

Mission of Lyon's Core Curriculum

The Core Curriculum of Lyon College reflects the commitment of the institution to the liberal arts and is the centerpiece of undergraduate education. This multi-year program of proficiency, core, and disciplinary courses provides undergraduate students with intellectual and practical skills necessary for academic success, to develop the capacity for lifelong learning, and for engaged citizenship. The Core Curriculum develops an appreciation of cultural differences, an understanding of the natural world, and experience with qualitative and quantitative research methods. Combining diverse coursework and meaningful service experiences, the Lyon Core contributes to students' development as reflective and informed humans.

The goals of the Core Curriculum, approved by both the Lyon College faculty and affirmed by the Board of Trustees are as follows:

- **Students will develop the skills that will enable them to be effective communicators.**
- **Students will engage a culture of inquiry and will demonstrate a willingness to ask questions and to pursue multidisciplinary solutions to complex problems. using critical thinking within an ethical framework.**
- **Students will demonstrate an awareness of and respect for the breadth and diversity of human cultures, and their intersection with the natural world.**
- **Students will actively participate in opportunities for service and community engagement through participation in curricular and co-curricular activities.**
- **Students will pursue and develop opportunities for self-reflection and self-examination.**