

The Honors
Bachelor of Arts
Program



What is the Honors A.B.?

Established in 1948, the Honors A.B. Program is the oldest Honors Program at Xavier University. It is based on the sixteenth century Jesuit *Ratio Studiorum* which emphasized the study of the literature, philosophy, theology, history and the classical languages of Western Civilization. Designed for excellent students with a broad range of interests, the Honors A.B. Program represents the only interdisciplinary degree program offered by Xavier University.

The Honors A.B. Curriculum

The Honors A.B. Curriculum offers a broad education, but also one that is deep and rigorous. The distinctive feature of this curriculum is its strong emphasis on the study of Greek, Latin and Philosophy. In addition, the Honors A.B. Program requires courses in Theology, English, History, Politics, Economics, Art, Mathematics and the Sciences. These courses are offered in special honors sections, including seminars and tutorials.

Another interesting feature of the program is that it is designed to make it possible for students to pursue almost any major field of study offered at Xavier University along with the program, should students wish to deepen their studies in a particular discipline.

Career Opportunities

Honors A.B. students find themselves prepared for a wide variety of careers, both academic and professional. Over seventy of our graduates hold doctorates in a variety of academic subjects. Fifty 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. In short, the Honors A.B. Program is not just job training: it is education for a career.

Who is the Honors A.B. Student?

A student who desires a broad and rigorous curriculum of studies chooses the Honors A.B. Program at Xavier. Honors A.B. students come to Xavier with excellent high school credentials. In addition, they have generally studied a classical language during high school. However, no background in classical languages is required for participation in the program: special introductory courses are available. The main point, though, is this: the Honors A.B. student desires a thorough education, is interested in a wide variety of subjects, and is highly motivated.

Admission to the Program

Students interested in the Honors A.B. Program or wishing to apply should contact Fr. John J. LaRocca, S.J., Director, Honors A.B. Program, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207-4444. He may also be reached by phone at 513 745-2038 or 800 344-GOXU, or by e-mail: LaRocca@xavier.edu.

Honors A.B. students are eligible for all scholarship awards available from Xavier University. In addition, the Honors A.B. Program is able to offer some supplementary scholarship assistance to qualified students. If you have any questions about this or any other aspect of the program, please contact Fr. LaRocca.

For further information contact: Office of Admission
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The Faculty

The Honors A.B. Program boasts the best of Xavier’s faculty. Although engaged in research and officers in an array of professional organizations, our faculty is first and foremost a teaching faculty. With small classes, Honors A.B. students have the opportunity to work closely with their teachers and to fully benefit from their expertise.

Following is a selected list of faculty involved with the Honors A.B. Program:

- Shannon Byrne, Ph.D. (Northwestern University)
Assistant Professor of Classics
- Edmund Cueva, BA, MA, Ph.D. (Loyola University)
Assistant Professor of Classics
- Arthur J. Dewey, BA, MDiv, Ph.D. (Harvard University)
Professor of Theology
- John J. LaRocca, S.J., BA, MA, MDiv, Ph.D. (Rutgers University)
Professor of History, Director for Honors A.B.
- Timothy S. Quinn, BA, MA, Ph.D. (Catholic University)
Associate Professor of Philosophy
- Robert A. Rethy, BA, MA, Ph.D. (Pennsylvania State University)
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Recommended Sequence of Courses

<i>First Semester</i>	B.A. (Honors Program)		<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
Freshman Year			
Rhetoric	3	Literature & the Moral Imagination	3
Elementary Greek I or Introduction to Greek Literature*	3	Elementary Greek II or Greek Elective	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Cicero	3	Vergil: Aeneid VII-XII	3
Math Elective	3	Math Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
Sophomore Year			
Science Elective	3/4	Science Elective	3/4
Introduction to Greek Literature or Greek Elective	3	Sophocles	3
Horace: Odes	3	Tacitus: Annals	3
Ethics as Introduction to Philosophy	3	Theology Elective	3
Introduction to Theology	3	Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15/16</i>	E Pluribus Unum**	1
		<i>Total</i>	<i>16/17</i>
Junior Year			
Science Elective	3	Plato: Republic	3
Thucydides	3	Social Science Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3	Lucretius	3
Latin Prose Style	3	Philosophy Elective	3
Theory of Knowledge	3	Theology Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>
Senior Year			
Homer: Iliad	3	Capstone Course+	3
Roman Satire	3	Philosophy Elective	6
Philosophy Elective	3	Electives	9
Electives	9		
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>

*Students having two units of high school Greek or its equivalent will register for Introduction to Greek Literature in the first semester and a Greek Elective in the two following semesters. Others will take Elementary Greek I, Elementary Greek II, and Introduction to Greek Literature in sequence.

**This course may be taken first or second semester of the sophomore year.

+This course involves independent research, and requires students to integrate their classical learning with wider areas of interest.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
THE HONORS BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM
XAVIER UNIVERSITY**

PLEASE PRINT

Date _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School _____ Class Rank _____ / _____

GPA _____ SAT scores: V _____ M _____

ACT scores: EN _____ MT _____ RD _____ SR _____

Composite _____

Have you studied any classics? If so, what have you taken and how many years? _____

Areas of Academic Interest _____

Non-Academic Interests and Activities _____

Please include with this application form a brief essay (approximately 750 words) on one of the following themes:

1. "What book (or books) have been especially meaningful for your intellectual and spiritual growth?"
2. "If you could invite four persons (contemporary or historical) for an evening of conversation, who would they be, and why would you invite them?"

Please detach application and return to:

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Priority Deadline: March 15