Life at Centre doesn’t end at the conclusion of the academic day. Most students at the College get involved in some aspect of campus life, whether through athletics, student government, volunteering, or a variety of other choices. These activities are a valuable part of the Centre experience.

A Deeply Engaged Community
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. We have some 86 campus organizations and each year more than 2,000 campus events. You don’t have to pick just one. Since 98 percent of students live on campus, it’s easy to participate—and to find a friend to join you.

Club Sampler
Centre students actively engage in campus life by participating in numerous and diverse student clubs and organizations. Many of these groups have historical or academic roots in the college. Others were formed by student initiative to suit student needs and interests. All of the campus clubs and organizations greatly contribute to campus life. A few options include Greek Life, International Student Association, Centre Players, Knitting Club, and Student Government Association.

Campus Activities sponsors the Activities Expo, an annual fall event where students can get information about organizations and activities, sign up for clubs, and get free stuff. A complete list of student organizations can be accessed online https://centrenet.centre.edu/ICS/New_Campus_Life/Student_Organizations/.

Be a Part of Something Bigger
More than 80 percent of Centre students participate in community service on a regular basis, experiencing the joy of creating positive change in our community, including work with Alpha Phi Omega (national service fraternity), Alternative Spring Break, the Bonner Foundation (service organization), and Centre Action Reaches Everyone (CARE).

Academic Organizations
Centre offers many academic clubs and societies, including: the American Chemical Society, Law Society, and Pre-Health Society. Centre also offers academic honor societies—including the only chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the top national honorary, at a private school in Kentucky.

Centre Athletics
Centre competes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in Division III and is a member of the Southern Athletic Association (SAA). Schools in Division III don’t award athletic scholarships, so the athletes here participate for the pure love of competition. With a winning athletic tradition and commitment to academic excellence, Centre competes in 23 intercollegiate sports—11 for men and 12 for women—with 42 percent of the student body participating. The College also offers 15 intramural sports in which 80 percent of our students participate.

Many Centre students choose to take part and compete in intramural and indoor or outdoor fitness and recreation programs throughout the year, as well as having athletic facilities available for informal use. All students can use the exercise equipment and the 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.
CAMPUS MEETING AND DINING OPTIONS

The College’s Campus Center is a two-story, 50,000 square foot facility. The Student Life Office and the Intercultural Office Suite is located on the second floor. There are also four spaces of various sizes that provide flexibility for meetings, meals, and other gatherings.

Within the Campus Center, there are two dining facilities: Cowan Dining Commons and the Everyday Cafe, that provides an array of sandwiches, wraps, salads, and desserts. There are comfortable gathering and socializing spaces for students, faculty, and staff, including informal seating, fireplaces, and a gaming area that includes billiard and ping pong tables, TVs, and video games.

The Hall of Fame Cafe is located on the second floor of Sutcliffe Hall (the athletics building) and is a favorite hangout for students, faculty, and staff to grab a quick meal or snack. The cafe features Sandella’s Flatbread and Starbucks coffee.

EVENTS

The Norton Center for the Arts on campus offers a variety of performances, including rock concerts, Broadway musicals, plays, orchestras, performing artists, dance troupes, and other special events. Within the 85,000 square foot complex are stunning performance and exhibition spaces as well as exceptional academic facilities for art, music, and drama. The Center’s two theaters have drawn consistent praise from performers and audiences alike.

The Student Activities Council (SAC) also works hard to plan entertaining events such as the Spring Carnival—an annual tradition that features games, inflatables, food, booths, and other activities; midnight movies held at the local cinema; and live musical acts such as Waka Flocka Flame, Hoodie Allen, The Avett Brothers, Girl Talk, Ben Folds, Shooter Jennings, and Moon Taxi.

RESIDENCE HALLS

There are a wide variety of housing options on campus ranging from traditional residential facilities to on-campus houses and apartments. All of our housing options have access to laundry facilities, parking, lounges, and much more, and are maintained by the College’s Facilities Management team. Single rooms are also available to upper-class students.

Every residential facility is staffed with one or more upper-class Resident Assistants (RAs). These students are resources to the students and do everything from reporting technical problems within the residence halls and distributing information to students, to serving as peer counselors and upholding College policies. Residence Directors (RDs) also live in the residence halls and serve as liaisons between the students, the RAs, and the administration.

Everyone at Centre lives and works as a community. Our residence halls provide comfort, convenience, and safety in an environment that promotes respect and responsibility.

HELPFUL FACTS and TIPS

- Refrigerators must be six cubic feet or smaller; microwaves must be 900 watts or less.
- Residence hall mattresses require XL sheets (36" x 80").
- 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.
- Students are allowed to have a car on campus; you must purchase a yearly parking permit, which allows you to park in any student spot on campus.
- There are banks, restaurants, a pharmacy, a convenience store, a post office, and places to worship within walking distance.

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VISIT CENTRE

The best way to judge Centre is to tour the campus, talk to the professors and students, attend a class, and spend the night in a residence hall. We invite you to visit and encourage you to contact the Admission Office if you have any questions.

THE CENTRE COMMITMENT

We back our promise with a deeply engaging and intensely personal education guarantee. If you meet regular academic and social expectations, you will complete all three parts of the Centre Commitment, or the college will provide up to an additional year of study tuition-free.

Centre students will:

- Study abroad
- Have an internship or research opportunity
- Graduate in four years