

Student Financial Aid Newsletter

Dear Xavierites,

In an effort to keep you informed regarding updates and changes on student financial aid, we will periodically send a financial aid newsletter to all students. Please take the time to read the information below, as it includes many valuable resources pertaining to your student financial aid for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. We will continue to send newsletters as important information becomes available. Our goal is to receive your feedback which will empower us to serve you better and be more effective with the hopes of making our students' financial aid process easier.

Ms. E. Jones, Director

Important Dates

- April 16, 2021 — Last Day to Officially Withdraw from Xavier
- April 22, 2021 — Last Class Day before Final Exams
- April 23, 2021 — Quiet Day
- April 26, 2021 — Senior Final Grades due (Noon)
- April 26-27, 2021 — Contingency Days
- April 28- May 5, 2021 — Final Exams
- May 7, 2021 — All Final Grades Due (Noon)
- May 7, 2021 — Baccalaureate
- May 8, 2021 — Commencement
- June 1, 2021 — Final Day to Submit Summer Financial Aid Application (All Sessions)

Attendance, Swiping Into Classes and Disbursement of Funds

The university's attendance policy requires all students to swipe their Xavier I.D. card in a card reader in order to be counted as present for each class. Students will need to arrive on time for class in order to swipe their I.D.'s prior to the ten-minute grace period. These readers are part of the University's efforts to more accurately and efficiently track student class attendance and continue institutional eligibility for federal financial aid. Attendance for classes 100% ONLINE is tracked based on students accessing Brightspace. Faculty should make sure students are accessing Zoom or any other online software through a link in Brightspace. **Swiping** in classes is mandatory and is the university's way of recording attendance for the disbursement of aid and scholarships. Funds are not **disbursed** until at least 14 business days after the first day of class. First time borrowers must complete a Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) at www.studentaid.gov in order for funds to post to your account. Parent Plus Loan must be applied for at www.studentaid.gov. If approved, the parent must complete a Master Promissory Note at www.studentaid.gov. In the next 3-5 business days after approval your parent will receive an Authorization form that must be emailed back to the Financial Aid Office. If denied, you may receive additional Unsubsidized Loan when the Non Co Endorser Form and Parent Plus denial letter are emailed to the office.



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Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES NEED-BASED GRANT

Have you and/or your parent incurred unusual expenses such as:

- High medical/dental expenses
- Educational debts of siblings
- Child/elderly care
- Loss of employment

Application can be found at xula.edu/financialaid

All inquiries and applications along with supporting documents should be emailed to spcnbrgrant@xula.edu

Action is Required on your Financial Aid Application

Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships



Tips for Verification

- ✓ To start the process: Make sure to check your XULA email for the Verification link.
- ✓ Supply only the documentation requested of you.
- ✓ If you are dependent, your parent must create an account in order to submit their documents.
- ✓ The parent and student must attest to documents under each individual's portal.
- ✓ More information may be requested. Monitor your XULA email for updates.

Summer Applications Now Available!

Applications Can be Found Here:

- ◆ [Undergraduate Students](#)
- ◆ [Graduate Students](#)
- ◆ [College of Pharmacy Students](#)

Forms can be found using these steps:

- www.Xula.edu
- Admissions and Aid
- Financial Aid
- Forms and Resources for Undergraduates and Graduates
- College of Pharmacy Applications are under the College of Pharmacy Tab



XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
Dr. Reynold Verret
President

April 8, 2021

Dear Students,

Your vigilance during this past year has allowed Xavier to open its doors and remain open by keeping our COVID-19 infection rates very low. To continue our shared commitment to each other, we are requiring that all students receive their Coronavirus vaccines before returning for the Fall 2021 semester. Proof of vaccination will be required for all students planning to attend this fall.

Xavier has partnered with many health providers to make vaccines available to you. This includes DePaul Community Health Center and Tulane University Medical Center. I am happy to announce that our efforts to make vaccines as readily accessible to you and our entire community continue with the first of many vaccination events with Ochsner starting this Friday, April 9, 2021. The vaccine being given is the Pfizer vaccine. The Second Dose will be on April 30th on campus. The events above are by appointment only. Please call 844-888-2772 or visit MyXchsner to schedule.

The University will be officially updating its Immunization Requirements for Students to include the COVID-19 vaccine. This health policy update means that, with limited exceptions, all students planning to attend in the Fall 2021 semester must be fully vaccinated unless granted a limited exception for documented medical or religious reasons.

The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination include prevention of serious illness, hospitalization, and death from the virus. The vaccine also prevents your transmitting the virus to your loved ones. Broad immunization is critical to help stop the current pandemic and to protect our University community. Benefits specific to the Xavier community include:

- An expedited return to normal operations
- Expanded face-to-face course offerings
- More student life experiences
- Opportunities for a wider range of events and activities offered at our campus
- More normalized pre-pandemic dining and recreation opportunities
- Greater opportunities for personal interactions between faculty, students, and staff that contribute significantly to your success

Xavier has been a leader in providing a safe campus for our community to continue to learn while remaining healthy and safe. The need to stay the course has never been more necessary. An effective vaccination program will make our community safer for all.

I urge you to take advantage of the vaccines now available on campus prior to the close of the 2021 Spring semester. You will return to your homes healthier, safer, and with the ability to protect your most vulnerable family members. If you have family in the vicinity, we encourage you to register them for the vaccines here on campus and affirm their attendance. You are called as a Xavierite to lead and serve those around you.

With our commitment to each other and those around us, I look forward to seeing you in person for the Fall 2021 semester.

Reynold Verret
President
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Important Notice About Repeated Courses !!

- A student who 'repeats' a course is allowed to include the repeated coursework when determining the student's enrollment status. And, for financial aid purposes, grants/loans may be used to pay for the repeated coursework.
- However, federal regulations were modified to impose **limitations** on repeated coursework with regards to TITLE IV federal funds, which includes Pell Grant, Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans, Parent/Graduate PLUS Loans, Perkins Loan, SEOG Grant and TEACH Grant. **NOTE: other state/institutional aid (grants/loans) may be adjusted as well only IF the reduced Title IV federal cost-of-attendance results in less eligibility for state/institutional aid.** These new regulations do not require an institution to allow repetitions nor does it limit how often the student repeats coursework but rather only addresses the *treatment of repeated courses for Title IV purposes*, as below:
- In order to receive Title IV federal funds (as above) for a repeat course, a previously PASSED course may be repeated only ONE TIME and the student may receive Title IV federal funds for this repeated course only ONE TIME. If this passed course continues to be repeated more than once, Title IV federal funds will no longer pay for this repeated course.
- Repeated courses (both passed and failed) will affect Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in that a repeated course (along with the original attempt) must be counted towards the maximum time frame.

Virtual Appointments for Currently Enrolled Students

Set up a virtual appointment with a Financial Aid Associate

All Enrolled Students

Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-12:15pm
Tuesday 12:30pm-4:00pm

*Late Day Tuesday (first 3 months of the semester) 12:30pm-6:00pm

You must click "Confirm Appointment" this ensures your appointment time and date

To schedule an appointment:
<https://xula.navigate.eab.com/app/>



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