Who is Lyon College?

We’re glad you asked! Lyon College is a selective undergraduate liberal arts college located in the foothills of the scenic Ozarks. Founded in 1872, Lyon is one of the oldest colleges in Arkansas. Valued for our small class size, strong student-faculty interactions, and community atmosphere, Lyon has forged a singular identity by combining a deep commitment to outstanding liberal arts education with small town warmth.

Anything is possible at Lyon—with the College’s award-winning faculty, Scottish heritage, highly competitive athletics, outstanding outdoor adventure program, ample opportunities to study abroad, and unique honor and social codes, students have the freedom to take charge of their own future.

What are people saying?

- College Choice: Top 3 Best Colleges in Arkansas
- Princeton Review: A Best Southeastern College 14 years in a row
- U.S. News and World Report: One of Nation’s Best Colleges
- Washington Monthly: Most Socially Beneficial among Arkansas colleges
- Forbes: Listed annually as a Top College
- Princeton Review: One of the Best Liberal Arts Colleges in America
- Victory Media: A Top Military-Friendly Schools

Did you know?

- 48 students studied abroad in 9 countries through the Nichols International Studies program in the 2016-17 academic year.
- 90% of Lyon grads who apply are accepted to medical, dental, pharmacy, and law schools
- 95% of Lyon graduates who take the bar exam pass on their first try
- Graduates’ LSAT scores are in the top 10% at 2 times the national rate
- 14 faculty members have been named the CASE/Carnegie Arkansas Professor of the Year Award
- Since 2012, our student-athletes have been selected as All-Conference athletes 168 times, Academic All-Conference athletes 260 times, and All-Americans 16 times.
Fields of Study

- Anthropology*
- Art (B.A.)
- Biology (B.A. or B.S.)
- Business Administration (B.S.)
- Celtic Studies*
- Chemistry (B.A. or B.S.)
- Computer Science*
- Economics (B.A.)
- English (B.A.)
- Elementary Education (B.A.)
- French (B.A.)
- History (B.A.)
- Individualized**
- International Studies*
- Mathematics (B.A.)
- Music (B.A.)
- Music/Scottish Arts*
- Physical Education*
- Physics*
- Political Science (B.A.)
- Psychology (B.A.)
- Religion and Philosophy (B.A.)
- Spanish (B.A.)
- Theatre Studies (B.A.)

* Students may choose from the indicated minors or any of the majors for their minor.

** Students may develop individualized majors with the approval of their advisor, the division chair, and the provost.

Concentrations & Pre-Professional Programs

- Journalism
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Ministry
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Veterinary
- Secondary Education

Honor System

Independence. Honesty. Trust. Respect. These are the basic elements of Lyon College’s Honor System. Every student signs the Roll of Honor when beginning an academic career at Lyon. During a special ceremony, each student pledges to uphold high standards of academic integrity inside and outside the classroom. Signing the Roll of Honor binds the students together in a relationship of trust and mutual responsibility.

Honors Fellows Program

The Honors Fellows Program is a rigorous course of study that provides highly skilled, motivated students the opportunity to learn, hone their research skills, and exchange ideas in a challenging and supportive academic environment. Honors Fellows work closely with Lyon faculty in small, specially-designed courses to extend their academic experience beyond the scope of the traditional undergraduate curriculum. Honors Fellows have the opportunity to customize their education through course contracts and points, connect with research opportunities, build long-lasting relationships with faculty members, travel domestically and internationally, and enjoy the benefits of living in Honors housing.

Honors Organizations

- 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)

690 students from 23 states & 10 countries

99% receive scholarships & financial aid

12:1 student to teacher ratio

15 average class size

94% of graduates are employed or continuing their education within six months of graduation

1872 Lyon College founded by Batesville Presbyterians

Information based on the 2016-17 academic year unless otherwise noted.