WHY RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY AT LYON?

The religion and philosophy program promotes interdisciplinary thinking and the development of liberal-minded individuals who consider opposing beliefs and differing viewpoints fairly. The program also emphasizes ethics and civic education, which are the cornerstones of the new core curriculum. Lyon’s core promotes civic education, challenging students to engage with issues outside of the classroom.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY

“I took Philosophy of Art and absolutely bloomed, and, when taking Feminist Thought, it was as if my brain was growing like never before. I was writing better and asking better questions. I found myself doing reading on my own volition without its being required.”

—Mary Anne Gunter, '14

FACULTY

Dr. Paule Bube, W. Lewis McColgan Professor of Religion, is faculty advisor for the Honor Council and works with the freshmen and transfer student orientations. He sponsors the Wesley Fellowship and the Black Student Association and is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Batesville.

Dr. Martha Beck is Professor of Philosophy. She was resident faculty mentor for Young House, the upper-class residence halls, for seven years between 1996 and 2006. She led Nichols travels trip to Greece in 2000, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, and 2013. She serves as faculty advisor for “Friends of Sophia,” the religion and philosophy student organization. She is a board member of the Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice and the Olympia Center for Greek Philosophy and Culture, located in Olympia, Greece.
**RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

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Seven additional courses in religion and philosophy. For these courses, students may choose one of three emphases—religion, philosophy, or ethics.

And the capstone course:

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¹ May be used to satisfy core requirements.

**RELIGION EMPHASIS OPTIONS:** Introduction to Ethics, Christian Ethics, Jesus and the Gospels, The Early Church, The Middle Ages, Philosophy of Religion, The Byzantine Empire, The Reformation, Topics in Religion, International Travel Course, Independent Study, Practicum

**PHILOSOPHY EMPHASIS OPTIONS:** Business and Professional Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Art, Feminist Thought, Ancient Political Philosophy, Modern Political Philosophy, Environmental Ethics, Topics in Philosophy, Virtue Ethics, Plato Seminar, Independent Study, Practicum

**ETHICS EMPHASIS OPTIONS:** Introduction to Ethics, Logic, Business and Professional Ethics, Feminist Ethics, Christian Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Independent Study, Practicum

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**LYON AT A GLANCE**

**Academic clubs** [lyon.edu/student-organizations](http://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)

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