HISTORY offers critical perspectives on the present by closely examining the significant events, people and ideas that have shaped our society and human civilization more generally. Students develop new frames of reference by learning about other cultures; cultivate appreciation for the complex processes of historical change; and hone analytical and communication skills by developing arguments from varied information sources. Studying history offers an intellectual foundation and valuable preparation for a wide variety of careers and professions.

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History**

**Minor:** History

**The Xavier Advantage:**

- Engage in original research, working directly with faculty experts and scholars who have conducted in-depth research worldwide.
- Benefit from on-site experience through for-credit internships at institutions such as the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, The National Underground Railroad Museum and Freedom Center.
- Get opportunities as an undergraduate to present papers at research conferences, submit papers to essay competitions, and create public history exhibits.
- Participate in academic service-learning programs and study abroad.

**Xavier history graduates go on to:**

- The Brookings Institution
- The Nielsen Company
- Fifth Third Bancorp
- The Peace Corps
- United States Army
- Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government

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THE PROGRAM

Based in Schott Hall, Department of History faculty are committed first and foremost to teaching. The faculty is readily available to work with students outside the classroom. History classes are typically small, and students and faculty get to know each other on an individual basis. The history faculty also engages in research and publishing, and our professors are active in a wide array of professional and civic organizations.

Historical method is a formal but very general means of discovery and insight with nearly universal application. History students learn with our expert faculty and scholars, who have conducted research in Germany, France, the Czech Republic, Poland, England, Russia, Finland, Norway, India, Tanzania, Mexico, Canada and the United States. Students hone their skills while doing original research with faculty, which can result in presenting papers at research conferences, producing public history exhibits, or submitting completed work to essay competitions and varied publications.

History courses are offered in the following fields:

- Africana studies
- American dream
- American Indian history
- Environmental history
- Latin American history
- South Asian history
- Globalization
- Medieval & early modern Europe
- Modern Europe
- Public history
- U.S. popular culture
- Urban history
- Women’s and gender studies

RESOURCES

Membership in campus clubs and professional organizations also strengthens professional ties and offers important opportunities to network with professionals. The Department of History maintains relationships with the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians and the Cincinnati Historical Society.

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.

OUTCOMES

The study of history prepares students for many occupations, from teaching to careers in business, law, politics, public administration, civil service and the media.

History majors develop research and writing skills applicable to a wide range of professions and interests. A 2009 survey of Xavier alumni confirms that history graduates pursue a wide range of occupations, from medicine to banking and accounting. The most common fields pursued include:

- Education (especially secondary education): 25 percent
- Legal profession: 21 percent
- Business (including management): 21 percent
- Government: 11 percent

Recent Xavier history graduates have gone on to positions such as:

- Researcher, Brookings Institution
- Attorney, Keating, Meuthing & Klekamp
- Financial analyst, Fifth Third Bancorp
- Lobbyist, Beacon Consulting Group
- Second lieutenant, United States Army
- Public relations professional, Baltimore Orioles
- Account executive, International Management Group
- Analyst, Nielsen Company
- Teacher, Regis Jesuit High School
- Volunteer, Peace Corps

Xavier history graduates have also been accepted into graduate and professional programs at the following institutions:

- Boston College
- Kennedy School of Government (Harvard)
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of Chicago
- Vanderbilt University Law School
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Berkeley
- Georgetown University Law School
- Saint Louis University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Villanova University School of Law

- Offers ample space for individual study and group work in a wireless setting punctuated by 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 centralized location for reference and technology assistance.
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).

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/R/S) 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
Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in history: 36 hours of history courses, including two courses each, at any level, in: U.S., European, or African, Asian, or Latin American history

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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