How to Apply

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

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

Students entering the University program with advanced standing in Spanish may be admitted after satisfying the core requirements of their bulletin year (A SPN 205/206, 223/310, 303, 301 (or 301Z), 208/209 and a 300-level literature course).

Apply for admission to the Spanish BA/MA program online at: www.albany.edu/graduate/apply-now.php. Choose the Spanish MA as your degree and indicate “yes” on the line asking if you are applying to a combined Bachelors and Master’s program.

Questions about the application process should be directed to the Graduate Admissions office in UAB 121 (518-442-3980, graduate@albany.edu).

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Accelerated Program

The combined Spanish 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. With a carefully designed program, it is possible to earn the BA and MA degrees in Spanish within nine semesters, saving time and money.

The Spanish degree can be very useful in a variety of career opportunities. Spanish graduates can be found in many areas:

- **Business:** banking, law, research, media, marketing, public relations, human resources, the arts, publishing, import-export, tourism, travel, airlines, hospitality, entertainment

- **Education:** elementary - college Spanish, teaching English or other subjects to Spanish speakers, international and exchange program coordination

- **Government:** foreign service, translation/interpretation, law enforcement, FBI, CIA, NSA, INS, military

- **Community:** healthcare, social work, vocational counseling, humanitarian/development/human rights organizations

Requirements

The combined Spanish BA/MA requires a minimum of 138 credits, of which at least 30 must be graduate credits. Up to 12 graduate credits may be applied simultaneously to both the BA and MA programs.

**BA**

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

- requirements for the major
- minor requirements
- 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 successful completion of:

- a minimum of 30 graduate credits
- the Spanish MA exams
- University residency requirements

For more details on the BA/MA program: [www.albany.edu/graduatebulletin/requirements_combined_baccalaureate_masters.htm](http://www.albany.edu/graduatebulletin/requirements_combined_baccalaureate_masters.htm)

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