

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM, established in 1971, is an honors program that provides an academically challenging experience to a broad spectrum of Xavier students. The courses necessary to complete the University Scholars Program are entirely in the Core Curriculum. University Scholars also complete requirements for their major. They take many of their required Core courses in the humanities, sciences and social sciences in special honors sections, which encourage critical thinking and lively discussion.

The Xavier Advantage:

As part of the University Scholars program, students:

- ▶ Take special honors sections of Core courses in the humanities, sciences and social sciences, while completing requirements for their major.
- ▶ Specialize in virtually every major available at Xavier. Many even double major or add minors.
- ▶ Learn in small classes and seminars that promote deeper study of specialized topics.
- ▶ Take advantage of three study abroad programs in London, Paris/Brussels and Rome, while earning course credit.
- ▶ Become well-prepared for careers in many different academic, professional and business areas.

Xavier honors graduates go on to:

- ▶ Medical school
- ▶ Become lawyers and judges
- ▶ Careers in business and management
- ▶ Volunteer service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- ▶ Graduate study in philosophy, political science, economics and public policy

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OUTCOMES

University Scholars go on to a wide variety of careers, both academic and professional. Graduates hold doctorates in a variety of academic subjects; many also 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 University Scholars program offers students a superior education and vital career preparation.

Xavier honors 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 have applied for 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

THE PROGRAM

Honors classes are kept small to promote lively discussion, excellent writing skills and critical thinking. Juniors and seniors take seminars with even smaller groups of students for deeper study of specialized topics. University Scholars specialize in virtually every major available at Xavier. Some will even fulfill the requirements of a double major or any of a number of minors that Xavier offers. Students earn a bachelor's degree in their major with the designation of University Scholar. The Williams College of Business includes a special designation on the student's record if the student completes his/her seminar work in departments in the business school.

To receive their bachelor's degree with the designation of University Scholar, students in the program must:

- ▶ Fulfill many of the requirements of the University's Core Curriculum at the honors level.

- ▶ Take three honors-level seminar courses which can fulfill either University Core or major requirements.
- ▶ Maintain a 3.2 GPA in all their courses.

Xavier also offers two other honors programs: Honors Bachelor of Arts; and Philosophy, Politics and the Public. Please visit www.xavier.edu/honors for more information.

Many of Xavier's best faculty teach honors-level courses. Although engaged in research and serving in leadership for an array of professional organizations, Xavier faculty is first and foremost dedicated to teaching. With small classes, University Scholars 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.

All three honors programs at Xavier offer participation in a unique fraternity of highly motivated students and top-notch professors. Honors students can also take advantage of special programs designed for them, including the following:

- ▶ **Summer study abroad:** The honors programs at Xavier currently offer three study abroad programs in London, Paris and Rome. The Rome and London programs last five weeks and incorporate two seminars for class credit while the two-week Paris/Brussels program emphasizes European political institutions and offers students three hours of seminar credit. London and Paris seminar topics vary from year to year and are taught by faculty from philosophy, history economics, business and English.
 - ▶ **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. To live in the honors wings, honors students need to indicate their preference on the room reservation form, which is sent after admission is granted to Xavier.
 - ▶ **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.
 - ▶ **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 over students with similar numbers of credit hours.
 - ▶ **Honors Lounge and Seminar Room:** Honors students enjoy their own study space in the honors lounge on the fifth floor of the Conaton Learning Commons. Special events such as receptions for students and faculty also take place in the honors lounge. Many honors classes take place in the seminar room located at the end of the lounge.
- 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 a 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

Admission to the University Scholars program is competitive. To qualify for participation, students must be interested in the broad range of issues and ideas that constitute the life of the mind and be alert to the ethical and value implications of human knowledge.

Students should rank in the top 15 percent of their high-school class and present composite scores of at least 1300 (SAT) or 29 (ACT). In addition to the guidelines for academic scholarship, prospective University Scholars need to complete an application as well as a brief essay. An interview may also be requested at the discretion of the program director. The online application is available at www.xavier.edu/honors. The priority deadline is March 15.

University Scholars are eligible for all scholarship awards available from Xavier University.

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

The distinctive feature of the University Scholars curriculum is its special core of liberal studies. The following summary of the University Scholars curriculum indicates the minimum program requirements only. Students are advised to take additional honors courses whenever possible.

Ethics/religion and society focus: Complete all four courses in the focus within the University Scholars program.

English composition: Complete honors rhetoric.

Fine arts: Take three semester hours in studio or performance courses which carry academic credit or a classroom course that has been approved by the University Scholars advisor.

Foreign/second language: Demonstrate intermediate proficiency in a foreign/second language.

Philosophy and theology: Beyond the focus courses (PHIL 100 and THEO 111), one honors course in either area is required. One honors course in each area is recommended.

History: Complete one honors course in introductory history.

Social science: Complete two courses at the honors level, including at least one honors course in introductory economics.

Mathematics: Scholars must complete honors calculus. This requirement may also be fulfilled by taking calculus for mathematics and science majors. Scholars must also complete one additional mathematics course designated as honors. For students who do not take a second semester of introductory science intended for science majors, or who do not take a second honors-level science, this second course in mathematics must also be at honors level.

Science: Complete at least one semester of science designated at the honors or majors level and two semesters of math at honors or majors level; or two semesters of science designated at honors or majors level and one semester of honors calculus or majors level calculus.

Seminars: In addition to the above, scholars must participate in no fewer than three honors seminars, generally during their junior and senior years. Seminars in Core subjects can fulfill Core requirements. However, not all seminars offered at Xavier University are intended for scholars. The University Scholars program accepts as honors courses those courses for which students receive AP credit or transfer credit.

Upon successful completion of this curriculum with at least a 3.2 GPA, the University Scholar receives either a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), or a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) with the following designation on the diploma and on all transcripts: University Scholar.



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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