Admission to Lyon College

Lyon College seeks to enroll students who can contribute to and benefit from the education the College offers. 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 an academically rigorous environment and demonstrating strong leadership and activity experience. Because the academic preparation of students in high school or college is so important in developing their capacity to succeed at Lyon, the enrollment services office, in reviewing applicants' admission materials, pays close attention to the quality of the curriculum available to and taken by them.

Lyon expects students to demonstrate their seriousness of purpose by participating in a college preparatory curriculum throughout their high school careers. Prospective students are encouraged to take advantage of the challenging curriculum that is available to them. Ordinarily, qualified high school 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 to 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.

A high school diploma is expected of matriculants to Lyon College. 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 165 is required.

Lyon College respects the high school experience as reflected in official transcripts and therefore admits students on a test-blind basis. ACT and/or SAT, or Accuplacer scores can be submitted to enhance an application if desired and to aid the College in determining financial aid awards and course placement. 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.