

Admission to Lyon College

Lyon College seeks to enroll students who can contribute to and benefit from the residential liberal arts education the College offers. Admission to Lyon is selective, and the College draws students from a variety of educational and social backgrounds. Students with lively intellects, a strong work ethic, a capacity for leadership, good character, and emotional maturity will find Lyon to be a supportive and fulfilling environment.

Lyon reviews applicants and admits students prepared for rigor in a very challenging environment and demonstrating strong leadership and activity experience. Because the academic preparation of students in high school is so important in developing their capacity to succeed in college, the enrollment services office, in reviewing applicants' admission materials, pays close attention to the quality of the curriculum available to and taken by them. Prospective students are encouraged to take advantage of the college preparatory curriculum that is available to them during their high-school careers. Ordinarily, qualified applicants for admission are recommended to take at least 15 high school units in the following subjects: English (4 units); mathematics, including algebra I and II and geometry

(3 units); social studies (3 units); natural sciences, including, if possible, one lab science (3 units); and foreign language (2 units). Lyon strongly recommends applicants take a challenging curriculum in the twelfth grade, including mathematics and science courses and, if possible, a foreign language at a level beyond the second year. ACT and/or SAT scores are required for review as well. Lyon acknowledges students' accomplishments in earning high scores on the American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic

Assessment Test (SAT), while recognizing that standardized testing is only one of several factors which can help predict a student's academic success in college. We will "super score" sub-scores from different test dates to see students' highest potential in each sub-section for admission.

Applicants who have earned a General Education Development (GED) certificate in lieu of a high school diploma must submit GED scores with their applications. A minimum GED score of 45 is required. Applicants who have not completed high school or non-traditional-age students (over 21 years old) who have been out of high school for a while without attending another institution of higher learning may be admitted to Lyon on the basis of their "ability to benefit" from a Lyon education. Such a determination is made on the basis of available records of academic performance, standardized test scores, and life experiences.

Lyon is a selective liberal arts institution, admitting students who demonstrate significant academic achievements and are well prepared for the rigorous curriculum of the College. We seek students of varied interests and talents, representative of many social, economic, and geographical backgrounds.

Admission is not limited by age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin of the applicant. Admission to Lyon College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, parental status, physical disability, learning disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational or admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other college-administered programs. Lyon expects students to demonstrate their seriousness of purpose by participating in a college preparatory curriculum throughout their high school careers.