

Established in 1971, the University Scholars Program is an honors program at Xavier University that provides an academically challenging program to a broad spectrum of Xavier students across the University. Students in the University Scholars Program fulfill the same core curriculum requirements demanded of all Xavier students, but take many of their required courses in special honors sections which encourage critical thinking and lively discussion. University Scholars students can and do 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.

The Scholars Curriculum

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

1. Ethics/Religion and Society Focus – Scholars must complete all four courses in the Focus within the University Scholars Program.
2. English Composition – Scholars must complete Honors Rhetoric.
3. Fine Arts – Scholars must take three semester hours in studio or performance courses which carry academic credit or a classroom course that has been approved for Scholars.
4. Foreign/Second Language – Scholars must demonstrate intermediate proficiency in a foreign/second language. Because of the requirements of some majors or degree programs, the Director of the University Scholars Program will adjust this requirement on a case-by-case basis.
5. 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.
6. History – Scholars must complete one Honors course in introductory History.
7. Social Science – Scholars must complete two courses at Honors, including at least one Honors course in introductory Economics.
8. Mathematics – Scholars must complete Honors Calculus. This requirement may also be fulfilled by taking calculus for science majors. Scholars must also complete one additional Mathematics course at or above the 150-level. 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.
9. Science – Scholars must complete either one semester of introductory Science intended with lab intended for science majors or one semester of honors level science with lab.
10. Seminars – In addition to the above, Scholars must participate in no less than three Honors seminars, generally during their junior and senior years. Seminars in core subjects may be used to fulfill a student's core requirements. Not all seminars offered at Xavier University are approved for Scholars.

NOTE: Many students fulfill basic requirements and move directly into upper-division courses through advanced placement credit and/or locally administered Xavier tests.

Upon successful completion of this curriculum of liberal arts courses along with an undergraduate major program of study, the University Scholar receives either an A.B. (Bachelor of Arts), B.S. (Bachelor of Science) or B.S.B.A. (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) degree with the designation on the diploma and on all transcripts: **Scholars Curriculum.**

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The Faculty

Through the University Scholars Program students are in contact with the best of Xavier’s faculty. The faculty engage in research and are active in a wide array of professional and civic organizations. They are, however, first and foremost, a teaching faculty. With small classes and faculty that are readily available to students, University Scholars have ample opportunity to get to know the faculty and take advantage of their expertise.

Following is a selected list of faculty who teach in the University Scholars Program.

Nancy Bertaux

BA, MA, PhD (Univ. of Michigan)
American Economic History and History of Economic Thought

Elaine M. Charters, RSM

BA, MT, MA, PhD (Catholic Univ.)
Microbiology

E. Paul Colella

BA, MA, PhD (Fordham Univ.)
American, Political and Italian Philosophy, Ethics

Arthur J. Dewey

AB, MDiv, ThD (Harvard University)
New Testament

Ernest L. Fontana

BS, MA, PhD (Univ. of Notre Dame)
Victorian Literature

John R. Getz

AB, MA, PhD (Univ. of Pennsylvania)
19th Century American Literature

Alexandra S. Korros

AB, MA, PhD (Columbia University)
Tsarist Russia, Soviet Union, Zionism, Modern Israel

William J. Larkin, III

BS, MEd, MS, PhD (Univ. of Cincinnati)
Abstract Algebra, Symbolic Logic

William Madges

HAB, MA, PhD (University of Chicago)
History of Christian Modern Thought

Daniel J. McLoughlin

BS, MS, PhD (Univ. of Missouri)
Biochemistry, Study of Enzyme Reactions

Daniel Otero

BA, MA, PhD (Pennsylvania State University)
History of Mathematics, Number Theory

Timothy S. Quinn

BA, MA, PhD (Catholic Univ.)
17th-18th Century Philosophy, Aesthetics

Robert A. Rethy

BA, MA, PhD (Pennsylvania State Univ.)
Modern & Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Greek Philosophy

James Snodergrass

AB, MS, PhD (Vanderbilt University)
Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory

Carol Winkelmann

BA, MA, PhD (University of Michigan)
Linguistics

Study Abroad

The University Scholars Program offers two five week summer programs:

- The Summer Honors Program in Humanities in Rome
The Summer Honors Program in London

Qualifying for the University Scholars 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 constitutes the life of the mind and alert to the ethical and value implications of human knowledge. They should likewise rank in the top 15% 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 form (attached) which includes a brief essay. An interview may also be requested at the discretion of the Program Director.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS 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

Scholarship(s) from Xavier

Other Scholarships applicable at Xavier

Probable major

Other academic interests

Non-academic interests and activities

Please include two other items with this application form: a one-page resume of your extra-curricular activities during your high school career; and a personal essay of approximately 750 words in which you describe and discuss a significant turning point in your life, one in which you learned something important about yourself and the world around you. (Because primary importance will be assigned to this essay, it is important that it be representative of your best work).

Please detach the application from the program description, attach your materials to it and return to:

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Priority Deadline: March 15