

XAVIER Confucius Institute



College of Pharmacy

- Students will explore how traditional Chinese medical practices might be applied to alleviate health disparities.
- Through student and faculty exchanges, promote increased understanding about healthy lifestyles, integrative medicine and overall wellness.
- Option for Xavier University Pharmacy students to conduct one six-week rotation at Hebei University.



For more information about the Confucius Institute at Xavier University of Louisiana, please email confucius@xula.edu or call (504) 520-5759



Hebei University

- Xavier's partner institution.
- Established in 1921 in Tianjin.
- Moved to Baoding in 1970.
- Two hours to Beijing.
- 47,000 students in 15 colleges across 56 undergraduate fields, 44 Master's programs and six doctoral degree programs.
- Confucius Institute with Pontifica Universidad Catolica in Rio de Janero, Brazil.

Timeline

- January 2010 - Urban League sends Cultural and Economic Delegation to China.
- February 2010 – Xavier announces plans to establish Confucius Institute (CI).
- May 2010 – Xavier convenes team to explore CI programmatic scope.
- October 2010 – Xavier conducts CI site visits and meets with China's Consul General in Houston, TX.
- December 2010 – Xavier representatives attend Hanban Winter Bridge Conference in Beijing. Meet with representatives from Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology (HNUST) to explore possible partnership.
- March 2011 – China's Consul General visits Xavier
- May 2011 – HNUST delegation visits Xavier, signs partnership agreement.
- June 2011 – Complete Confucius Institute Application and submit it to Hanban.
- July 2011 – Xavier delegation visits HNUST and Hanban.
- November 2011 – Xavier Mandarin course approved by Academic Council.
- December 2011 – Confucius Institute Application approved by Hanban; Xavier delegation attends 6th Annual Confucius Institute Conference to sign agreement with Hanban and Hebei University.
- January 2012 – Mandarin offered at Xavier; first meeting of the Confucius Institute Advisory Committee.
- March 2012 – Confucius Institute Director Selected.
- July 2012 – Xavier students attend language course at Hebei University.
- August 2012 – Confucius Institute Grand Opening.
- Spring 2013 – China and the African Diaspora International Conference.



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Francis XAVIER AND Katharine DREXEL

The Quest for China

Xavier University's founder, St. Katharine Drexel, and its namesake, St. Francis Xavier, shared a reverence for different cultures and the global commonality of the human spirit. St. Francis was among the earliest Catholic missionaries in Asia and was particularly successful with conversions in Japan and India. But China eluded him and he died in 1552 on Sancian Island, what is now Shangchundao, within sight of mainland China. With this unprecedented opportunity to establish a Confucius Institute at Xavier University of Louisiana, we not only reflect St. Katharine's regard for individuals of diverse ethnicities and cultures, but revisit St. Francis' own intention to reach China.



XAVIER At A Glance



- 3,400 students (2,500 undergraduates)
- Strong liberal arts foundation
- Graduate programs in Pharmacy, Theology, and Education
- Only historically black and Catholic university in the country
- Exceptional reputation in the health sciences



For the past 15 years, Xavier has been among the top producers of African American pharmacists in the country. Xavier also places more African American students in medical and dental school than any other college or university.

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Why Xavier?

- More than 300 Confucius Institutes worldwide.
- 87 Confucius Institutes throughout the United States.
- Several Catholic Universities have also established Confucius Institutes.
- Xavier is the FIRST HBCU to establish a Confucius Institute. With its unique legacy as a historically black and Catholic university, Xavier will be a notable addition to the international Confucius Institute network.



Languages Department

- Six credit hours of Mandarin to satisfy language requirement in Core Curriculum.
- Non-degree options for transient students.
- Mandarin courses infused with cultural enrichment.
- Native Mandarin instructor from partner institution, Hebei University.

Division of Education

- Partnerships with Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School and Lafayette Academy for Mandarin instruction.
- Enroll native Mandarin speakers in the Division's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and train them to become certified Mandarin instructors for the K-12 school system.
- Sponsor faculty exchanges with partner university to explore differences and similarities across the US/Chinese education systems.

Fine Arts

- Joint programming with the New Orleans Museum of Art, Asian Collection.
- Exchange opportunities for Xavier faculty and students to study ceramics, printmaking, calligraphy, and facets of China's artistic traditions.
- Platform for Chinese faculty and students to study jazz, second lines, and other musical, cultural traditions unique to New Orleans.