Living on campus is exciting. Ninety-eight percent of Centre students live on campus, so that's where the action is. Games, pizza parties, late-night study sessions, hall programs, movie marathons, and great conversations quickly turn residential life into the time of your life!

Where Will I Live?
Unless you've spent a lot of time away from your house, residence life is going to be a big change. Often it's the most challenging adjustment you'll make at college. But it doesn't have to be! Centre students will tell you that living on campus is fun.

For first-year students a room will be assigned to you by the Housing Director, based on information you give us. You'll find out in mid-July where you'll be living, as well as the name and address of your roommate. The housing brochure you'll receive with this information will give you the rules and specific regulations of residence life.

What are the Residence Halls Like?
Three main clusters of halls dot the campus, which we call the North Side, West Side, and the Old Quad. Each cluster has access to a laundromat, a computer lab, kitchen facilities, ironing boards, vending machines, parking lots, bicycle racks, lounges, and study rooms. Bingham Hall in the Old Centre cluster and the new Pearl Hall are handicapped-accessible.

Every floor is staffed with one or more upper-class Resident Assistants (RAs). These students will be there to welcome you, take care of any technical problems in your room, distribute information, and help resolve problems. Residence Directors (RDs) live on campus and serve as a link between the students, RAs, and the administration.

At Centre, upper-class students are able to live in a variety of housing options including traditional halls, suites, and apartments.

What About Food and Meals?
Eating on campus is varied and convenient. We have three on-campus choices for dining:

- Cowan Dining Commons offers a hot-foods line, an international line, a pizza and pasta bar, a grill for burgers and fries, order-made sandwiches at the deli counter, a soup and salad bar, an ice cream machine, and a dessert bar. Cowan serves three meals a day during the week and two on Saturdays and Sundays. If you miss the main serving hours, Cowan is open between meals for cereal, salad, fruit, ice cream, or a sandwich.

“Residence life at Centre College is like a home away from home, with the relationship between residents and the R.A. being that of a family. As a Resident Assistant, I've had the opportunity to support and encourage my residents to reach their goals that other leadership positions on campus would have been unable to offer.”

Caroline Washnock
Centre Class of 2013
History Major
The Everyday Café is located beside Cowan. There you will find grill selections cooked to order with exciting menu options, an array of fresh salads and sandwiches, Starbucks coffee and milkshakes, and much more!

• The Hall of Fame Café located in the heart of Sutcliffe Athletic Center, features Sandella’s Flatbread and Starbucks coffee.

You’ll choose one of the four different meal plans. Some of the plans have more Cowan meals; others with more Flex Dollars. When you want to eat at Cowan, you scan your ID card at the door, and one meal will be taken off. At The Everyday Café and the Hall of Fame Café, your ID card works like a debit card, using the Flex Dollars that you receive based on your meal plan. Centre Bucks (which is additional money you place on your account), are accepted at the Hub Coffee House & Café, Subway, various pizza shops, and other restaurants in town.

What About a Car?

Students are allowed to have a car on campus. You’ll have to buy a yearly parking permit, which lets you park in any student spot on campus. (A Centre bumper sticker will not suffice—Public Safety officials will ticket you if you don’t have the permit.) If you decide not to bring your car, it’s okay; there are banks, a pharmacy, places to worship, a convenience store, and restaurants within walking distance.

The Time of Your Life

Centre is a challenging school, but it’s also a fun school. You’ll get to know tons of people on this small campus and have more things to do than you can possibly imagine. When you want a change of scene, Lexington is just up the road and Louisville is a short drive away.

Come “Reside” for a Night

These are some tips about residential life at Centre, but the best way to get a feel for the campus is to come for a visit and spend the night. You can also tour the campus, attend a class, and talk to the professors and students.

Tips You Won’t Find in the Viewbook

• Make sure you bring extra-long sheets (36” x 80”).
• Refrigerators must be six cubic feet or smaller; microwaves must be 700 watts or less.
• A personal computer is helpful but not necessary since there are many computer labs on Centre’s campus. All campus residences are wireless.

It’s a good idea to check with your future roommate to coordinate what you’re bringing so that you don’t end up with two of everything.