Our programs open the doors to other cultures and offer you many exciting options for future professional development, giving you access to a rainbow of communities and civilizations. YOU will take your rightful place as someone who has much to contribute to the complex and challenging global economy of the 21st century.

Xavier language alumni have pursued graduate and professional degrees in business, medicine, education, fine arts, performing arts, law, international affairs, psychology, sociology, languages, and literature. They have served the national and international communities in these and other disciplines. They serve on prominent nationally and internationally recognized governing boards, and as university presidents and vice presidents.

Currently, Xavier language alumni are distinguishing themselves in American and international medical schools, and are serving as members of the US Foreign Service, the Peace Corps, the White House Press Corps, the US House of Representatives Page School faculty, the Congressional Black Caucus Fellows Program, and in national and international medical, legal, educational, and artistic professions.

The Xavier Department of Languages offers majors and minors in French and Spanish, a minor in German, instruction in American Sign Language and Latin, and coursework in Japanese through the consortium with Loyola. Language majors and minors have access to summer, semester, and full year abroad study through the Center for International and Intercultural Programs (CIIP). Most upper level students in the Department earn part of their required credits through immersion study in a country where their language of choice is spoken. These students return to Xavier with advanced level language skills and a new world perspective.

Our faculty is composed of instructors from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds and nationalities. Because of the nature of language instruction, students are exposed to a diversity of cultures and perspectives both in the structure of their courses and in contact with their professors. Combining exciting and enriching instruction with the latest in classroom technology, our classes are small. You will receive the personal attention you deserve at all levels of instruction.

In addition to traditional classrooms, the Department of Languages offers instruction in electronic classrooms with multimedia facilities, computerized teaching laboratories, and seminar rooms for upper level classes. The University also has many computer laboratories for students, equipped with both Macintosh and PCs. Many skill levels course features Internet enhanced instruction, online homework, and instructor developed multimedia programs.

Our mission is to provide undergraduate and graduate students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the languages and cultures of the world. We commit ourselves to the creation of a more just and humane society, the Department of Languages exemplifies a pluralistic teaching and learning environment through the example of our diversity. We infuse our courses with a multicultural, multiesthetic content, committing ourselves to counter the inexcusable and too frequent omission of the African continental and Diaspora presence in the teaching of languages and literatures, while at the same time incorporating a global perspective which prepares students for their professional and personal lives in the third millennium.

Through our own diversity, our varied research interests, and our dedication to a pluralistic and integrated pedagogy, the Department of Languages works to advocate a sound intellectual dialogue, a rigorous and progressive academic formation, and a commitment to stand firm against all forms of injustice. We engage in the ongoing enhancement of our curricula and dedicate our efforts to making all our courses encompassing, enriching, and challenging.

**Question:** Why do XAVIER students study abroad?

**Answer:** To qualify to live and work in the 21st century!

1. To enhance their language proficiencies and to perfect their intercultural and communicative skills;
2. To learn about, understand, investigate, experience, and enjoy another country and another culture;
3. To study and conduct research in other parts of the world;
4. To facilitate acceptance into and completion of graduate study programs; and
5. To increase marketable skills and opportunities for employment.
Now more than ever language-related career opportunities abound in the United States and elsewhere in every field imaginable, including government, education, business, communications, medicine, social services, law enforcement, research, and others:

1. **International business and finance** — A field that includes understanding and drafting national and international trade treaties; banking and trading with exports and import companies; small and mega-multinational corporations, industries serving international tourists, non-English speaking US populations, and international business within your own city. Employment opportunities with other countries exist at home and abroad.

2. **International law** — Constitutional rights guarantee adequate counsel and representation, which can only be achieved through competent employment. Employment can be found with local, national, and international legal firms. The World Trade Organization addresses issues that affect international business and the US government.

3. **International medicine** — Opportunities abound for exploring serious world health issues plaguing our planet; engaging in international medical practice and research, accessing international research, working with international and non-English speaking US clients on a daily basis, as in Tulane University Hospital and Ochsner Medical Foundation, major US health facilities that serve countless Latin American patients and other world citizens.

4. **International education** — Employment exists as a study abroad advisor or program director; in international schools at home and abroad; and in US bilingual classrooms. Even the latest developments in technology must be translated and taught in different languages.

5. **Telecommunications and international journalism** — The professional or personal exchange of information and ideas in government, commerce, law, education, and the arts requires fluency in other languages.

6. **Information brokers** — Information, wealth, manufacturing, and technology brokers are as important to international commerce today as stockbrokers are to financial markets.

7. **Diplomatic relations, conflict resolution negotiations, politics, urban policy development** — Second and third languages are essential for many government assignments as well as for many federal and state employment positions at the city, state, national and international levels. You can even formulate national foreign policy and help establish world peace.

8. **Entertainment** — Entertaining the world community in music, dance, theater, fine arts, and film is a multilingual, multicultural enterprise that involves protecting US intellectual creative properties in a global industry.

9. **International travel and tourism** — This is a mega industry for personal and professional enhancement.

10. **Technology** — Technology is an international commodity that can be bought and sold based on communicative and cultural understandings. Effective use of the global Internet requires multilingual competencies, a multicultural understanding of technology, as well as an international familiarity with priorities, design, listings, and other consumer preferences.

Finally, language competencies and fluency are rewarding for one’s personal development; to enjoy literary masterpieces and original works of literature, music, philosophy, psychologists, politicians, etc.; for pleasant conversations; and to acquire items of clothing, art, living and travel accommodations.

**Languages are your keys to the world!**