

# HONORS BACHELOR OF ARTS



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**THE HONORS BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)** program, established in 1948, is Xavier University's first and oldest honors program. Influenced by Xavier's Jesuit heritage, the program emphasizes the interdisciplinary study of classical languages and philosophy. Students study the classic texts of Western civilization while fostering a deeper understanding of the values and ideals they embrace.

### The Xavier Advantage:

The Honors BA program:

- ▶ Prepares students for life in the modern world by developing a depth and balance of intellect and an openness to new ideas by examining the roots of our culture and traditions.
- ▶ Is designed for students who are highly motivated and desire a broad and rigorous curriculum of studies, with a particular emphasis on the study of Greek, Latin and philosophy.
- ▶ Enables students to pursue another field of study in addition to the honors curriculum, completing a minor or second major, or fulfilling pre-medical or pre-law requirements.
- ▶ Offers a study abroad program in Greece, often with an optional excursion to Turkey, in which students take two core courses.

### Xavier honors graduates go on to:

- ▶ Practice medicine
- ▶ Become lawyers and judges
- ▶ Careers in business and management
- ▶ Volunteer service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- ▶ Graduate study in a range of the liberal arts including English, classics, philosophy and theology

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# RECOMMENDED CLASS SCHEDULES

## HONOR BACHELOR OF ARTS [BA] PROGRAM

These schedules serve as a guideline for progress toward a degree. Students should consult with their academic advisor.

First Semester	Sem. Hrs.
<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>	
Rhetoric	3
Elementary Greek I OR Introduction to Greek Literature <sup>1</sup>	3
History elective	3
Cicero	3
Math elective	3
Total	15

Second Semester	Sem. Hrs.
<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>	
Literature and the Moral Imagination	3
Elementary Greek II OR Greek elective	3
History elective	3
Vergil: Aeneid VII-XII	3
Math elective	3
Total	15

SOPHOMORE YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Science elective	3/4
Introduction to Greek Literature OR Greek elective	3
Horace: Odes	3
Ethics as Introduction to Philosophy	3
Introduction to Theology	3
Total	15/16

SOPHOMORE YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Science elective	3/4
Sophocle	3
Tacitus: Annals	3
Theology elective	3
Elective	3
Total	15/16

JUNIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Science elective	3
Thucydides	3
Social Science elective	3
Latin Prose Style	3
Theory of Knowledge	3
Elective	3
Total	18

JUNIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Plato: Republic	3
Social Science elective	3
Lucretius	3
Philosophy elective	3
Theology elective	3
Elective	3
Total	18

SENIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Homer: Iliad	3
Roman Satire	3
Philosophy elective	3
Electives	9
Total	18

SENIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Capstone Course <sup>2</sup>	3
Philosophy elective	6
Electives	9
Total	18

**Scheduling notes:** <sup>1</sup> Students who have taken high school Greek may be able to register for GREK 201; this will be determined on an individual basis in consultation with the HAB Director.

<sup>2</sup> This course involves independent research, and requires students to integrate their classical learning with wider areas of interest.

- Consult the undergraduate Core Curriculum requirements.
- The E/RS Focus elective requirement may be used to satisfy another element of the Core or the major.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for the degree.
- Students are required to take 6 hours of approved courses representing two different disciplines to fulfill the Core Diversity requirement.

## THE PROGRAM

Honors BA students come to Xavier with excellent high-school credentials and have generally studied a classical language (Latin or Greek) during high school. However, no background in classical languages is required for participation in the program: Special introductory courses are available.

The Honors BA program features the best of Xavier's faculty. Although engaged in research and serving in leadership for an array of professional organizations, our faculty is first and foremost dedicated to teaching. With small classes, Honors BA students have the opportunity to work closely with their teachers and to fully benefit from their expertise. For a complete list of participating faculty, visit [www.xavier.edu/honors](http://www.xavier.edu/honors).

Xavier also offers two other honors programs: University Scholars, and Philosophy, Politics and the Public.

The Honors BA curriculum offers a broad education, but one that is also deep and rigorous. The distinctive feature of this curriculum is its strong emphasis on the study of Greek, Latin and philosophy. In addition, the Honors BA program requires courses in theology, English, history, politics, economics, art, mathematics and the sciences. These courses, including seminars and tutorials, are offered in special honors sections. Students also fulfill requirements for the University's Core Curriculum.

Students who complete the program are awarded an Honors Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. Some students pursue another field of study in addition to the honors curriculum, completing a minor or a second major, or fulfilling pre-medical or pre-law requirements. Graduates go into a wide variety of careers including academia, medicine, law and business.

All three honors programs at Xavier offer participation in a unique fraternity of highly motivated students and top-notch professors. The programs are challenging but students can take advantages of many special opportunities, including these:

- ▶ **Summer study abroad:** The honors programs at Xavier currently offer study abroad programs in Greece, London and Rome. These programs last four to five weeks and incorporate two Core or seminar courses for class credit. Course topics vary from year to year, and professors are often from a variety of departments such as philosophy, classics and English. Financial aid for study abroad programs is available depending on the student's specific needs.
- ▶ **Honors residences:** Reserved residence hall wings are available as an option for honors students. Honors students make a mutual commitment to serious academic study and agree to extended quiet times in these wings. They can also serve as resident assistants (RAs) and assist in programming special activities targeted toward honors students. These activities emphasize faculty involvement and offer opportunities to serve others in an academic capacity. To live in the honors wings, honors students need to indicate their preference on the room reservation form.
- ▶ **Honors Council:** Students are elected by their peers to advise the directors of the honors programs. The council also plans social and educational events for honors students including poetry readings, film festivals, conferences, dances, cookouts, dinners and prayer services.

## OUTCOMES

Honors BA students are prepared for a wide variety of careers, both academic and professional. More than 70 of our graduates hold doctorates in a variety of academic subjects, and 50 hold medical degrees and are practicing medicine throughout the country. Almost as many are lawyers and judges, and many more are involved in careers in business. The Honors BA program offers students a superior education and vital career preparation.

Xavier Honors BA students also pursue other types of opportunities such as volunteer service in organizations like the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Other honors graduates go on to graduate school in philosophy, political science, economics and public policy. These students also take advantage of a wide range of major scholarships and fellowships for graduate study, including the following:

- American Scandinavian Foundation
- Beinecke Brothers Scholarships
- British Marshall Scholarships
- Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellowship
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
- Fulbright Scholarships
- Gates Scholarships
- Goldwater Scholarships
- Hertz Fellowships
- Javits Fellowships
- James Madison Fellowships
- Luce Scholarships
- Mellon Fellowships
- Mitchell Scholarships
- National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships
- Rhodes Scholarships
- Rotary Scholarships
- Soros Fellowships for New Americans
- Thurgood Marshall Scholarships
- Truman Scholarships

- ▶ **Priority registration:** Honors students are advised by the directors of the honors program in which they are enrolled. In addition, they are given priority in selecting and scheduling their courses.

Opened in August 2010, the Conaton Learning Commons is the heart of the James E. Hoff, S.J., Academic Quad on Xavier's campus. The Commons provides students with the facilities, technologies and services to help them master essential skills and gain a competitive advantage in their respective disciplines and careers.

- ▶ Features 84,000 square feet and five floors, plus a digital media lab, classrooms, auditorium and centralized location for reference and technology assistance.
- ▶ Creates a new focal point for connecting teaching, learning and our Jesuit mission of service to others.

- ▶ Equips students with all the latest academic and technological tools in a wireless setting.
- ▶ Offers ample space for individual study and group work in a wireless setting with access to plasma screens, movable white boards—and a café.
- ▶ Houses centers for academic advising and career services and labs for math, writing and modern languages.

## THE COLLEGE & THE CITY

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and largest college at Xavier University. Its goal is to provide excellent liberal arts education in the Jesuit tradition that prepares students for careers, professional or graduate school, and life in a global society.

Centrally located in the heart of the Midwest and set along the Ohio River, Cincinnati is a thriving city, offering college students in the region a wide range of opportunities for internships and careers. Culture and entertainment ranges from the Cincinnati Art Museum to the Cincinnati Reds. Affordable and accessible, Cincinnati is rated one of the “most wired” U.S. cities (*Forbes Magazine*), most sociable city in the world (*mashable.com*), and one of the top 15 U.S. cities to live and work (*Fortune Magazine*).

## ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Students interested in the Honors BA program should apply by completing the online application available at [www.xavier.edu/honors](http://www.xavier.edu/honors). The priority deadline is March 15.

Honors BA students are eligible for all scholarship awards available from Xavier University. In addition, the Honors BA program is able to offer some supplementary scholarship assistance to qualified students.

## CORE CURRICULUM

The foundation of Xavier’s success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier’s mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students’ understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

**Core Curriculum:** Minimum 64 credit hours

**Honors BA students:**

- ▶ Take an additional 21 hours of Latin, 21 hours of Greek and 18 hours of philosophy.
- ▶ Have studied Latin in high school, though it’s not a prerequisite.
- ▶ Complete a capstone course in their senior year.



## XAVIER AT A GLANCE

Founded in 1831, Xavier University is a Jesuit Catholic university in Cincinnati, Ohio, annually ranked among the nation’s best universities. Its three colleges offer 85 undergraduate majors, 54 minors and 11 graduate programs to 7,019 total students, including 4,368 undergraduates.

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