INTERNATIONAL STUDIES is an interdisciplinary program inspired by Xavier’s Jesuit tradition to prepare men and women for others as informed, ethically aware citizens who thrive in today’s global society. Students of international studies learn to assess international developments, trends, dilemmas and policy issues; develop critical thinking skills and tools necessary for successful engagement with an increasingly interconnected world; and engage in interdisciplinary study in language, history, political science and economics to shape an informed and comprehensive world view.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Studies with concentrations in:
- International Business
- Europe
- Latin America
- Post-colonial studies

Minor: International studies

The Xavier Advantage:
- Study abroad through one of Xavier’s many programs in such countries as France, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Japan, The Netherlands, Ireland, Greece, England, Germany or Costa Rica.
- Participate in Xavier’s academic service-learning semester in Nicaragua.
- Take classes in language, history, political science and economics to gain an interdisciplinary understanding of global problems and possibilities.
- Concentrate on particular regions of the globe: Latin America, Africa, Asia or Europe.

Xavier graduates go on to:
- International offices and agencies of the United States and United Nations, and the Foreign Service
- Nongovernmental organizations and businesses operating in international and multilingual settings

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THE PROGRAM

The Department of Political Science and Sociology offers the interdisciplinary International Studies program.

Professors in the program are committed, first and foremost, to teaching. With a 16 to 1 student/faculty ratio and individual counseling sessions scheduled each semester, the expertise of the faculty is readily available. The diverse areas of specialization, experiences and perspectives of faculty members enrich studies in this major.

A choice of concentrations allows students to focus on:

- International business
- Europe
- Latin America
- Post-colonial studies

International studies majors take a variety of courses from many disciplines, including:

- Language courses that emphasize culture
- History and literature
- Political science courses in comparative politics and international relations
- History courses that provide in-depth analysis of an area of the world
- Microeconomics and macroeconomics

Advanced competency in a foreign language is necessary. In keeping with the Ignatian and Jesuit educational tradition, Xavier University views the process of language learning as an intellectual pursuit valuable in itself, as it helps to form persons increasingly aware of their own and others’ cultural orientation biases.

Study abroad or an internship in an international business or nongovernmental organization is a required component in the program. Students may study abroad through one of Xavier’s many programs in countries including France, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Japan, The Netherlands, Ireland, Greece, England, Germany and Costa Rica. They may also participate in Xavier’s academic service-learning semester in Nicaragua.

Through this combination of interdisciplinary coursework coupled with a concentrated focus and study abroad, students in international studies:

- Learn to assess international developments, trends, dilemmas and policy issues.
- Develop critical thinking skills and tools necessary for successful engagement with an increasingly interconnected world.
- Engage in language, history, political science and economics study to shape an informed and comprehensive world view.

RESOURCES

Xavier University is home to the Center for the Study of the American Dream, established in 2008. The mission of the nonpartisan Institute is to “produce extraordinary citizens animated by an informed understanding of the global community, evolving technology and a clear vision of civic duty.” The Institute also strives to equip Xavier students with the leadership tools needed to contribute to all levels of public life.

OUTCOMES

International studies majors can pursue various employment opportunities in business and government, including:

- International offices and agencies of the United States and United Nations, including the Foreign Service
- Cultural institutions operating in international and multilingual settings
- Domestic and foreign companies doing business globally
- Think tanks focusing on research in international relations and global cooperation
- Nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations addressing global and development issues
- Economic analysis
- Government agencies
- International businesses
- International law

The program also provides excellent preparation for pursuing a law degree or an MBA, as well as graduate work in international studies, international law and diplomacy, political science, history or economics.

Xavier University works in partnership with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, an independent, nonprofit organization that serves hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn for academic credit in Washington, D.C. The largest program of its kind, The Washington Center has more than 40,000 alumni, many of whom are in leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors in the United States and around the world. (Learn more at www.twc.edu.)

Several programs which enable students to travel abroad are offered by the University: Academic Year in France; the competitive Fredin Scholarship; Summer Programs in Austria; Bogota, Columbia; and Tokyo, Japan; and many semester and year-long programs in countries in Europe and Asia.

The Xavier University Language Resource Center provides a technologically equipped classroom with dedicated software and hardware packages for the Xavier University Department of Modern Languages and the English as a Second Language Program. This state-of-the-art language lab is available for creating audio files of oral presentations, performing peer editing, and practicing composition and comprehension.

The Worldviews Lounge on the 10th floor of Schott Hall provides a setting for club meetings, international film festivals and regular lunch conversation tables with international students and native speakers. Socializing with Xavier’s international students enriches language study and also offers community-service projects to develop language skills.
The International Studies program presents two awards to outstanding students each year:

► The Frank McVay Award: Presented to the student completing the international studies major with highest distinction.
► The John A. Wiethe Award: Presented to an upper class student majoring in international studies and demonstrating academic excellence and promise as a graduate student.

The Conaton Learning Commons, opened in 2010, is the heart of the James E. Hoff, S.J., Academic Quad. 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. As a result, Xavier graduates are better prepared to enjoy successful lives and careers. The Commons:

► Features 84,000 square feet, five floors and 24/7 environment.
► Creates a focal point for connecting teaching, learning and the Jesuit mission of service to others.
► Equips students with 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.
► Includes a digital media lab, classrooms, auditorium and a centralized location for reference and technology assistance.

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
Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in international studies: 33 credit hours, including 15 hours of courses in a chosen concentration: international business, Europe, Latin America or post-colonial studies; and 18 hours in economics, history and political science. Additional major requirements include advanced competency in at least one foreign language, as well as an academic study abroad experience or an international internship.

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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