Participants will have the choice of a homestay with a Spanish “casero” or accommodation in one of the University of Salamanca’s residence halls (single rooms in both cases).

Homestay allows students to gain firsthand knowledge of such things as family relations, cuisine, and religious practices, as well as numerous chances to utilize language skills learned in the classroom. However, students should not think of their homestay as a surrogate family. Participants will be expected to show emotional maturity and to display an independent spirit at all times.

“Caseros” normally host several international students each summer. Efforts are made for the common language of the house to be Spanish, although this is not guaranteed.

The residence hall option is a bit more expensive and the opportunity to interact with native speakers of Spanish is significantly reduced.

Students will pay a Program Fee that covers tuition for 6 credit hours, round-trip transportation between Madrid and Salamanca, room and all meals in Salamanca, tour of Madrid, and administrative fees.

In addition, participants will bear the cost of airfare, airport taxes, passport, insurance, college fees, and personal expenses (such as entertainment, weekend travel, meals other than those specified, laundry, books and instructional materials, and excess baggage charges). Once accepted into the program, we will have more of a break down of what everything will cost.
The program begins in Madrid where, upon arrival at the airport, students will board a bus to Salamanca, stopping for lunch in the world-renowned walled city of Avila.

The group will arrive in Salamanca in the early evening and will be introduced to their “caseros” or other local hosts. Salamanca is located 125 miles northwest of Madrid and only 60 miles from Portugal. Its truly exceptional artistic and historical treasures, its fine summer climate, and the international renown of its university attract students from all over the world. The program also includes an excursion to Madrid, Spain’s exciting capital.

The University at Buffalo and Buffalo State College are proud to sponsor jointly the Programa de Estudios Hispánicos, established in 1969, in cooperation with the University of Salamanca, Spain’s oldest and most celebrated university.

Designed for intermediate and advanced level undergraduates, graduate students, and present and prospective teachers of Spanish, the program endeavors to both strengthen the language abilities of the participants and enrich their humanistic education through the study of Spanish literature, art, and culture.

The University of Salamanca offers an excellent series of extracurricular activities including plays, concerts, modern films, recitals, folklore, music, dances, and lectures on literature, art, history, and economics, often given by world-renowned figures.

### Academic Program

All students enroll in Intensive Communicative Spanish and a Spanish Culture Module taught by University of Salamanca faculty.

**Intensive Communicative Spanish (3 cr.)**
This 3-credit course focuses on an oral and written review of the language at four levels (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced and Superior) and an introduction to Spanish culture at two levels. Students are placed into the appropriate level on the basis of a proficiency exam.

**Spanish Culture Module**
Participants will take a one-hour-per-day Spanish Culture Module, selecting one of the following options: Spanish Culture, Business Spanish, Commentary on Literary Texts, or Conversation and Composition. Grades for the module will be combined with grades for the Intensive Communicative Spanish course.

Participants will be placed according to their Spanish proficiency in either Total Immersion Spanish or Spanish Cinema, taught by Buffalo State professor Raúl Neira. Graduate students must place at the Superior level on the proficiency exam in order to receive graduate credit.

**Total Immersion Spanish (3 cr.)**
Emphasis on review of specific linguistic problems faced by English speakers, refining communicative skills, and explanation of cultural surroundings.

**Contemporary Spanish Cinema (3 cr.)**
This course introduces students to the differences in the creation of Spanish films as compared to those of Hollywood. A carefully chosen series of films illustrates how filmmaking in Spain focuses more on the story rather than on creating a grand spectacle and how it reflects Spanish society. Students must come with adequate preparation in the language and culture to handle written and oral assignments required to complete the course successfully. All graduate students will be required to take this course and submit a comprehensive final paper.

### Credit Transfer

Students are encouraged to determine in advance how their home campuses will treat the credits earned in Salamanca. Intensive Communicative Spanish and Total Immersion Spanish generally fulfill requirements at the intermediate and conversation/composition levels and count as language electives for more advanced students.

### Admission Requirements

Applications are welcomed from undergraduate and graduate students in good academic standing at any college or university with a minimum overall average of B- (2.67 / 4.0). One year of college-level Spanish (or the equivalent) is required.

Applications should be completed by April 1, 2013. Applications after that date will be considered on a space available basis.

Application is made online at [http://buffalostate.studioabroad.com](http://buffalostate.studioabroad.com).