

# **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. Home to a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, Centre has produced eight Rhodes Scholars, and in

One of the premier intellectual gathering points in its region.

The Washington Post

the last ten years: 5 Goldwater, 12 Rotary, and 23 Fulbright winners. Within 10 months of graduation, an average of 96 percent of students are either employed or engaged in advanced study. About two-thirds of Centre graduates go on to receive an advanced degree.

Centre is a residential, entirely undergraduate college; 98 percent of students live on campus. At Centre, learning doesn't just occur on campus - international study is a way of life, with <u>85 percent of students studying abroad at least once</u> and 25 percent of students doing so more than once. Centre has eight semester-long programs spanning France, Mexico, England, Japan, China, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Spain.

# **Graduation Requirements**

Centre offers two degrees: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. Students must complete 110 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.

# Admission Data for Class of 2014 (entered fall 2010)

Entering Class Size: 367
Average High School GPA: 3.60
ACT Composite mid-50 percent: 26 - 31
SAT mid-50 percent: 1150 - 1360

Class Rank: About 50% of entering first-year students were in the top 10% of their high

school class.

**Geographic Distribution:** 50% from Kentucky (in-state); 50% out-of-state

**Graduating Class Size:** 311 **Four-Year Graduation Rate:** 85%

# **Alumni Satisfaction**

For the second year in a row, Centre College is ranked #1 in the nation for Overall Happiness according to the recently released 2013 *Alumni Factor* guidebook. The Alumni Factor measures six main outcomes—College Experience, Overall Assessment, Financial Success, Overall Happiness, Alumni Giving and Graduation Rate—to calculate its rankings.

# **Faculty Profile**

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10:1
Average Class Size: 17.61
Ph.D. / other terminal degree: 97%

# National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE)

Centre students participate in the NSSE survey annually and the results are encouraging. Seniors report high gains in critical thinking skills, the ability to speak and write clearly and effectively, and to work cooperatively with others. Collaborative learning and working with diverse groups are strengths of Centre's educational experience according to the NSSE results, and students also report gains in the ability to reflect upon and integrate their learning and enhance their quantitative reasoning skills.

According to NSSE, Centre students spend a greater amount of time reading and writing and are challenged to do their best work by their classes at greater levels than peers at other private institutions in the Southeast.

Students also report spending a significant amount of time on academic work while simultaneously being more engaged on campus than at similar institutions in the Southeast.

# The Centre Commitment

The Centre Commitment guarantees students who meet the College's academic and social expectations an internship or (beginning with the class of 2017) a research opportunity, an opportunity to study abroad, and graduation in four years. If a student is unable to secure the components of the Centre Commitment within four consecutive years of enrollment, the College will provide up to an additional year of study tuition-free.

#### **GPA Distribution of 2014 Graduates**

 Top 10 percent:
 3.722

 Top 20 percent:
 3.590

 Top 30 percent:
 3.460

 Mean First-Year GPA:
 2.981

 Mean Senior GPA:
 3.314

 Mean Cumulative GPA:
 3.117

#### **After Centre**

Centre's commitment to experiential education—internships, collaborative research, and community-based learning—means that every Centre student receives valuable real-world experience before graduating. With the ability to participate in internships across the nation and the globe or to complete research with professors, students leave Centre with the kind of real-world experience that sets their graduate school or job application apart from their peers.

# Internships

As part of the Centre Commitment, the College guarantees students at least one internship or research opportunity during their four years. All Centre students are guaranteed the opportunity to tailor their education through an internship, and more than 80 percent of the Class of 2014 conducted collaborative research with a professor or engaged in an internship.

### First Destination

**96** percent of students from the Class of 2013 were employed or in advanced study within 10 months of graduation (of those reporting).

**94** percent of law school applicants in the Class of 2013 were admitted.

**86** percent of medical school applicants in the Class of 2013 were admitted.

# Destination Sampling 2011 & 2012 Centre College Graduates

#### ANTHROPOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY

Shoebuy.com: Team Leader, Billing Abercrombie & Fitch: Manager Trainee

Kentucky Blue Blood Financial: Management Trainee Emerson National Hunger Fellowship: Works with local

organizations

Washington U.-St. Louis: M.A.

Texas State U.-San Marcos: Archaeology Field School

# **ART HISTORY**

Teach for America: Mississippi Delta Sotheby's Institute of Art, NY: M.A.

#### **ART STUDIO**

Community Arts Center: Education Director

U. Pittsburgh: Professional-M.S. Geographical Information

Systems & Remote Sensing

#### BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

AmeriGas Propane: Consumer Relations Rep

Louisville Zoo: Intern

Appalachian State: M.A. Industrial Organizational

Psychology U. Louisville: M.D.

# **BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**

Alltech: Research Intern Johns Hopkins: M.D. Notre Dame: Ph.D. U. Chicago: Ph.D. U. Kentucky: D.M.D.

U. Kentucky: M.D. U. Virginia: M.D.

#### **BIOLOGY**

Q Laboratories: Microbiologist

South Oldham High School: Biology Teacher Boston University: M.S. Biomedical Forensics

Duke: M.A.

U. Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: M.S. Crop Sciences

U. Louisville: M.D.

Washington State U.: Ph.D. Food Science

#### **CHEMICAL PHYSICS**

U. Kentucky: M.A. Medical Physics U. Kentucky: Ph.D. Material Science

U. Louisville: M.D.

### **CHEMISTRY**

Advanced Testing Laboratory: Analytical Chemist Pearson Education Publishing: New Markets &

**Development Intern** 

U. Kentucky: Chemistry Tutor for Student Athletes

Medical U. of S.C.: Research Specialist

Testamerica: Lab Analyst U.S. Air Force: 2nd Lieutenant

Georgia Institute of Technology: Ph.D.

U. Cincinnati: M.D.U. Kentucky: Pharm.D.

#### **CLASSICAL STUDIES**

Indiana U.: J.D.

U. Kentucky: Ph.D. High Energy Physics

U. Northern Iowa: Leisure, Youth & Human Services

#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Jumptap: Smartphone Engineer

JPMorgan Chase: Applications Developer/Analyst Fidelity Investments: Associate Software Developer

HP Exstream: Software Developer Teksystems: Junior JAVA developer Avanade: Associate Software Engineer Lexmark: Network Firmware Test Engineer

#### **DRAMATIC ARTS**

Georgia Shakespeare: Development Manager

Kentucky Shakespeare: Director

Hertz Car Rental: Management Trainee

Trinity College Dublin (Ireland): M.Phil. Theatre &

Performance

#### **ECONOMICS**

Canada's Central Bank: Research Assistant

Berkshire Bank: Junior Analyst

PNC Bank: Advisor, Operations Analyst

General Electric: Intern Summit Energy: Analyst

Toyota: Buyer I

Owingsville Banking: Executive Trainee

Winegardner & Hammons: Department Supervisor

U. Kentucky: J.D. U. Louisville: D.M.D. Vanderbilt: J.D.

# **EDUCATION**

Avalon English Institute, South Korea: English Teacher Diakonie Kindergarten, Germany: English Teacher

Summit Country Day: 4th-Grade Teacher

### **ENGLISH**

Photizo Group: Assistant Editor

Nashville Symphony: Education & Community

**Engagement Assistant** 

Kentucky Educational Television: Associate Producer/

Intern

WDRB-TV: Account Manager

HoneyBaked Ham Co.: Human Resources Services

Centre College: Communications Fellow

Loyola: J.D. Penn State: M.B.A. U. Kentucky: J.D.

#### **FINANCIAL ECONOMICS**

Dupre Financial Group: Research Associate

Humana: Business Analyst

Toyota: Specialist Toyota: Buyer

Commonwealth Economics Consulting: Junior Research

Consultant

Churchill Downs Interactive: Product Development Reynolds & Reynolds: Vendor Communication Specialist

Total Quality Logistics: Account Executive

Mathematica Policy Research: Research Analyst Institut Français du Pétrole (Paris): M.A. Petroleum

Economics Texas A&M: Ph.D. U. Kentucky: Pharm.D.

#### **FRENCH**

Big Ass Fans: Marketing Coordinator

#### **GERMAN STUDIES**

Admissions Associate: Purnell School U. Kentucky: M.A. Historic Preservation

# **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**

Jindal for Governor: Youth Coordinator Congressman Richard Nugent: Scheduler

Ephraim McDowell Health: Marketing & Public Relations

Northern Kentucky U.: J.D.

U. Chicago: Ph.D. U. Louisville: J.D.

Xavier U.: Master of Health Services Administration

#### **HISTORY**

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park: Park Ranger

Thaxton Barclay Group: Insurance Broker

City Year

Frazier History Museum: Intern

Emory: M.Div Harvard: J.D. U. Cincinnati: J.D. U. Louisville: R.N. U. Louisville: M.D.

#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Blue Cross/Blue Shield: Bond Underwriter Accipio Language Services: Spanish Interpreter

Louisville Advertising: Account Manager Total Quality Logistics: Account Executive Reynolds & Reynolds: Customer Solutions

Kentucky Democratic Party Campaign: Field Organizer

IDEX Fellowship, India: Sustainability Teacher

U. Denver: M.A. U. Kentucky: J.D.

# **MATHEMATICS**

Oak Ridge National Laboratory: Nuclear Medicine

Department

Martin J. Wolff & Co.: Account Executive

Teach for America, Chicago: High School Math Teacher Bank of America, Global Government Division: Internal

Audit Intern U. Kentucky: Ph.D.

U. Kentucky: M.D.

U. Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Ph.D.

U. Louisville: M.B.A.

# **MUSIC**

All Saint's Episcopal Church Atlanta: Staff Singer

5/3 Bank: Customer Service Rep Louisville Orchestra: Music Librarian

Boston U.: M.A. Musicology

Colorado State U.: M.M. Voice Performance Ohio U.: M.M. Trumpet Performance U. Kentucky: M.A. Music Therapy

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

Owenboro Museum of Natural Science: Exhibit Illustrator

Memphis City Schools: Teacher

U. Kentucky: J.D.

# **PHYSICS**

Columbia U.: M.S. Operations Research U. Louisville: Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

#### **PSYCHOLOGY**

Aflac: Sales Associate

Gateway Homeless Coalition: Case Manager

Washington U.-St. Louis: M.A.

#### **RELIGION**

Duke Divinity School: Master of Theological Studies Harvard Divinity School: Master of Theological Studies Vanderbilt Divinity School: Master of Theological Studies

# **SPANISH**

Accipio Language Services: Interpreter Bullitt East High School: Spanish Teacher Peace Corps, South Africa: Teacher

