

# X-Guide

College of Professional  
Sciences

**XAVIER**



Prepare intellectually, morally and spiritually for careers and professions of service in education, healthcare and the social sciences

## Follow your signs

You're a people person. Diving into the human mind excites you. Maybe you naturally gravitate toward fitness and education or perhaps you've always been one with a mindset for building up and helping others.

These are usually signs that a professional sciences major is calling. As you're choosing a path for college, explore exactly where these signs could be leading you within the field of professional sciences.

## What to think about when picking your major

While researching potential majors within the professional sciences, it may be helpful to keep these questions in mind:

### *Why are you interested in professional sciences?*

Is there a specific reason you're looking into this field? Sometimes outside influences such as family members, past school courses, and personal experiences can influence how we choose our career path.

### *What field of study within the professional sciences would you want to pursue?*

The world of professional sciences provides numerous paths, allowing you to explore a variety of programs including Criminal Justice, Education, Exercise Science and much more.

### *What career path do you want to take?*

There are many options when it comes to jobs in the professional sciences. If you don't have an ideal career path in mind yet, then consider what characteristics your perfect position would have and compare those to jobs within your field.

### *What do you want out of your career and what do you value?*

Do you want to travel? Are you looking for an office environment or more hands-on work? Would you prefer working directly with people or behind the scenes? These are a few questions to ask yourself when you're mapping out your career choices to make sure your path leads you toward a job that fits your values.

## Top Majors

Some of the most popular majors in Xavier's College of Professional Sciences include:

- + Psychology
- + Sport Management
- + Exercise Science
- + Criminal Justice
- + Health Services Administration

- + Early Childhood Education
- + Social Work
- + Sport Marketing
- + Special Education
- + Middle Childhood Education

## The College of Professional Sciences

Xavier's College of Professional Sciences prepares undergraduate and graduate students for careers and professions of service by:

- + Challenging students to strive for academic excellence and life-long learning
- + Giving students opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom through internships
- + Promoting collaboration and community partnerships
- + Incorporating research, scholarship, and innovation
- + Integrating ethical behavior and a respect for individual differences and diversity

In short, students in Xavier's College of Professional Sciences are challenged academically while also receiving opportunities to build deep connections and gain experience on a local, national, and global level.

### Xavier's professional connections

The faculty in Xavier's College of Professional Sciences have cultivated community partners – many with whom they match students for internships that fit their skills and interests. Some programs in this college also host networking events throughout the year for students to meet alumni in similar fields.

No matter which major you choose, Xavier will help connect you with these community partners and professional mentors.

### Experiential learning and internships

87% of Xavier students gain real-world experience through an internship. Recent students have worked with many schools in the Greater Cincinnati area, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the Special Olympics, Cincinnati professional sports teams, and the Walt Disney Company.

Other opportunities for experiential learning include a class-based project for a community organization, faculty-directed undergraduate research, or a short-term or semester-long international study abroad.

### Points of pride

- + Xavier's Psychology majors have the opportunity to present at local, regional, and national conferences
- + Xavier's Exercise Science majors are prepared to enter graduate studies in fields such as athletic training, exercise physiology, or cardiac rehabilitation
- + 99% of Xavier's Education students pass their state exams
- + Xavier's Sport Marketing majors intern with local or regional sports organizations like the Cincinnati Reds
- + Xavier's Criminal Justice majors can take a class alongside people in prison to work together on the challenges of reentry
- + All of Xavier's Health Services Administration students complete a required internship to apply what they learn in the classroom and start to build a professional network





## Student Outcomes

The College of Professional Sciences provides rigorous coursework, integrative learning opportunities, and sets students on a path towards success as they head into the real world. 99% of graduates from the college are employed full-time, enrolled in graduate school, or working in a volunteer position within 6 months of graduation.

### Some top employers of graduates from the College of Professional Sciences include:

- + Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- + Mercy Health
- + Xavier University
- + Christ Hospital Health Network
- + Cincinnati Public Schools
- + Total Quality Logistics
- + TriHealth
- + Good Samaritan Hospital
- + Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- + AmeriCorps VISTA

## Xavier and the Queen City

One of the best parts of being a Musketeer is learning in the growing and thriving city of Cincinnati. Cincinnati is home to multiple Fortune 500 companies and nationally recognized hospitals where many students find employment and internship opportunities. Some of these companies include Kroger, Procter & Gamble, and American Financial Group.

While Cincinnati is bustling with professional opportunity, it's also the center of a social scene like no other. The Queen City has multiple activities such as BLINK, ice skating in Fountain Square, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, major sports events, museums, Riverbend Music Center, and so many others.

There's no shortage of chances for fun and excitement with Xavier located in the heart of such an energetic city.

## Next Steps

Imagine yourself as a Xavier Musketeer? Plan a visit to campus at [xavier.edu/visit](https://xavier.edu/visit)

If you want to connect with your Admission Counselor, please contact [xuadmit@xavier.edu](mailto:xuadmit@xavier.edu) or at 513-745-3301.

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