

Student Life

at Centre College

Life at Centre doesn't end at the conclusion of the academic day. Most students at Centre get involved in some aspect of campus life, whether through athletics, student government, volunteering, or an assortment of other choices. These activities, along with informal socializing, provide more things to do than most can take advantage of and are a valuable part of the Centre experience.

A few facts about Centre student life:

- About 98 percent of students live on campus.
- Consistently about 85 percent of all Centre students study abroad.
- About 85 percent of Centre students regularly do volunteer work in the local area.
- About 42 percent participate in varsity sports. Intramural and club sports are also popular.
- Students have voting representation on the Centre College Council, and the Student Government Association president attends board of trustee meetings.

Why get involved in student life?

Student life encompasses every part of a student's existence at Centre College. Most students make lifelong friends, add to their interpersonal skills, and have a better time at school by becoming involved in some of the many out-of-class activities here. Students also find that participating in other things on campus besides academics helps them in the classroom as well.

What sports does Centre offer?

Centre competes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association in Division III and is a member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Schools in Division III don't award athletic scholarships, so the athletes here participate for the pure love of competition.

Centre offers 10 sports for women: basketball, cross country, field hockey, track and field, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, golf, and volleyball.

Centre's male athletes compete in nine sports: baseball, swimming and diving, basketball, cross country, track and field, football, golf, tennis, and soccer.

Is there anything athletic to do if you're not a varsity athlete?

As well as having athletic facilities available for informal use, many Centre students choose to compete in intramural and indoor or outdoor fitness and recreation programs throughout the year.

Exercise and fitness facilities: All students can use the exercise machines, free weights, and three gymnasiums for pick-up basketball and volleyball games. There are also tennis and racquetball courts, as well as the 75-foot swimming pool in Boles Natatorium.

Intramural and club sports: Students organize teams each year for intramural competition in basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, and many other sports.

The College Centre: A \$22-million expansion of the main athletic and academic buildings opened in 2005. It unites Sutcliffe Hall and Crouse Academic Center in a state-of-the-art athletic/recreation and academic complex that reflects Centre's commitment to development of the whole person.



"I've been a resident assistant, a My CENTRE Life journalist, and a member of the Student Government Association. There are so many facets to student life and so many extracurricular activities to do on campus that you can never get bored."

Erin Murphy
Centre Class of 2009
Anthropology/Sociology Major

What's Greek life like at Centre?

Greeks at Centre help in campus events, volunteer in Danville and the surrounding communities, and host great parties open to all students. The four fraternities are Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Chi. The four sororities are: Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

What about academic organizations?

Centre offers many academic clubs and societies. For instance, the American Chemical Society, Economic Society, Law Society, and Pre-Med Society are all on campus. Centre also offers academic honor societies—including the only chapter of **Phi Beta Kappa**, the top national honorary, at a private school in Kentucky—and several academic fraternities based on majors.

What are some of the volunteer activities that Centre offers?

Centre has a number of ways that students can volunteer in Danville and the surrounding areas. C.A.R.E. (Centre Action Reaches Everyone) sponsors everything from food and clothing drives to home-repair projects. L.I.F.T. (Learning Is Fun Together) volunteers provide tutoring and enrichment activities for elementary students. In addition, Centre has an active Habitat for Humanity chapter and Bonner Leader program.

Can I become involved in a student government organization?

The Student Government Association is made up of students and run by the student body president. Student Judiciary is the judicial body of the student population and serves as a disciplinary body for those students who break school policy.

What else happens at Centre?

The Norton Center for the Arts offers a variety of performances, including Broadway musicals, plays, symphonies, performing artists, ballets, and special events such as Stomp.

The Warehouse, our student center, boasts a variety of entertainment features, such as a pool table, foosball, ping-pong, and video games. The Grille takes up much of the second floor and offers convenient, affordable fast food in addition to Internet-connected computers.

Centre has three student publications: *The Cento* is the bimonthly newspaper, *Vantage Point* is the literary magazine, and the school's yearbook is *Olde Centre*.

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