

CENTRE COLLEGE

Profile: Class of 2008

Character and Nature of Centre College

Founded in 1819, Centre is ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as a top-50 national liberal arts college. While the College's teachers are active in research, their primary focus is the academic and personal growth of their students. Centre has produced two-thirds of Kentucky's Rhodes Scholars in the last 50 years and has produced 22 Fulbright winners in the last 10 years. Centre is a residential, entirely undergraduate college; 98 percent of students live on campus.

Graduation Requirements

Centre offers two degrees: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. Students must complete 111 credit hours and earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to graduate. The College's broad-based curricular requirements include competency in expository writing, a foreign language, and mathematics. Two lab science classes, two social studies courses, courses that explore "fundamental questions," a first-year seminar, and a year-long humanities sequence are also required, in addition to specialized courses in the major or majors.

Top Five Majors

1. Economics/Financial Economics
2. English
3. History
4. Government
5. Biology

Admission Data for Class of 2008 (entering fall 2004)

Entering Class Size: 297

Average High School GPA: 3.766

ACT Composite mid-50 percent: 25 to 30

SAT mid-50 percent: verbal 600-700, math 570-670, combined 1,200-1,340

Class Rank: 61 percent of first-year students were in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class

Geographic Distribution: 23 states/3 foreign countries

Graduating Class Size: 278

Four-Year Graduation Rate: 84 percent

Faculty Profile

"No university faculty compares with Centre's in the impact it has on the growth of young minds and personalities"

—Loren Pope, *Colleges That Change Lives*

The emphasis at Centre is on teaching and collaborative research with students.

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10.8/1

Average Class Size: 19 students

Ph.D./other terminal degree: 98 percent

National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE)

Centre students are exceptionally engaged in all five benchmark education categories measured by NSSE. For example, in the categories of Enriching Educational Experiences and Level of Academic Challenge, the scores of both Centre first-year students and Centre seniors were higher than the scores from more than 90 percent of all "high performing national" institutions listed by NSSE.

In all five benchmark areas, Centre scores outranked those from more than 80 percent of all national liberal arts colleges. National liberal arts colleges, as a category, are normally considered the most selective and challenging among all undergraduate institutions of higher learning.

NSSE results are based on surveys completed by approximately 225,000 randomly selected first-year students and seniors from 518 institutions. They measure student engagement in five key benchmark areas: Level of Academic Challenge, Active and Collaborative Learning, Student Interactions with Faculty, Enriching Educational Experiences, and Supportive Campus Environment.

GPA Distribution of 2008 Graduates

Top 10 percent: 3.747

Top 20 percent: 3.582

Top 30 percent: 3.448

Mean Freshman GPA: 2.996

Mean Senior GPA: 3.296

Mean Cumulative GPA: 3.232

Median Cumulative GPA: 3.252

Study Abroad

Centre has one of the nation's top-10 study abroad programs, with permanent off-campus programs in England, France, and Mexico; exchange programs in Japan, Northern Ireland, and England; and shorter trips to a variety of countries, including Vietnam, Israel, India, Italy, and the Bahamas.

Eighty-three percent of the Class of 2008 studied abroad at least once while at Centre. Twenty-seven percent participated two or more times.

Internships

All Centre students are guaranteed the opportunity to tailor their education through an internship. Students can complete internships for academic credit or apply for the competitive Internship Plus, which provides matching grants for selected internships. Forty-eight percent of the class of 2008 participated in an internship.

Internships for the Class of 2008 included: Mayan Mountain Research Farm, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Flame Run Gallery & Studio, The Council of Hemispheric Affairs, Breakthrough Collaborative, Summerbridge Louisville, Dana-Farber Cancer Center, University of Arizona, Save the Children, and In Every Language, LLC.

Post-Graduate Plans

	Class of 2006	Class of 2007
Immediate Graduate/Professional	33%	32%
Immediate Employment	66%	59%
Not Reported	1%	9%

National Honors and Awards

Centre is the only private school in Kentucky with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and Centre students regularly win major undergraduate and postgraduate awards. The Class of 2008 includes a French Education Ministry teaching assistantship, DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship (for year's study in Germany), Austrian Education Ministry teaching assistantship, and two recipients of Freeman-ASIA awards (for study in Japan). It also includes 6 Fulbright Scholars, a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, and five graduates teaching in Japan through the competitive Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme.

Volunteer Service

Volunteer service is important to Centre students. Most first-year students participate in a service day as part of orientation. The Bonner Leaders Program, established by major grants from the Bonner Foundation of Princeton, N.J., encourages selected participants to "change the world through service." Centre has a chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the national service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, as well as an active campus organization that helps coordinate volunteer activities.

The Class of 2008 includes five AmeriCorps participants working in three states across the country, and a Peace Corps participant in Africa.

A Sampling of Graduate and Professional Careers for the Class of 2007

Medical School

University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
Vanderbilt University
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
SUNY Buffalo

Law School

Indiana University
University of Kentucky
Capital University
New York University
University of Tennessee
University of Georgia
Pace Law School

Graduate School

Harvard University
University of Minnesota
University of Florida
University of Tennessee
University of Kentucky
Vanderbilt University
La Trobe University (Australia)
Ball State University
William and Mary
Saint Louis University
Wesley Theological Seminary
Arizona State University
University of San Francisco
Georgia State University
University of Cincinnati
University of Wisconsin
Morehead State University
University of Louisville
Eastern Kentucky University

Banking & Investment

Ameriprise Financial
Lehman Brothers Investment Bank
Scottrade

Art

CFM Gallery (Gallery Sales Associate)
The Old Mill- Pigeon River Pottery (Studio Assistant)

Business & Industry

State Farm Insurance (Multiple Line Representative)
Great American Insurance Company (Underwriter Trainee)
Waterfront Development Corporation (Intern)
GAP, Inc / Banana Republic (Manager)
Vector Marketing Company (Pilot Sales Manager)
Norton Commons (Marketing and Advertising)
Marks and Spencer-Compass (Food-Concepts Supervisor)

Communications & Public Relations

Roosevelt Media (Executive Office Manager)
Premier Radio Networks, Radio City Music (Marketing Assistant)
Merrick Printing (Editing Assistant)
Titan Advertising Concepts (Sales Associate)
CityView Magazine (Editor-In-Chief)
Data Concepts Inc. (Graphic Designer)
Centre College (Communications Fellow)

Computers

Morgan Keegan (Support Center Technician)
Exstream Software (Software Developer)
Metaweb Technologies Inc (Data Analyst)
Dell Incorporated (Sales Consultant)

Drama

California Theatre Center (Teacher/Performer)
Northshore Music Theatre (Wardrobe Intern)
Various Film Production Companies (Freelance Grip)
The Olney Theatre Centre (Production Assistant Intern)

Education

Universidad del Oriente (Mexico)(English Teacher)(2)
JET Programme (English Teacher in Japan)(4)
The Language & Cultural Assistants Program (Madrid)(English Teacher)
West Jessamine High School (Instructional Assistant)
English Language Teaching Assistantship Program (Austria)(English Language Teacher)
Dayton Independent Schools (1st Grade Teacher)
Fulbright Scholar (France)(English Teacher)
French Ministry of Education (France)(French Teaching Assistant)

Government

National Park Service (Backcountry Intern)
U.S. Census Bureau (Statistician)
Kentucky Department of Corrections (Offender Information Specialist)
Beshear for Governor (Deputy Finance Director)

Science

AMEC Earth (Field Archaeologist)(2)
Fulbright Grant (Sociology Researcher in Japan)
Vanderbilt University, Department of Medicine (Research Assistant I)
THE Engineering (Engineering Technician)
Rotary Scholar, Universidad Nacional De Cordoba (Argentina)(Biomedical Researcher)
University of Kentucky College of Medicine (Research Assistant)
Cincinnati Children's Hospital (Lab Technician)
Apex Environmental (Environmental Specialist)
Marshall University (Cell Research Assistant)
Procter & Gamble - Duracell (Researcher)
Louisville Orthopedic Clinic & Sports Rehab Center (Physical Therapy Tech)
University of Louisville Hospital (IV Pharmacy Technician)

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