



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
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**SUBJECT:** Permission to Operate in New York State: Centre College  
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### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents renew Centre College's permission to operate its semester away program in New York City for students from Centre College, Rhodes College, and Sewanee: The University of the South for another five-year term?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2025 meeting.

#### **Procedural History**

Pursuant to Section 3.56 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, Centre College submitted an application seeking renewal of permission to offer its semester away program in New York City. The institution was previously granted permission to operate this program at the March 2020 Board of Regents meeting.

#### **Background Information**

Centre College (Centre) is a private institution located in Danville, Kentucky, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Centre participates in a study away consortium with Rhodes College (Memphis, Tennessee) and Sewanee: The University of the South (Sewanee, Tennessee), where each institution oversees a study away program that students from the other institutions may attend. Only students enrolled at one of these three institutions are eligible to enroll in the Centre's study away program in New York City.

During the initial approval period, the study-away program enrolled 38 students from the three institutions participating in the consortium. Students who enroll in the Centre's study away program participate in a six-credit internship. Students simultaneously complete two courses for an additional six credits that apply to their academic program at their home institution. The two courses that students all enroll in are 'New York and Its Peoples, Past and Present' and 'New York Theatre Experience: The Building of a Culture and a Career.'

Program oversight includes an administrator from Centre College who visits the program during the semester. Students receive direct support from the program faculty, an internship coordinator, and their home institutions' career service officers. Additionally, alumni based in New York City serve as non-academic coordinators and interact with students to provide additional resources, supports, and guidance.

Centre College conducts surveys of program participants to determine the success of the study away opportunities. Survey responses are used to identify potential improvements to the program, and several new student support activities are being considered for fall 2025.

Centre College reports that the program continues to meet its goal of preparing students for degree completion and career readiness. Over the initial five-year term, 19 program participants have completed their degree, with the remaining 19 students continuing their academic enrollment at Centre College, Rhodes College, or Sewanee: The University of the South.

### **Related Regents Items**

[March 2020: Permission to Operate – Centre College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/320brca1.pdf)  
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### **Recommendation**

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents renew Centre College's permission to offer its study away program in New York City. This approval will be effective for a five-year period beginning on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2030.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Subsequent renewals of this permission to operate, if sought, will be subject to the terms of Section 3.56 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. If Centre College seeks to renew its permission to operate after its current term, it must notify the Department no later than March 31, 2029.