**When to Apply**

Students may apply for admission to the combined degree program in **Spanish** at the beginning of their junior year or after the successful completion of 56 credits.

Students entering the University with advanced standing in Spanish may be admitted after satisfying the core requirements (A SPN 205 or 206, 223, 301 (or 301Z), 312, and 316).

A cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher and three supportive letters of recommendation from faculty are required for consideration.

**How to Apply**

Students can apply for admission to the BA/MA program either on paper or electronically. Applications are available from the Graduate Admissions office in UAB 121, (518) 442-3980 or online at: www.albany.edu/graduate/apply.php

If applying on a paper application, write in “BAMA” and the language of choice as your program of study.

If applying online, choose the Spanish MA as your program of study. Admissions Counselors will automatically place the application in the BA/MA track when they check your status.

Students interested in further information regarding the combined programs should contact LLC or the Graduate Studies Office (518) 442-3980.
ACCELERATED PROGRAM

If you major in Spanish and you’d like to complete both the BA and MA degrees in less time than usual, the Combined Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program may be right for you.

The combined BA/MA program provides an opportunity for students of recognized academic ability and educational maturity to fulfill integrated requirements of the undergraduate and master’s degree programs from the beginning of their junior year.

This means students can complete both a bachelor’s and master’s degree while saving a year of study. With a carefully designed program, it is possible to earn the BA and MA degrees in Spanish within nine semesters.

Requirements

The combined program requires a minimum of 138 credits, of which at least 30 must be graduate credits.

BA

In qualifying for the BA, students must meet all University and college requirements, including:

- the requirements for the major
- the minor requirement
- general education requirements
- the minimum 90-credit liberal arts and sciences requirement and residency requirements.

MA

In qualifying for the MA, students must meet all University and college requirements as outlined in the Graduate Bulletin, including:

- completion of a minimum of 30 graduate credits
- completion of any other conditions such as a
  o research seminar thesis
  o comprehensive examination
  o professional experience
  o residency requirements

Up to 12 graduate credits may be applied simultaneously to both the BA and MA programs.

More details on the BA/MA program are available at the Graduate Studies website:

www.albany.edu/graduatebulletin/requirements_combined_baccalaureate_masters.htm