

Introduction

Xavier University of Louisiana's *University Profile 2018–2019* is a collection of statistical data, charts, and graphs compiled by the Office of Planning, Institutional Research, and Assessment. This summary provides an overview of particularly significant university academic attributes, such as student enrollment and characteristics, retention rates, graduation rates, expenditure per student, faculty distribution, and student/faculty ratios. Historic as well as current information is provided. Census information is based on the fall 2018 enrollment, four weeks after the start of the semester.

Xavier is our nation's only historically Black, Catholic university. Founded nearly one hundred years ago in 1925 by *Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament*, Xavier is a coeducational institution. The university, located in the heart of New Orleans, is administered by a diverse Board of Trustees composed of religious and lay members committed to its mission — to promote a more just and humane society.

Xavier is composed of the College of Arts and Sciences (six divisions, including graduate programs in the Division of Education and Counseling) and the College of Pharmacy. Xavier offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Public Health, Master of Theology, Doctor of Education, and Doctor of Pharmacy.

Enrollment for Fall 2018 was 3,231 students, of which 74.6% are female. Race/ethnicity categories are listed within the *Profile*. At Xavier, African American students comprised 71.6% of the total headcount; Asian 9.4%; White students, 5.4%; Two or more races, 3.5%, and Hispanic 4.2%. The pool of this year's 865 new freshmen to the university represents 38% from outside of Louisiana. The average SAT and ACT scores for entering freshmen this year are 1075 (*new scale*) and 22.8, respectively.

A total of 500 degrees were awarded during the prior academic year 2017-2018; 303 - Bachelors, 32 - Masters, 2 – Doctor of Education, and 163- Doctor of Pharmacy degrees.

During the academic year, Xavier students receive instruction from 223 (full-time) faculty members of diverse educational backgrounds and professional credentials; there are 461 (full-time) staff members.

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Mission Statement

Xavier University of Louisiana, founded by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, is Catholic and historically Black. The ultimate purpose of the University is to contribute to the promotion of a more just and humane society by preparing its students to assume roles of leadership and service in a global society. This preparation takes place in a diverse learning and teaching environment that incorporates all relevant educational means, including research and community service.