Why The Citadel is Right for You
The Citadel is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* (2016) as the No. 1 Public University in the South offering up to a master’s degree. Within The Citadel Graduate College, 95% of the faculty have Ph.D.s or the highest degree offered in their particular discipline, which assures that students obtain the knowledge, skills and ideas needed to gain a competitive advantage in their career.

Conveniently located on the banks of the Ashley River with easy access to I-26, I-526, and Highway 17, The Citadel Graduate College provides opportunities for higher education and professional development through our nationally accredited bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist degrees.
About the Program
The Citadel’s Graduate Certificate in Hispanic Studies provides a panoramic approach to understanding the vast Hispanic world at the graduate level. The program is designed for native and non-native speakers of Spanish who wish to increase their knowledge of Hispanic language, culture, society and literature.

The objectives of the program are to:
- increase communicative and written competence in the Spanish language
- provide in-depth knowledge of the cultural, historic, political and social milieus of the Spanish-speaking countries
- develop critical and real-world skills necessary for a broader understanding of the issues related to the Spanish-speaking societies of Latin America and Spain
- produce professionals in the field of Hispanic Studies

The program targets the regional needs of working professionals who wish to enhance their profession and increase employment potential amid the current demographic shifts in the low country. The program would also benefit professionals throughout the community interested in enhancing current expertise or proving foreign language competency required for promotion and/or salary increases. Employees working in industries such as health, law enforcement, social services, immigration and naturalization, human resources and civic government will benefit from this program.

Program Description
Students in the program will gain knowledge proficiency in the following areas:
- Mexico from pre-columbian civilizations to modern day
- Culture, politics, economics, literature, art, theater, cinema, religion, and gastronomy
- Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans and Puerto Ricans
- Spain from the Reconquista to present day popular culture
- Culture and literature of South America covering Columbia and Venezuela, the Andean countries and the Southern Cone
- Advanced grammar and recent trends in teaching Spanish

Course Requirements
Students must complete four of the following Hispanic Studies courses listed below:
- SPAN 520 Mexico
- SPAN 521 Hispanic Presence in the United States
- SPAN 522 Culture and Literature of Spain
- SPAN 550 Special Topics Culture and Literature of South America: Columbia and Venezuela
- SPAN 550 Special Topics Culture and Literature of South America: the Andean Countries
- SPAN 550 Special Topics Culture and Literature of South America: the Southern Cone
- SPAN 523 Advanced and Contrastive Grammar
- SPAN 524 Recent Trends in Teaching Spanish as a Second Language

All courses will be taught in Spanish. Students must provide proof of Spanish language proficiency to gain acceptance into the program. Please refer to The Citadel Graduate College catalog for a complete list of admission and program requirements and course descriptions.