and social sciences. Instruction and coursework are conducted in Spanish and class sizes are small. Students must have a good command of the Spanish language in order to participate (indicated by completion of at least one college Spanish course beyond the intermediate level, or the equivalent). Full fluency in Spanish is NOT required for this program.

Live with a host family and experience Spanish culture first-hand! Learn about Spanish families, customs, and cuisine – and practice and improve your Spanish skills on a daily basis. Host families provide a room and three meals a day, along with a variety of other services, including laundry. Students also have the option of making their own housing arrangements in local apartments in Madrid.

"My host father, Alberto, would always sit down at the table with us as we did our homework and would ask us questions about what we were learning in school and if we didn't understand something, he would always try to help us- whether it was a 5 minute or a 2 hour task! I can truly say that I have a Spanish family now!"

"I lived in an apartment...in the center of Madrid with two other girls from the program. We all developed a very close relationship with Señora Gonzalez that we will cherish for the rest of our lives."

"The study abroad experience gave me the confidence to speak Spanish whenever I feel like it and whenever it is needed."

"Known as the "Sunshine Capital" of the world, there is something for everyone in Madrid! Art, music, dancing...shopping galore, parks, cafes- you name it! Everything is only a few metro stops away and very easy to navigate."

"Everything you can imagine is real."

- Pablo Picasso

"Located in the geographical center of Spain, Madrid offers a unique blend of Spain's incredible cultural diversity. Ancient architecture, quaint cafes, the elegant Plaza Mayor, and the historic Royal Palace almost make you forget this city is a cosmopolitan center of economic and cultural development."

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"HOST FAMILY"