WHY HISTORY AT LYON?

History majors at Lyon benefit from the broad variety of available courses and the differing expertise of the faculty in various genres and subjects. The history program emphasizes research, critical thinking and writing, and students receive individualized attention because of a student:faculty ratio of only 15 to 1. They also work closely with faculty in the Senior Seminar, where they conduct research and prepare a major paper.

A special option is the Celtic Studies minor, which emphasizes Celtic history and culture. Courses include the Scottish Enlightenment, Scottish clubs and societies, Irish film, the British Empire, and introductions to Scottish, Irish, and British history. Students also have the opportunity to take courses covering Celtic mythology, music, film, literature, religion, and art. Lyon is the only college in the south-central region to offer Celtic Studies.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY

“Lyon’s history program stands out because, although the professors each have their own specific area of research, it is not uncommon to see them sitting in on each other’s classes or discussing their classes with one another. If one were to take a class twice, it wouldn’t be the same, because the professors are constantly improving and implementing new and interesting ideas, thoughts, and facts—many of which are found through their friends and colleagues in their fields.”
—Scott Campbell, ’14

FACULTY

Dr. Edward Tenace, Associate Professor of History, joined the Lyon faculty in 1997. He previously served as chair of the humanities division. His favorite writers include Edward Abbey, James Galvin, Morris Berman, Gore Vidal, Ian Frazier, Robert Fisk, Gwynne Dyer, and Paul William Roberts.

Dr. Mark Wallace joined the Lyon faculty in 2015. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Scottish History from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, writing his dissertation on eighteenth-century clubs and societies with a specific focus on the freemasons. His areas of scholarship, research, and teaching include Enlightenment Scotland, Scottish and British history, culture, and society from the sixteenth to the twenty-first centuries, and the British Empire.

Dr. Brian D’Haeseleer, Assistant Professor of History, specializes in modern US foreign policy with an emphasis on US-Latin American relations. He teaches a broad range of US history classes, including surveys and upper level courses reflecting his research interests.
HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

HIS 101  The United States I 3 credits
HIS 102  The United States II 3 credits
HIS 201  Western Civilization I1 3 credits
HIS 202  Western Civilization II1 3 credits
HIS 280  Historiography and the Historical Method 3 credits
HIS 480  Senior Seminar 3 credits
One U.S. history course (300 level or above) 3 credits
Four non-U.S. history courses (300 level or above) 12 credits
Two additional history courses (300 level or above) 6 credits

1 These courses are the required common core in the sophomore year.

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)