MODERN LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS are combined in an interdisciplinary major offered jointly by the Departments of Modern Languages and Economics. Students seeking work in international relations, employment by an international organization, or a global business career will be interacting with people from around the world, and a deep understanding of the global economic environment offers an important professional advantage. Studying a modern language in combination with international economics ensures a strong language foundation and the ability to apply knowledge to real-world economics in cultures across the world economy.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Modern Language and International Economics, with language concentrations in:

- French
- German
- Spanish

The Xavier Advantage:

- Take advantage of study abroad and foreign exchange programs.
- Pursue international work or volunteer experiences.
- Participate in activities sponsored by Xavier’s Romero International Center to meet and interact with students from various cultures.
- Volunteer for the Interlink Mentor Program, an orientation program to welcome new international students.
- Get involved in Xavier’s Economics Association to study the field and explore career interests.
- Join a Xavier internationally focused student organization, ranging from the French Club to the Student Organization of Latinos.

Xavier graduates go on to:

- U.S. Departments of State or Commerce, International Trade Commission
- U.N.-related institutions, such as regional development banks
- Organizations that require foreign travel or work abroad
- Overseas employers and living abroad

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THE PROGRAM

Professors are committed, first and foremost, to teaching. The faculty is readily available to work with students outside the classroom. Students study with faculty who have been recognized as Fulbright scholars and honored as outstanding business faculty.

Classes are typically small, and students and faculty get to know each other on an individual basis. The senior research and the directed study courses in language concentrations are capstone courses jointly directed by faculty members in modern languages and economics.

In keeping with the Ignatian and Jesuit educational tradition, the process of language learning as an intellectual pursuit is considered valuable in itself, as it helps to form persons increasingly aware of their own and others’ cultural orientation biases.

Students in this interdisciplinary major:

► Receive a strong foundation in a language concentration: French, German or Spanish.
► Understand microeconomic and macroeconomic concepts, developments in international economic policy and their relevance, and interconnections between economics and other areas.
► Develop a sound understanding of the cultures that exist across the world economy.
► Learn to use technology effectively to locate information, and process and analyze data and information.
► Apply economics knowledge to real world international economic problems.
► Become prepared to work in the global arena.

RESOURCES

The Xavier University Language Resource Center provides a technologically equipped classroom with dedicated software and hardware packages for the Xavier University Department of Modern Languages and the English as a Second Language Program. This state-of-the-art language lab is available for creating audio files of oral presentations, performing peer editing, and practicing composition and comprehension.

The Worldviews Lounge on the 10th floor of Schott Hall provides a setting for club meetings, international film festivals and regular lunch conversation tables with international students and native speakers. Socializing with Xavier’s international students enriches language study and also offers community-service projects to develop language skills.

Xavier faculty has identified five key areas of ability necessary to succeed in an international career:

► Possess strong cross-cultural and personal skills.
► Demonstrate good functional knowledge.
► Know the key issues/trends in international affairs.
► Network and identify potential employers.
► Develop a strategy for starting your career.

Strategies for developing these abilities can be found at www.xavier.edu/mlie.

OUTCOMES

The world is continuously becoming smaller, creating great opportunities for careers in international diplomacy or business for people with sound cross-cultural and foreign language abilities.

International careers can involve:

• Living and working in the United States for an organization that sends employees abroad for travel.
• Working for an organization that is located overseas or sends employees abroad to work for a number of years at a time.

Graduates are prepared to work for U.S. and United Nations offices and agencies, including:

► U.S. Departments of State or Commerce, and the International Trade Commission
► U.N.-related institutions such as regional development banks and various commissions

Xavier graduates also pursue career opportunities with:

► Financial institutions
► Aid and advocacy organizations
► Private companies engaged in international commerce
► Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

Xavier graduates also are ready to pursue graduate school in diplomacy, business, law and other disciplines.

A variety of Xavier experiences can contribute to professional knowledge and development:

► Participating in study abroad and foreign exchange programs, and pursuing international work or volunteer experiences.
► Attending activities sponsored by Xavier’s Romero International Center, including monthly coffee hours, sponsored by various offices and international student clubs on campus.
► Volunteering for the Interlink Mentor Program, an orientation program to welcome new international students and help them acclimate to life at Xavier and in the United States.
► Getting involved in Xavier’s Economics Association and participating in activities, events and discussions that relate to economics and the general interests of the field.
► Joining a Xavier internationally focused student organization, such as the French Club, Irish-American Club, Italian-American Club, Japanese Club, Middle Eastern Cultural Society, South Asian Society, Spanish Club or Student Organization of Latinos.
► Becoming active in Cincinnati-area organizations with connections to particular countries or regions of interest, including: Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati; Greater Cincinnati Chinese Chamber of Commerce; European-American Chamber of Commerce-Cincinnati Chapter; or Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
The Conaton Learning Commons, opened in 2010, is the heart of the James E. Hoff, S.J., Academic Quad. 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. As a result, Xavier graduates are better prepared to enjoy successful lives and careers. The Commons:

- Features 84,000 square feet, five floors and 24/7 environment.
- Creates a focal point for connecting teaching, learning and the Jesuit mission of service to others.
- Equips students with 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.
- Includes a digital media lab, classrooms, auditorium and a centralized location for reference and technology assistance.

**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).

**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

**Major in modern language and international economics:** 50 credit hours, including 27 hours in economics and statistics; and 23 hours of courses in a chosen concentration: French, Spanish or German. Language study also includes directed study in the culture and civilization of France, Germany or Spain.

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