MODERN LANGUAGES focuses on the skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding languages and their cultural contexts in order to achieve linguistic and cultural proficiency. Xavier students studying French, German and Spanish, with additional classes in American Sign Language, Arabic, Italian and Japanese, are more fully prepared for living and working in a growing global society. The Jesuit tradition of education stresses the study of language other than one’s native tongue as an important humanistic and humanizing element.

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in:**
- French
- German
- Spanish

**Minors:** French, German, Spanish, Latin American studies

**The Xavier Advantage:**
- Take advantage of study abroad for summer, semester or year-long opportunities in such countries as Austria, Germany, Mexico, France and Spain, as well as in Asia.
- Join the French Club, the Heidelberg Club or the Spanish Club for academic and social interaction outside the classroom.
- Study in a state-of-the-art language lab to hone language skills and comprehension.
- Attend club meetings, international film festivals and regular lunch conversation tables with international students and native speakers in the Worldviews Lounge.

**Xavier modern languages graduates go on to:**
- Target Corporation
- GE Aircraft Engines
- New York Taxi Alliance
- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico
- Georgetown University
- University of Chicago, Divinity School

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THE PROGRAM

Based in Schott Hall, the Department of Modern Languages is committed first and foremost to teaching. The faculty is readily available to work with students outside the classroom. Language classes are typically small, and students and faculty get to know each other on an individual basis.

The department strives to educate students to become sensitive and responsive participants in today’s diverse, multicultural global society. In keeping with the Ignatian and Jesuit educational tradition, the department views the process of language learning as a valuable intellectual pursuit that helps to form people who are more aware of their own and others’ cultural orientation biases. Emphasis is placed on the skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding languages and their cultural contexts in order to achieve linguistic and cultural proficiency.

By studying one or more modern languages, students will:

- Develop communication skills in the target languages.
- Be prepared more fully for our global society by being proficient in a second language.
- Recognize the contributions of other cultures to contemporary society through the study of their histories, literatures and languages.
- Encourage empathy for and understanding of different cultures and peoples.
- Follow the Jesuit tradition of education, which stresses the study of languages other than one’s native tongue as an important humanistic and humanizing element.

Majors are offered in French, German and Spanish. Additional classes in American Sign Language, Arabic, Italian and Japanese are available for fulfilling Core Curriculum requirements.

Language placement: Incoming students who have previous study of French, German or Spanish should take the computerized language placement exam during PREP or other orientation periods. Results of the exam will be reported to academic advisors and the office of the registrar.

Placement for American Sign Language, Arabic, Italian and Japanese is arranged on an individual basis.

RESOURCES

The Xavier University Language Resource Center provides a technologically equipped classroom with dedicated software and hardware 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.

Study abroad is available in the summer for semester and year-long programs:

- Summer study abroad programs are offered in Germany, Italy, England, Austria, Mexico, France and Spain.
- Xavier University offers many semester and year-long programs in countries in Europe and Asia.
- A program in France, subsidized by the Fredin Memorial Scholarship Fund, is open to all students of the University on a competitive basis.

OUTCOMES

Language skills are valuable in a variety of career and professional settings, including business, criminal justice, education, international business, interpreting/translation, law, medicine, nursing, publishing, reporting, social work, travel industry and more.

Recent graduates with majors or minors in modern languages have gone on to these positions:

- Spanish teacher, Milford Junior High School, Ohio
- Medical-surgical nurse, Mercy Hospital, Fairfield, Ohio
- Bilingual registered nurse, Wishard Hospital, Indianapolis
- Executive Team Leader, Target Corporation
- Marketing, GE Aircraft Engines
- Procter & Gamble hair care product research team, Ipsos Marketing, Cincinnati
- Benefits manager, New York Taxi Alliance
- Public primary or secondary school teachers in Spain
- Financial Analyst, Cardinal Health
- Purchaser, Toyota North America

Xavier students have been accepted into programs for graduate studies in foreign languages and in other disciplines at:

- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico
- Georgetown University
- Lincoln Memorial University, DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine
- The Ohio State University
- University of Alabama-Birmingham
- University of Chicago, Divinity School
- University of Cincinnati, College of Law
- University of Quebec
- Xavier University

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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.

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.
Xavier is an equal opportunity educator and employer. Information in this brochure is correct as of 8/11.

▸ 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 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, including a foreign language

Majors in French, German or Spanish: 28 credit hours in upper-division (300-499) courses taught in the foreign language. Placement test are required to determine which lower division courses are required.