

CHOOSING A MAJOR



XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

MANY STUDENTS ARE UNDECIDED about what to study when they enter college, and most will change majors at least once during their college career. More than one-third of the students in a typical freshman class at Xavier have not chosen a major. At Xavier, our strong Jesuit tradition emphasizes the liberal arts and provides an education that's devoted to developing the whole person. Students who are undecided find a welcome and supportive environment as they explore the best academic fit.

The Xavier Advantage:

- ▶ Meet with your assigned academic advisor who will work with you during freshman and sophomore years to help you make the right choice.
- ▶ Get a solid foundation in lifelong values and skills through Xavier's Core Curriculum courses that also enable you to explore and sample fields of study.
- ▶ Take advantage of ongoing resources provided by the Academic Advising Center and the Career Services Center.
- ▶ Attend the annual Career and Major Exploration Fair to get the latest academic information and learn more about career paths, the job market, study abroad and more.
- ▶ Choose from 85 undergraduate majors and 54 minors. If you choose your major by sophomore year, which is recommended, you will likely still graduate in four years.

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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR UNDECIDED STUDENT FRESHMAN YEAR

College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Social Sciences, Health, and Education

FIRST SEMESTER	Sem. Hrs.
THEO 111 Theological Foundations	3
Mathematics elective	3
ENGL 101 OR 115 English Composition OR Rhetoric	3
HIST History I	3
Foreign Language elective	3
Total	15

SECOND SEMESTER	Sem. Hrs.
PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro to Philosophy	3
Mathematics elective	3
ENGL Literature elective	3
HIST History II	3
Foreign Language elective	3
Total	15

Williams College of Business

FIRST SEMESTER	Sem. Hrs.
MATH 150 Calculus	3
HIST History I	3
ENGL 101 OR 115 English Composition OR Rhetoric	3
Foreign Language elective	3
THEO 111 Theological Foundations/PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro to Philosophy OR MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing	3
INFO 120 Into to Business Tech	1
BUAD 101 Business Profession I	0
Total	16

SECOND SEMESTER	Sem. Hrs.
STAT 210 Statistics for Business I	3
HIST History II	3
INFO 220 or ECON 200	3
Foreign Language elective	3
MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing OR PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro to Philosophy /THEO 111 Theological Foundations	3
BUAD 101 Business Profession II	0
Total	15

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

For all baccalaureate programs

Minimum: 64 credit hours

- ▶ Core diversity requirement: 6 hours of approved courses representing two different disciplines
- ▶ Either ENGL 101 English Composition (3 hrs.) or ENGL 115 Rhetoric (3 hrs.)
- ▶ 3 hours of fine arts
- ▶ 3 hours of literature
- ▶ 6 hours of history
- ▶ 6 hours of social science electives
- ▶ 6 hours of mathematics
- ▶ 9 hours of science electives
- ▶ 6 hours or intermediate proficiency in the same foreign language
- ▶ 4 courses in the ethics/religion and society focus
- ▶ 6 hours of philosophy, in addition to PHIL 100
- ▶ 6 hours of theology, in addition to THEO 111

▶ For details on Core requirements, including approved courses, see www.xavier.edu/academic-advising/Core-Curriculum.cfm.

FINDING THE RIGHT PATH

If you are undecided about your major, you will be welcomed at Xavier, where we encourage students to explore and sample fields of study from the fine arts and philosophy to math and biology. Xavier offers 85 undergraduate majors and 54 minors. The Core Curriculum is especially valuable because it not only introduces students to various disciplines, but also helps each student to develop values and skills for lifelong success.

As you review academic majors and possible career paths, you also will be able to count on support and guidance from such resources as the Academic Advising Center and the Career Services Center. You will be assigned an academic advisor who will work with you during your freshman and sophomore years. Your advisors, along with Xavier faculty and staff, are dedicated to helping you find the best fit for your interests and skills, as well as the right match for your hopes and dreams.

Students are strongly encouraged to make a decision on a major by their sophomore year. If you decide on a major at this time, you will not be behind in most majors, and usually will graduate within four years. Very few majors, such as elementary education, nursing and pre-medical/pre-dental studies, have requirements that take longer to complete if the programs are not begun in the freshman year. For a complete list of academic majors, visit www.xavier.edu/majors.

With Xavier's specially designed four-year plan, you can focus on important activities and assignments each year that help you choose your major as well as move you toward your career and life goals, and to success after college:

- ▶ **Freshman Year:** Talk to your academic advisor to learn more about the range of majors available at Xavier and/or career opportunities; visit the Career Services Center to discuss your interests, abilities and goals.
- ▶ **Sophomore Year:** Declare your major; request your own professional mentor; start to develop your résumé.
- ▶ **Junior Year:** Enhance career and leadership skills; get involved in internships, volunteer work and study abroad programs.
- ▶ **Senior Year:** Launch steps toward post-graduation goals; finalize your résumé; start interviewing for a job or completing plans for graduate school.

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. (See requirements at left.)

FUTURE PREPARATION

The Academic Advising Center assists undergraduate students in finding the right educational plans and programs to fulfill their major or degree requirements and prepare for a career or advanced study. All undergraduate students, whether undecided or with declared majors, can receive the following assistance:

- ▶ Academic advising information is offered during Xavier's Priority Registration Experience Program (PREP) for incoming freshmen. Academic advising also is provided for summer school (here or away), study abroad programs and academic service-learning programs.
- ▶ An Academic Forum each fall semester prepares freshmen and new transfers for the academic advising process before class registration.
- ▶ An annual Career and Major Exploration Fair helps students to gather information about various majors/minors and their requirements, career paths in a particular major, the job market, professional schools, study abroad and academic service-learning programs.
- ▶ Various career programs and advising sessions with staff in the Career Services Center are available for assistance with career decision-making and planning, and internship exploration, as well as mentoring and networking connections.

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

The Academic Advising Center advises all undecided students. Each student is assigned an academic advisor who helps in the selection of courses and exploration of majors. Academic advisors are familiar with all majors at Xavier and can help undecided students choose courses that will fulfill the Core Curriculum and lead to a decision on a major. A Career Opportunities Forum is held during the freshman year to provide students with an opportunity to gather as much information as possible in their search for a major and/or a career.

The Advising Center provides academic assistance to students with various needs. Students are encouraged to use the University's Writing Center, mathematics and computer labs, and departmental tutoring programs to improve or enhance skills in specific areas. Students who need to improve their reading and/or study skills are also encouraged to take the Efficient Reading and Study Skills course listed under psychology in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

CAREER SERVICES CENTER

The Career Services Center provides essential career development and job search resources, information and education. As a Xavier student, you can use the resources of the Center to learn more about yourself and your career direction. Career advisors offer a number of assessment instruments that help students evaluate their interests, values, abilities, strengths and experiences to determine how these relate to specific majors and careers. Students meet with a career advisor to interpret the results of these assessments and learn how to use various resources including the Career Resource Library, in determining their career choice.

Career advisors also assist students in developing necessary job search skills including résumé writing, interviewing, employer identification and research. The Career Services Center works with students interested in internships and co-op experiences related to their major and/or career interest area. This office also manages the on-campus employment and Community Service Jobs Program for students who have been awarded financial aid. Additional services include on-campus interviews, résumé referrals, a web-based job database and career fairs each semester.

RESOURCES

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, five floors and 24/7 environment.
- ▶ 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.

Resources include a digital media lab, classrooms, auditorium and a centralized location for reference and technology assistance.



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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