WHY ENGLISH AT LYON?

Simply put, Lyon’s English graduates stand out. As the head of a law firm told a recent graduate when hiring him as a legal assistant (out of 200-plus applicants), Lyon’s English graduates rank with those from the Ivy League. Their records show it. They’ve published in national journals for undergraduate writing, like *Thoreau’s Rooster*, *The Alpha Chi Recorder*, and *The Truth About the Fact*, and they’ve even made it into scholarly journals like *Teaching Faulkner* and *Philological Review*. They continue winning accolades in graduate and professional school, with one graduate professor saying Lyon grads are “the best writers I’ve taught in 25 years” and their law school professors selecting them for *Law Review* time and time again.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY

“When I began my freshman year at Lyon, I had no idea what I wanted to major in, but after my first class in the English department, it was easy for me to realize that English is the major for me. The professors have pushed me to be my best, and I have seen my writing skills grow substantially. I actually look forward to English classes. Last semester I was enrolled in *Western Literature*, and I never knew what Dr. Tebbetts had planned for each class. One class we even marched around the building yelling a name from the book we were currently reading. That’s what I love about the English department. There is always something new and exciting to look forward to. I never get bored. I know the professors will challenge me, and I can already see that I will leave college prepared.”

— Cara Tomlinson, ’16

FACULTY

**Dr. Wesley Beal**, Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Honors Fellows Program, is an American literature specialist who recently completed his book, *Networks of Modernism*. He spends six weeks each summer teaching at Arkansas Governor’s School.

**Dr. Ron Boling**, Associate Professor of English, specializes in early British literature. He has won national and international recognition for his scholarship on Shakespeare. On campus, he’s the faculty advisor for *The Wheelbarrow*, Lyon’s annual journal of undergraduate creative writing and art. In 2005, Lyon students named him Teacher of the Year.

**Dr. Helen Robbins**, Associate Professor of English, teaches later British literature and film. She has led several student hiking trips to England, visiting London, Brontë country, and the Lake District, and she contributed to the latest revision of a widely-used college textbook on film. On campus, Dr. Robbins directs the Writing Center, where English majors get valuable practice teaching by helping other students with the finer points of writing. The Carnegie Foundation named her the Arkansas Professor of the Year in 2001.

**Dr. Terrell Tebbetts**, Martha Heasley Cox Chair in American Literature, publishes nationally in a variety of scholarly journals—the Faulkner Journal, the *F. Scott Fitzgerald Review*, the Steinbeck Review, and many others. On campus he advises Lyon’s chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Lyon students have named him Teacher of the Year five times, and the Carnegie Foundation named him Arkansas Professor of the Year in 1992.

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ENGLISH MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

ENG 105 Introduction to World Literature\(^1\) 3 credits
ENG 290 Survey of British Literature I 3 credits
ENG 291 Survey of British Literature II 3 credits
ENG 330 American Literature I 3 credits
ENG 331 American Literature II 3 credits
ENG 363 Advanced Composition 3 credits
Electives in English\(^2\) 15 credits

1 May be used to satisfy core requirements.
2 At least 9 credits must be above the 200 level. Three credits must be at the 400 level. Six credits may be taken in foreign language above the 100 level.

LYON AT A GLANCE

Academic clubs lyon.edu/student-organizations
Art Student League, American Chemical Society, Anthropology Club, Law Club, COBRA Grotto (caving), Harlequin Club (theatre), Honors Fellows Program, Math Club

Athletics
Men: Basketball, baseball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, and wrestling
Women: Basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling

Honor Societies
Alpha Chi (juniors and seniors), Alpha Psi Omega (theatre), Chi Beta Phi (science), Kappa Delta Pi (education), Kappa Pi (art), Lambda Delta (freshman), Phi Alpha Theta (history), Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy), Pi Sigma Alpha (politics), Psi Chi (psychology), Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish), Sigma Tau Delta (English), Theta Alpha Kappa (religion)

Everything Else
Founded: 1872
Enrollment: 672 (Fall 2017)
Minority: 21%
Student-Faculty Ratio: 12:1
Average Freshman ACT: 25
Average Freshman HS GPA: 3.6
Student Organizations: 40 (approximately)
Placement After Graduation: 94% within 6 months
Affiliation: Christian, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Codes
ACT: 0112
SAT: 6009
FAFSA: 001088 (help line: 1.800.433.3243)