

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Program Mission Statements

- **ANTHROPOLOGY:** The Lyon College Anthropology Program provides students with opportunities to explore the cultural and physical aspects of humanity. With a commitment to holistic thinking, an education in anthropology will equip students to excel in the increasingly multicultural society.
- **EDUCATION:** We believe, along with the National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education, that each child, regardless of gender, race, creed, family background, exceptionality, or socioeconomic status, has a right to be taught by a qualified teacher, a teacher who can help each child become all he or she can be. Likewise the citizens of our republic have a right to expect their common schools to bring the immature of society into full maturity as responsible citizens of a democratic social order. The people know a proper education makes a free people wise and they have every right to expect teachers to provide their children with such an education. Our intent, therefore, is to create a program for teachers that will bring that vision into practice.
- **PSYCHOLOGY:** The psychology program encourages inquiry into the empirical study of human and animal behavior. Majors in psychology develop an understanding of the social psychological and biological causes of behavior and are allowed opportunity to apply that learning in research, professional, and personal settings.

Mission Statement for ART

The Art Major offers a rich and diverse range of investigations across the disciplines of art making and art history. Integrating extensive liberal arts offerings with a broad studio experience, majors may choose to balance exploration with focus in a particular area as preparation for graduate school or future work in an art-related field. Through art courses students develop the necessary knowledge, technical skill, and commitment to work as an artist today. Students are immersed in a creative learning environment, and encouraged to cultivate an approach to art making that is informed by traditional two and three dimensional art practices, experimental approaches, and new digital technologies. Students are encouraged to connect their art education to the opportunities available at an excellent liberal arts college.

Mission Statement for Music

The music major fosters strong skills in musical performance and introduces students not only to the canon of Western art music but also to various non-Western and popular idioms. It develops skills in analysis and interpretation as well as in performance that students can apply to a wide variety of musical styles.

Mission Statement for Theatre

Theatre at Lyon College is taught as a liberal art in accordance with the mission of the college. Theatre students are prepared to advance to a professional career, if they choose. They are prepared to attend graduate school. They are prepared to enter the teaching profession. They are also prepared for careers in which their theatre background will be of use in the chosen profession, such as law and business. Theatre students examine the art of theatre from a variety of perspectives—theoretical, literary, historical, and practical.

Mission Statements for Programs in the Science Division

Biology

The biology faculty offer a superior education in the biological sciences with opportunities for collaborative research with a faculty mentor. Students are exposed to recent advances in core areas of biology and supporting fields of chemistry and physics. Knowledge of biological literature, experimental methods, and technology are deemed essential. Students who complete the biology program are broadly trained, demonstrate sound scientific reasoning, possess strong oral and written communication skills, and acute analytical capabilities.

Chemistry

The chemistry faculty offer a superior education in the chemical sciences that includes ample opportunity for undergraduate research and individual attention. Students are exposed to the most recent developments in synthetic, analytical, and theoretical chemistry and given the opportunity to acquire practical knowledge of modern chemical and biochemical methods and instrumentation. We seek to produce students who are able to reason scientifically and communicate effectively both with their peers and society as a whole.

Computer Science

The mission of the Computer Science program at Lyon College is to provide students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of the theory, design, and applications of computer hardware and software. This comprehensive understanding of information technology is developed through in-depth study in a variety of areas, to include theory of computation, hardware design, programming and software design, algorithms, programming languages, and operating systems. Through a variety of electives in data communications, database theory and application, and parallel computing the students can further specialize.

Mathematics

The Mathematics program at Lyon College provides students with the opportunity to gain a solid understanding of mathematics, the language of science, and its connections to the scientific disciplines, business, economics, and everyday life. Students are challenged to improve their critical thinking and problem-solving skills while they gain the ability to learn mathematics independently and teach mathematics to others, thus laying the foundation for life-long learning.

Physics

The physics program at Lyon College provides students with the opportunity to develop a fundamental basis in physical laws which forms the foundation for life-long inquiry, creativity, and experimentation. Through the use of theory, example, experiential-based inquiry, technology, and advanced in-depth study, the program provides the opportunity for development of independently creative students and ultimately informed socially aware citizens.

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Message

From: **Terrell Tebbetts**

Subject: L&L Missions

To: **John Peek**

John--

Sorry I didn't send you these earlier, but I thought you already had them from our assessments.

Anyway, here you go.

Terrell

English

Mission:

The English major fosters strong writing, introduces students to the canon of English and American literature and to some non-Anglo literature, and develops analytic and interpretive skills appropriate for the study of literature and for the examined life.

French

Mission:

The French program develops students' skills in written and spoken French and their understanding of literature and culture.

Journalism

Mission:

The journalism concentration prepares students to enter careers in journalism and related fields by equipping students majoring in the liberal arts with professional skills developed in the classroom and in professional settings.

Spanish

Mission:

The Spanish major provides a broad knowledge of Hispanic language, culture, and literature in order to prepare students for careers in education, business, and other fields.

History Mission Statement

In an increasingly integrated and interdependent world, undergraduates need to develop the analytical skills to understand complex global issues and problems. The History Department's primary mission is to train undergraduates to analyze and evaluate the past, to discern patterns, and to make informed conclusions about change over time in order to better understand the present. Students will not only gain a broad foundation in historical knowledge but will also learn to evaluate and interpret primary and secondary texts, and to investigate issues, problems, and questions using historical methodologies. The program is designed to prepare students for opportunities in both academic and non-academic historical settings as well as a wide-spectrum of professions and careers. But most important of all, is the mission to contribute to the general education of all students in order to promote lifelong learning and a more informed citizenry.

RPH Mission Statement, 2006

Religion and philosophy play a central role in a good liberal arts education, providing students the occasion to raise questions and reflect upon the most basic issues they confront in their lives, in other disciplines, and in the society in which they live. In keeping with our Christian heritage of reasoned faith the Religion and Philosophy program encourages students to understand positions different from their own sympathetically, to evaluate them critically, to express their understanding clearly and cogently, and to formulate their own point of view thoughtfully.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

Students in the Political Science program at Lyon College examine such enduring concepts as freedom, justice, equality, order and power; explore the practical and ethical dimensions of contemporary issues; and compare political systems and institutions throughout the world through an array of curricular offerings, internship programs and study abroad opportunities. The study of Political Science provides students with a deeper understanding of the nature and responsibilities of citizenship and of the ways in which governments, political institutions, and processes impact our lives individually and collectively. It also provides a strong foundation for a range of careers and professions, including public service.

Mission Statement of the Accounting Major

Within the mission of the Business and Economics Division, the Accounting Major seeks to prepare students who understand how to generate, analyze, interpret and use accounting information produced by organizational information systems. Students who master the discipline will be prepared for graduate level academic work, and entry level positions in public accounting firms or business, government and not-for-profit organizations.

Business Administration Major Mission Statement

The mission of the Business Administration Major is to promote the development of analytical, creative, and reflective thought in students regarding the ideas, theories, concepts, and conduct of businesses. The Business Administration Major seeks to build an understanding of business values, issues, practices, processes, and systems.

Mission Statement of the Economics Major at Lyon College

The Mission of the Economics Major at Lyon is to promote students' learning of the economic way of thinking with a quality experience in the liberal arts education. As such the courses are designed and taught in a way that facilitates development of students' ability in economic reasoning with a rigor in qualitative and quantitative thinking, and in developing objectively informed and analyzed views of business, institutions, and society.

International Business Track Mission Statement

The mission of the International Business Track in Business Administration is to promote the development of analytical, creative, and reflective thought in students regarding the ideas, theories, concepts, and conduct of business in an international context. The International Business Track seeks to build awareness and sensitivity to cross cultural values, issues, and practices.

Human Resource Management Track Mission Statement

The mission of the Human Resource Management Track in Business Administration is to promote the development of analytical, creative, and reflective thought in students regarding the ideas, theories, concepts, and conduct of business at the micro and macro levels of organizational interaction. The Human Resource Management Track seeks to build awareness and sensitivity in the management of employee support processes and practices.

Management Track Mission Statement

The mission of the Management Track in Business Administration is to promote the development of analytical, creative, and reflective thought in students regarding the ideas, theories, concepts, and conduct of general management in organizations. The Management Track seeks to provide a broad exposure to business processes, practices, and policies.

Finance Track Mission Statement

The mission of the Finance Track in Business Administration is to promote the development of analytical, creative, and reflective thought in students regarding the ideas, theories, concepts, and centered on corporate finance topics. The Finance Track centers on managerial finance issues and practices.