

## Graduate Degrees

### **MA in Spanish**

*(30 credits minimum)*

Concentrations available in:

- Spanish Linguistics
- Hispanic Literature
- Hispanic Cultural Studies

*1- year Spanish MA  
option available!*

[www.albany.edu/lc/MA\\_1\\_year.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/lc/MA_1_year.pdf)

BA/MA in Spanish:

- accelerated program starting in the junior year
- for UAlbany Spanish majors
- double count up to 12 credits of MA Spanish coursework towards the Spanish BA
- [www.albany.edu/lc/BAMA.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/lc/BAMA.pdf)

### **PhD in Spanish**

*(30 credits minimum beyond the MA)*

Concentrations available in:

- Spanish Linguistics
- Hispanic Literature

**Questions?** Contact Spanish Program Graduate Director, Professor Ilka Kressner ([ikressner@albany.edu](mailto:ikressner@albany.edu))

## Why UAlbany?

Since its founding in 1844 the University at Albany has had a strong tradition of commitment to educational excellence and dedication to its students. At UAlbany you will find:

- Faculty committed to student success
- A simulating academic research environment
- An international faculty from a variety of linguistic, cultural and academic backgrounds providing both breadth and depth to student professional preparation
- Variety of PhD options for student academic focus in a relevant area of Spanish linguistics, sociolinguistics, phonetics and phonology, language acquisition, language change and morphology, or Latin American literature, cultural studies, visual arts, film studies, and transatlantic studies
- Albany, New York state's capital, located near scenic mountains, national parks and orchards, is the cultural and academic hub of upstate NY. In addition it provides easy access to events and conferences in New York City, Boston, and throughout the northeast.

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## Graduate Study

The Spanish Program at the University at Albany provides graduate students with a rigorous critical foundation and a solid grounding in the principal linguistic, cultural, and literary studies regarding the Spanish-speaking world.

- MA concentrations in Spanish Linguistics, Hispanic Literature, and Hispanic Cultural Studies
- Interdisciplinary opportunities (up to 9 credits from affiliated programs at the MA level)
- All program courses taught in Spanish
- One-year fast-track MA degree
- Summer study abroad programs in Madrid, Spain and San José, Costa Rica (up to 6 credits)
- Diverse graduate student population
- Placement rate of 90% within the profession for PhD graduates
- TAship funding available for PhD candidates on a competitive basis

The Department organizes regular events including lectures, visiting scholar seminars, international film festivals, and professional development workshops.

## Admission

In addition to the general university requirements for graduate study, the applicant's undergraduate preparation should be in the liberal arts, preferably with a Spanish major. Applicants with strong communication skills in Spanish who have majored in other fields will also be considered. Decisions for admission are based on undergraduate academic record, letters of recommendation, and a writing sample in Spanish.

For application information visit the UAlbany Graduate Admissions website: [www.albany.edu/graduate/](http://www.albany.edu/graduate/) or for program information contact [ikressner@albany.edu](mailto:ikressner@albany.edu).

### Assistantships & Lectureships

Teaching assistantships and lectureships are available on a competitive basis. Criteria for selection include, but are not limited to:

- Scholarly potential
- Academic record
- Language proficiency
- Recommendations

Students wishing to maximize their likelihood of receiving financial support should apply by March.



## Faculty

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