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Xavier University of Louisiana partners with Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business to provide specialized master's degrees

The University of Notre Dame's [Mendoza College of Business](#) is announcing a new partnership with [Xavier University of Louisiana](#) to admit students to the College's graduate business programs.

The partnership will provide new career pathways to Xavier students with the shared mission of developing leaders who contribute to the global society through business. The agreement guarantees admission of four qualified Xavier students to each of the following [specialized master's programs](#) offered by Mendoza: [Master of Science in Accountancy](#), [Master of Science in Business Analytics](#), [Master of Science in Finance](#), [Master of Science in Management](#) and the [Master of Nonprofit Administration](#).

"We're pleased to partner with Xavier to prepare talented students for the next step in their careers," said [Martijn Cremers](#), the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business. "As Catholic universities, we share a common goal to develop leaders who contribute to the human community."

Xavier University of Louisiana, founded by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, is the nation's only Catholic and historically Black University. Xavier's mission 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."

"Xavier University of Louisiana appreciates the opportunity to partner with the Mendoza College of Business, which will provide Xavierites the chance to pursue a post-graduate degree at another Catholic institution," said [Anderson Sunda-Meya](#), Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Xavier University of Louisiana.

With a current enrollment of 3,181 students, Xavier's major academic units are the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Pharmacy. Degrees awarded include baccalaureate degrees as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, public health sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, health informatics, and speech-language pathology. The University also offers doctorate programs in educational leadership and pharmacy, and awards a master of theology degree through its Institute for Black Catholic Studies.

"At the Division of Business, our mission is singular: to prepare tomorrow's socially responsible leaders," said [Cary Caro](#), Ph.D., division chair of the Division of Business at Xavier. "We achieve this by fostering relationships with the global business community to offer our students opportunities for career advancement. This partnership exemplifies that mission."

Mendoza College of Business' specialized masters are intensive, one-year programs that prepare students for successful careers through a focused curriculum. Taught by renowned business faculty on the Notre Dame campus, the programs include experiential learning opportunities so students can apply what they learn in the classroom to real-life business problems. The specialized masters are intended for students who typically just completed their undergraduate degrees and have little or no work experience.

“We are committed to attracting a diverse pool of talented candidates to our programs and this collaboration with Xavier University of Louisiana is a significant step towards reinforcing that commitment,” said [Tahra Taylor](#), associate director of Graduate Business Career Development at Notre Dame and an alumna of Xavier. “I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to welcome students from this new partnership into our Notre Dame community.”

For more information about the Mendoza College of Business’ portfolio of specialized master’s degrees, contact Stephanie Brown, associate director of recruiting and admissions, at go.mendoza@nd.edu or visit Mendoza.nd.edu.



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About Xavier University of Louisiana

On the cusp of celebrating its first 100 years of service, Xavier University of Louisiana remains America’s only historically Black and Catholic University and is ranked among the top HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in the nation. Recognized as a national leader in STEM and health sciences, Xavier has historically produced more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Additionally, Xavier’s College of Pharmacy is among the country’s top producers of African American pharmacists.

Established almost a century ago in 1925 by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament as a place for African Americans and Native Americans to receive a quality education, Xavier has since expanded its programs in nearly every industry, including the arts, sciences, business, education, pharmacy, and political science. More recent additions in STEM-based master’s programs and undergraduate options in robotics, bioinformatics, engineering, data science, neuroscience, and genetics, have provided Xavier students (3,181 students) an unbeatable experience of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities, and life experiences. Xavier students collaborate with world-renowned faculty and experts in their fields to produce award-winning research and notable work. The winning Xavier formula provides students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls, developing all who choose to learn at the institution into the next generation of leaders and agents of positive change. Blessed with a mission to promote a more just and humane society, Xavier is leading the way to a brighter future for all. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana, visit www.XULA.edu or contact the Marketing and Communications Department at (504) 520-5425 or XULANews@XULA.edu.

About The Mendoza College of Business

The Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame is a premier Catholic business school whose mission is to develop leaders who contribute to human flourishing, cooperate with others in solidarity and compete toward becoming the best version of themselves through serving others. A leader in values-based education with the message of Grow the Good in Business, the College

offers an academic experience that integrates experiential learning, integral leadership development and a community of mutual advancement.

Mendoza degree programs include top-ranked Undergraduate Studies, which offers five majors – accountancy, finance, business analytics, management consulting and marketing. The College also offers doctoral programs in management and analytics; eight graduate degree programs including the Notre Dame MBA and the Notre Dame Global Executive MBA, and several dual-degree graduate programs.