

X-PREP

Summer Institute

Xavier's X-Prep Summer Institute is designed to help incoming freshmen be fully prepared for the rigor of Xavier's curriculum. Students in X-Prep will be taught by full-time Xavier faculty in two distinct courses:

LITERARY ANALYSIS & WRITING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

This course is designed to ensure that all students have the tools necessary to analyze, reflect on, and write about challenging pieces of literature. It will also help to ensure that all students are ready to handle the weighty writing requirements in the humanities courses at Xavier. After practicing the tools of literacy analysis on a few short stories, students in the course will then read *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the most challenging novel on our summer reading list. By the end of the course, students will not only have completed one of their reading assignments for the fall but will also have learned how to read a challenging text with a critical eye. In addition, writing assignments will enhance the students' ability to brainstorm, outline, research, draft, and revise essays effectively. Particular attention will be given to improving grammatical skills and writing style.

ESSENTIAL LEARNINGS FOR SUCCESS IN MATHEMATICS AT XAVIER

It's not uncommon for students who have taken an integrated algebra course in eighth grade to experience some difficulty in Xavier's freshman year Algebra course. This is due in part to the depth of content, the pace of the course, and the high expectations of the mathematics teachers at Xavier. In order to help students bridge the gap between grade school and high school mathematics, "Essential Learnings for Success in Xavier Mathematics" focuses on the fundamental topics that challenge freshmen. Taught by full-time teachers in the school's mathematics department, X-Prep students will be challenged to meet the standards of Xavier mathematics and will be empowered to excel in areas in which they may have encountered past difficulties. The course will review several algebraic concepts that are chosen by the experienced staff of Xavier's mathematics department, including topics determined to be appropriate for the class based on placement and diagnostic exam results.

COST: \$500 | **DATES:** June 29 – July 22, 2026

By officially registering to be a member of the Class of 2030 at Xavier by Wednesday, March 11, 2026, you reserve your spot in X-Prep as well. Final payment for X-Prep is due no later than Friday, May 22, 2026, but can be made any time before then. Please complete registration online.

Our X-Prep Registration Form can be found at xavierhs.schooladminonline.com

Contact the Admissions Office (212) 924-7900, ext. 1442 or admissions@xavierhs.org if you have questions.