PHILOSOPHY, which means “love of wisdom” in Greek, questions assumptions, seeks foundations, and inquires into truth and reality. This activity plays a central role in the Jesuit educational tradition and in Xavier’s Core Curriculum. Philosophy considers speculative topics such as human nature, God, beauty and the limits of knowledge, as well as practical topics, such as the morally good life and the best political order, by studying works of the greatest thinkers from the ancient world to the present. Students of philosophy learn to discover and reconsider personal guiding beliefs; explore questions that cut across disciplines and unify them; understand the intellectual roots of Western culture; and think, write and argue more clearly and effectively.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy
Minors: Philosophy, Political Thought

The Xavier Advantage:
► Study a hallmark of rigorous Jesuit education at one of the nation’s major Jesuit universities.
► Benefit from a metaphysics course designed especially for philosophy majors and minors, as well as small and rigorous seminars.
► Complete a senior thesis that is defended in an oral examination.
► Develop critical-thinking skills and conceptual discipline that transfers to a variety of careers.

Xavier philosophy graduates go on to:
► Scientific research
► Entrepreneurship
► Catholic University of America
► Emory University
► Fordham University
► Marquette University
► Boston University
► Law school

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THE PROGRAM
Philosophy students at Xavier engage in close study of major texts in the history of Western philosophy, including ancient Greek philosophy, medieval Christian, Jewish and Islamic philosophy, modern philosophy and contemporary philosophy. Majors and minors benefit from a metaphysics course designed especially for them.

Majors also study logic and complete a senior thesis, working closely with faculty. This thesis is defended in an oral examination and complemented by written examinations, providing a rigorous capstone experience.

Small seminars are limited to majors, minors and honors students. While enrolled in the philosophy program, students will:
► Discover and reconsider their own guiding beliefs.
► Explore questions that cut across disciplines and unify them.
► Better understand the intellectual roots of Western culture.
► Learn to think, write and argue more clearly and effectively.

RESOURCES
The Department of Philosophy is housed in Hinkle Hall, the campus facility that's modeled after the Xavier family castle in Navarre, Spain.

Xavier philosophy majors learn with professors who have earned Fulbright Awards, and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Mellon Foundation. Faculty from the philosophy department have been honored with Xavier's Teacher of the Year award and Roger A. Fortin Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship in the Humanities.

They represent a wide range of specialties and philosophical orientations, but are united by their attention to the history of philosophy and their dedication to undergraduate teaching. Students are welcome to consult with faculty in their offices and to join them at such campus events as guest lectures and movie nights.

The Xavier Philosophy in Film series brings together faculty and students to appreciate and discuss connections between philosophy and film. A faculty member hosts the film and shares a related reading over refreshments in the Conaton Learning Commons.

THE CAMPUS
Xavier is continually growing and expanding with the intention of making the campus and facilities more conducive to learning. The most recent project is a complete renovation of Alter Hall, the main classroom building, which is expected to open at the start of the 2015 academic year. This renovation turns the traditional classroom space into state-of-the-art learning areas designed for teaching and learning as it is done in the 21st century, such as:
► Flexible classrooms, with movable tables to accommodate group learning.
► Open classrooms for collaborative learning.
► Outdoor classroom space—for those nice days when being inside is not what students want.
► Study rooms, which are big enough for four people, have whiteboard walls and are highly popular with students.

OUTCOMES
Critical thinking and the ability to write and communicate effectively are key characteristics that many employers seek. The study of philosophy enhances those abilities and prepares students for careers in a variety of fields, including computers and computer programming, corporate positions, communications, scientific research, entrepreneurship, medical school, law school, seminary and advanced philosophy studies.

Xavier philosophy graduates have been accepted into graduate programs at such prestigious institutions as:
• Boston University
• Catholic University of America
• Emory University
• Fordham University
• Marquette University
• University at Buffalo

The building will be joined to the University's other major addition, the James E. Hoff, S.J., Academic Quad. This includes Smith Hall and the Conaton Learning Commons, which is connected to the library and its extensive holdings in philosophy. The Learning Commons also 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 CITY
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).

THE COLLEGE
The Department of Philosophy is within the College of Arts and Sciences, which is the oldest and largest college at Xavier. 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.
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in philosophy: 36 credit hours, including 12 hours beyond the introductory course (Phil 100); 12 hours in history of philosophy courses; and 12 hours of major electives.

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.

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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.

Xavier is an equal opportunity educator and employer. Information in this brochure is correct as of 3/14.