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Quick Facts about Cottey College

Type

An independent, liberal arts and sciences college for women with two-year and selected four-year programs.

Location

Nevada, Missouri (pop. 9,000), approximately 100 miles south of Kansas City. The campus occupies 14 buildings on 11 city blocks, and a 33-acre wooded recreational area with lodge.

Heritage

Virginia Alice Cottey founded the College in 1884 with the firm belief that women deserved the same quality of education as men. When the founder became a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, she realized the organization paralleled her own goals and ideas about higher education for women.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood: Accepted the College as a gift from Virginia Alice Cottey in 1927, which made it the only nonsectarian college owned and supported by women. The P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic educational organization of approximately 250,000 members, is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for women.

Administration

- **President:** Judy Robinson Rogers, Ph.D.
- **Vice President for Academic Affairs:** Cathryn G. Pridal, Ph.D.
- **Vice President for Administration and Finance:** Mary Haggans
- **Vice President for Enrollment Management:** Rick Eber
- **Vice President for Student Life:** Mari Anne Phillips, Ed.D.

A Cottey Education

Emphasizes high academic standards with unique opportunities for personal growth through residential, cultural and intellectual experiences. More than 8,900 alumnae live throughout the world. Cottey College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment in, its program and activities on the basis of race, creed, national origin or handicap.

Events

Many outstanding cultural events, performances, lectures, workshops and recreational activities are offered without charge to students. To see the events on campus this semester, visit the Performers page on the Cottey Web site.

Organizations

Students can be leaders in more than 40 organizations on campus representing academic areas, cultural and recreational interests or social, religious and volunteer activities.

Residence Halls

Three residence halls each house 100 to 150 students who live in apartment-style suites. Each suite accommodates 10 to 12 students, and includes single and double bedrooms, a living room, large bathroom and a kitchenette.

Services

The Office of Student Life provides leadership development, counseling services and a limited health clinic.

Student Body

Cottey's residential student population of 350 women typically represents 40 states, Canada and over 20 countries. ■

What Should You Pack for Your Freshman Year?



This list contains suggestions on what you might need at Cottey. The rooms and closets are most likely smaller than at your home, so plan accordingly! If you have a roommate, you might want to coordinate the purchase and bringing of certain items. It may be more convenient to purchase some of these items after you arrive in Nevada.

Items Considered Necessary

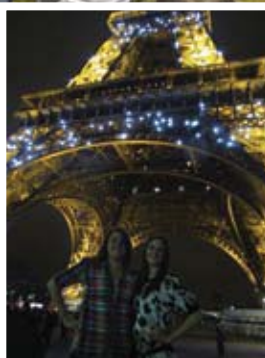
Address books, stamps • Alarm clock • Basket for shower items • Book bag • Calculator • Calendar/daily organizer/planner • Clothes hangers • Desk lamp • Desk supplies • Dresses/dress clothes (for Sunday brunches and special events) • Electric fan • Extension cords • Laundry supplies • Pillow • Posters and pictures • Power strips • Quarters (for laundry) • School supplies • Sheets (standard twin-size) and blankets • Toiletries • Touchtone telephone- one per room (no 2.4 ghz cordless phones) • Towels and washcloths • Umbrella • Wastebasket • White dress for Commencement and Convocation ceremonies • Winter coat

Items Recommended

Bicycle • Camera • Calling cards for telephone (or you can be billed by the Business Office) • Closet/shoe organizer • Curtains (sizes vary) • Dry erase board and marker (for door) • First aid kit • Formal dress • Radio or CD player • Raincoat • 'S' hooks and string/wire for hanging framed posters • Sewing kit • Shelves/crates • Sleeping bag • Throw rug • Tool kit • Videos/DVDs • White gummy poster adhesive such as "Hold It"

Items and Areas Provided

- **...for each student**
Clothes closet • Desk and desk chair • Dresser • Mattress pad • Twin bed (standard size) • Window shade and curtain rod (per window)
- **...in each suite**
Hot plate • Ironing board • Ladder • Microwave • Refrigerator
Most suites are furnished with cooking utensils, dishes, irons, and silverware. Since these are stored by returning students during the summer, they may not be available immediately to first-year students.
- **...in each hall**
Computer suite with 8-11 IBM compatible computers with Internet access, printers, scanners, CD burners • News TV • Oven • Parlor • Recreation room • Quiet study room • Television with VCR/DVD room • Trunk room for storage • Coin-operated washers and dryers ■



Cottey's International Experience

Cottey sophomores spent the first week of break together in Paris (right) and Japan (above) March 6-13, 2011

The sophomore short-term study abroad trips began in 2000 when Cottey College first took students on a trip to London. In the last 11 years, the College has traveled to London, Paris, Madrid, Florence and Rome. Best of all, the program will not cost the students any additional money, either in program or transportation fees or in tuition increases.

Members of the Cottey faculty and staff are involved in the planning. Faculty integrated on-campus instruction and activities with trip preparations. Professors selected for the trip created educational modules related to the professor's discipline or interests to be presented on site.

Of course, it's not all work and no play. Educational modules were scheduled for Wednesday and Friday, allowing

time for individual sightseeing as well as some other group tour opportunities. In addition, all participants attended a farewell dinner on Saturday.

In the last two years, Cottey faculty have offered trips to alternative locations. Students have had the opportunity to spend two weeks in New Zealand at the same time as the European trip, and last year faculty led a trip to Japan. In addition, a Cottey faculty member leads a group to Guatemala for ten days each year over the Christmas break.

Cottey College has always provided a rigorous educational experience for its students. Now students can add a global education to their résumés as well. Where will you go? Your destination will be announced in the spring of your freshman year. ■

Athletics

Cottey College offers volleyball, basketball and softball in its intercollegiate sports program. Cottey is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II, Region XVI. The NJCAA is the athletic association for all two-year colleges. Division II is a mix of small and large two-year colleges. Region XVI is the state of Missouri.

In addition, Cottey competes against other colleges in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Those teams are two-year schools; small, private, four-year colleges; and some junior varsity programs of larger, four-year NCAA schools.

Recruiting

Any prospective student who would like to play basketball, volleyball or softball on the collegiate level should contact the head coach of the sport they are interested in.

Athletic Scholarships

Athletic Scholarships are awarded for basketball, volleyball and softball based on demonstrated ability. Awards can range from \$500 up to the amount of tuition and books.

For more information on Cottey College's athletic program, please contact Athletic Director Dave Ketterman at dketterman@cottey.edu.

If you're interested in competing in running, Cottey College can offer opportunities, although not as an official intercollegiate sport. Competitive runners can find a place to participate at Cottey.

Running

Cottey Running Club members often pool rides and compete at area races. Occasionally the College will cover the cost of a school van to transport several runners to a particular race. Cottey's runners compete in distances from 5K to the half marathon and everything in between. In recent years, the group has participated in Nevada, Missouri's own Ghost Gallop 5K; Bolivar, Missouri's Polar Bear Run 5K and 10K; the Olathe, Kansas, Half Marathon; and Kansas City, Missouri's 4-Mile Trolley Run, the largest four-mile race in the country. For more information on the Cottey Running Club, contact sponsor Steve Reed at sreed@cottey.edu. ■



Traditions

Whether it's a late-night serenade or seeing second-year students at Step Sing in their "Duck Jackets," you'll quickly catch on that traditions are a big part of Cottey campus life. Cottey traditions not only strengthen the bonds of our campus community, they also connect us to our rich and memorable history. Each student determines the extent she wishes to participate in student traditions, and participation is entirely voluntary. Here are some formal and informal traditions you'll enjoy at Cottey . . . but remember, many of our hallowed traditions will unfold throughout the year, surprising and delighting you.

Some of our favorite traditions include:

- **Signing of the Cottey Book** - to begin the school year, new students have signed the Cottey Book since 1935.
- **Hanging of the Greens** - special holiday activities that include creating evergreen wreaths, an interfaith Chapel service, caroling, and a formal dinner followed by a dance.
- **Founder's Day** - welcoming our alumnae back to campus.
- **Pass Downs** - suitemates passing on treasures from previous generations of members of your suite.
- **Campus Work Day** - held in the spring to revitalize campus.
- **Capping** - a ceremony the evening before Commencement.
- **Step Sing** - a memorable musical community gathering.
- **Telling tales of Vera** - the ghost of Rosemary Hall. ■

Clubs and Organizations

More than 40 clubs and organizations at Cottey represent our students' interests in academics, culture, recreation, social concerns, religion, and volunteerism. With all these groups, there are plenty of leadership positions that need to be filled each year. Cottey is a veritable "leadership lab" where young women like you can gain valuable leadership experiences that will help shape your future, your education, and your career path. You'll also be a part of helping to shape student life at Cottey, while developing leadership skills and self-confidence in new areas. For a complete list of campus organizations, check the Leadership Opportunities page on the Cottey Web site.

Many students also become involved in the programs at Cottey's Helen and George Washburn Center for Women's Leadership, which was established to build girl's and women's lives through enrichment, education, and leadership development. The CWL not only brings in special guest lecturers and notable speakers, but Cottey students can get leadership certification through the LEO (Leadership, Experiences, Opportunity) program which provides student leaders with an opportunity to document and receive recognition for their experiences inside and outside the classroom and further develop leadership skills. The LEO program offers four levels of certification. ■

About Nevada, Missouri

Cottey is located in Nevada, Missouri, a town of approximately 9,000 residents. The local climate offers pleasant falls, mild winters and colorful springs as campus and community gardens burst into bloom. Nevada has become the hub for recreational, and educational amenities for the area.



Rural has no bounds - we were not only cited as one of Yahoo's 50 most wired cities and towns (March, 2000 edition) but recently were acknowledged in Washington, D.C., for our outstanding distance-based learning Nevada TeleCenter site.

In addition to our outstanding local museum, you may explore Nevada and Vernon County's heritage by taking a self-guided driving tour of our Victorian and historic homes. Also visit the earliest known Osage Indian Village in western Missouri. Let it take you to the time before pioneers made Vernon County their home.

Be sure to notice the panoramic views of the surrounding countryside with its abundant wildflowers. A little further northeast is the Schell-Osage Wildlife Area, where you can view blue herons, eagles, ducks and migrating waterfowl. Other natural outdoor adventures including hunting and hiking await you at the August A. Busch, Jr. Memorial Wetlands located at Four Rivers, an area known for its archaeological sites and early native Osage inhabitants.

Not only does our historical climate draw global interest and visitors, more than 400 - 500 sports fans converge on weekends for Champion Diamonds tournament baseball and Nevada Speedway races.

Of course there are also beautiful city parks, bowling facilities, a six-screen movie theater, active community theater and choir group, a newly redesigned water park/swimming pool, and an excellent YMCA facility.

To learn more about Nevada and Vernon County, we encourage you to visit the official site of the Nevada/Vernon County Chamber of Commerce (www.nevada-mo.com) and the official City of Nevada site (www.nevadamo.org). You can also keep up with the local news through the Web site of our local radio stations, KNEM/KNMO (www.knemknmo.com), and our daily newspaper, *Nevada Daily Mail* (www.nevadadailymail.com).

Nevada is a great place to call home during your time at Cottey. ■



About P.E.O.

One of the things that makes Cottey unique is its relationship with the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic educational organization that owns the College. These women are dedicated to the cause of furthering education among women and are committed to the advancement of women. They are so passionate about the cause that they go out of their way to make students feel at home at Cottey by sending support and occasional gifts and care packages.

How did the Sisterhood and Cottey come together? In 1926, Virginia Alice Cottey's school had been thriving for 42 years. She was invited to join a local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. While she felt at age 78 she was too old to become a new member, she did see the organization as the appropriate shepherd to take the College forward. In 1927, she gifted her college to the Sisterhood at the convention of Supreme Chapter held in Oklahoma City. Members of the Sisterhood overwhelmingly accepted the gift.

With that acceptance, Cottey became the only nonsectarian college in the United States owned and supported by women for women, a characteristic still true today. The 75-year partnership

between Cottey College and the P.E.O. Sisterhood was celebrated in 2002 at the Sisterhood's biennial convention, held again in Oklahoma City.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic educational organization whose goal is the support and advancement of women's education. The organization began as a college sorority at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1869, and later voted to retain its English letters and off-campus chapters changing from a college group to a community group. Today the P.E.O. Sisterhood has approximately 250,000 members, and is still dedicated to providing educational opportunities for women. To learn more, visit their Web site at www.peointernational.org. ■

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to attend Cottey?

The cost for the 2011-2012 academic year of \$21,900 includes tuition, room and board, and all fees. The only additional expenses you will need to consider are books and personal expenses.

Can I get financial aid?

Yes! Amounts depend on financial need, talents, high school GPA, and ACT and/or SAT scores. To be considered for need-based aid, you will need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

How do I apply? Is there a fee?

Go to our admission page where you can apply online or e-mail us at enrollmgt@cottey.edu and we will mail you a paper application. Please note: There is a \$20 application fee.

What if I have a specific major?

Let us know and we can send you a personalized academic program plan outlining specific courses you should plan to take. While at Cottey, you will work closely with an academic advisor to make sure you are on the right track to achieve a degree in your chosen major.

What degrees are offered at Cottey?

Cottey offers the Associate in Arts, Associate in Arts-Music, Associate in Fine Arts, and Associate in Science; Bachelor of Arts in English, Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, and Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Business.

What is Nevada like?

Nevada is a community of about 9,000 people. It is a fairly self-sufficient town with grocery stores, restaurants, local shops and a Wal-Mart. Additionally, there are several large cities and recreational areas within an hour and a half radius of the Cottey campus.



Are there any guys around?

Yes! Cottey is near several co-ed colleges and universities.

What is the P.E.O. Sisterhood?

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is the organization that owns and supports Cottey College. It is an international philanthropic educational organization of women who support several projects centered on education for women. Cottey is one of those projects.

Do I have to be a member of P.E.O. or be related to one to attend Cottey?

You do not have to have any P.E.O. affiliation to attend Cottey.

May I speak to a current Cottey student?

Yes! Please contact our office using our toll-free number (1-888-526-8839) or e-mail (enrollmgt@cottey.edu) and we will try to put you in contact with a current student.

When can I visit campus?

We have several different visitation programs for prospective students. Check our admission page for specific dates. If those dates do not work for you, contact our office at 1-888-526-8839 to set up an individual visit. ■

Academic Calendar

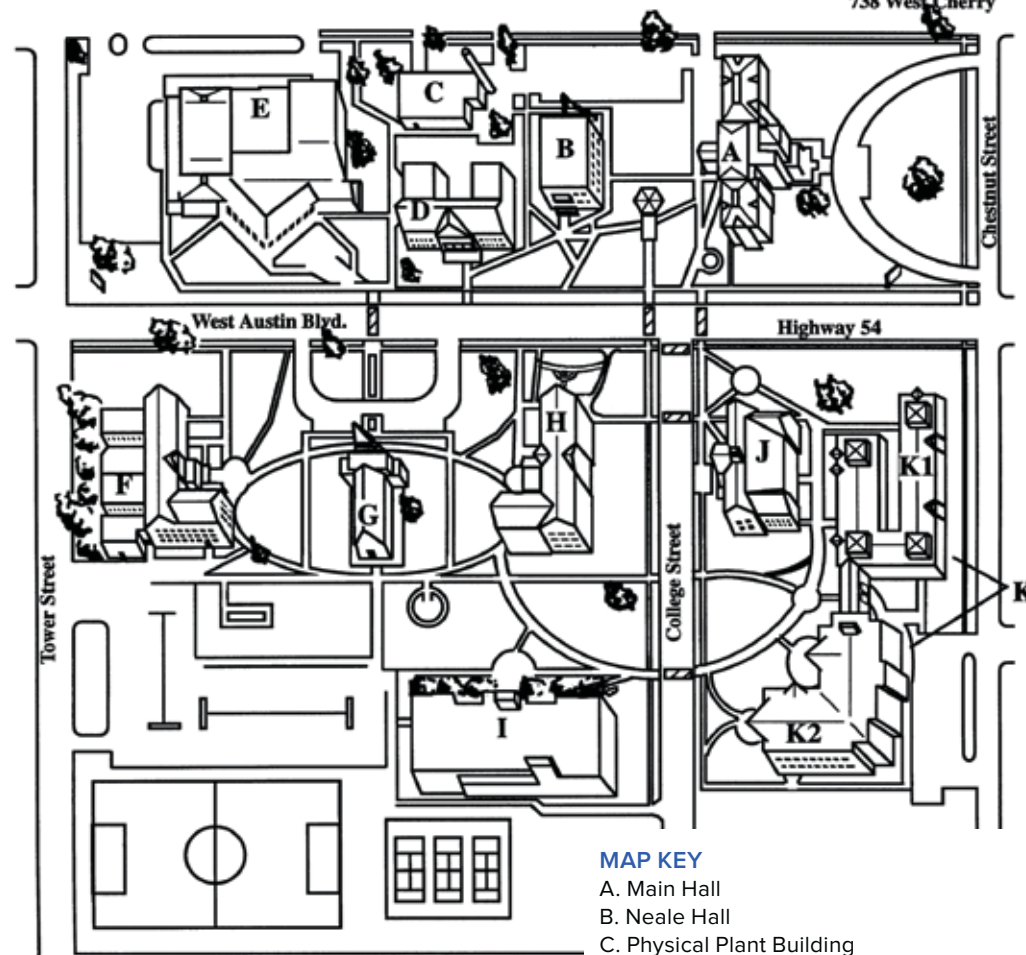
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AUG	24	Wed	Classes Begin
	31	Wed, 5 p.m.	Deadline for Adding Classes and for Dropping Classes Without Fee and Without Notation of W on Transcript
SEPT	30	Fri	Family Weekend
OCT	1-2	Sat-Sun	Family Weekend
	10	Mon	Mid-Semester Break; No Classes
NOV	11-14	Tue-Fri	Mid-Semester Exam Week
	2	Wed, 5 pm	Deadline for Withdrawal From Classes Without Notation of WP/WF on Transcript
DEC	23-25	Wed-Fri	Thanksgiving Recess
	28	Mon	Classes Resume
JAN	9	Fri, 5 pm	Deadline for Withdrawal From Classes With Notation of WP/WF on Transcript
	9	Fri	Last Day of Classes
	12-15	Mon-Thu	Final Examinations
	15	Thu, 5 pm	Christmas Recess Begin; Residence Halls Close

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JAN	7	Sat, 2 pm	Residence Halls Open, Orientation for New Students
	9	Mon	Class Changes, Registration for New Students, Classes Begin
FEB	16	Mon, 5 pm	Deadline for Adding Classes and for Dropping Classes Without Fee and Without Notation of W on Transcript
	27-29	Mon-Wed	Mid-Semester Exam Week
MAR	1-2	Thu-Fri	Mid-Semester Exam Week
	3	Sat, 9 am	Spring Recess Begins; Residence Halls Close
APR	17	Sat, 2 pm	Residence Halls Open
	19	Mon	Classes Resume
	30	Fri	Deadline for Withdrawal From Classes Without Notation of WP/WF on Transcript
MAY	31	Sat	Founder's Day
	1	Sun	Founder's Day
MAY	11	Wed	Assessment Testing Day
	4	Fri, 5 pm	Deadline for Withdrawal From Classes With Notation of WP/WF on Transcript
	4	Fri	Last Day of Classes
	7-10	Mon-Thu	Final Examinations
	12	Sat, 10 am	Honors and Awards Convocation
	12	Sat, 7 pm	Capping
	13	Sun, 10 am	Commencement (all students are encouraged to attend)
	13	Sun, 5 pm	Residence Halls Close

Campus Map



MAP KEY

- A. Main Hall
- B. Neale Hall
- C. Physical Plant Building
- D. P.E.O. Hall
- E. Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts
- F. Robertson Hall
- G. Chapel
- H. Reeves Hall
- I. Hinkhouse Center
- J. Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
- K. Rubie Burton Academic Center
- K1. Alumnae Hall
- K2. Nelle Horner Grantham Hall
- L. President's House
- M. Center for Women's Leadership
- N. B.I.L. Hill and Lodge is 8 blocks south of campus

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