#### Taking Cottey into the World: Key Points

- Cottey's International Experience (IE) was spearheaded by Dr. Helen Washburn; students began traveling in 2000.
- The IE is a strong influence on why students choose Cottey.

- Students take a one-credit class to prepare for the trip and are expected to participate in educational modules while there.
- Destinations have spanned western Europe (and Hawaii); students will travel to central Europe in 2023.
- Students also have had the option to travel to an alternate, faculty-sponsored destination since 2008.



#### Taking Cottey into the World: Key Points continued

- Students have had some influence in the destination since 2022. Factors include:
  - Strong public transit
  - Costs
  - Ability to meet needs of our desire itinerary
  - Safety

- Students also have the option to study abroad, which is required for two majors:
  - International Relations
  - International Business
- Students are not restricted in their locations and study a variety of subjects.

- Study abroad is a valuable part of the curriculum and reinforces Cottey's core values.
- Study abroad is funded a number of ways and students are encouraged to work with the financial aid office.



### Seminar 2022

#### Taking Cottey Into the World

Dr. Landon Adams, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Joann Bangs, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Oindrila Roy, Associate Professor of International Relations



#### "I wanted Cottey students to become citizens of the world."



#### -Dr. Helen Washburn

11<sup>th</sup> President of Cottey College



**2000** Cottey's 1<sup>st</sup> International Experience (London)

2002 Students received permission to travel on their own during the second week of Spring Break, and the first trip to a non-English speaking destination (Paris)

#### 2003

The first year all of Cottey's students were housed in one hotel

#### 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic results in the first ever cancellation of the International Experience

#### 2008

The launch of the faculty-led International Experience, a service-learning trip to Guatemala

#### 2007

Step Into the World IDS201 becomes a prerequisite for students to participate in the International Experience

#### 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic results in the first domestic International Experience (Oahu)

#### 2022

Cottey students have a voice for the first time in choosing the destination.

**2023** Cottey's 1<sup>st</sup> International Experience to central Europe (Vienna)



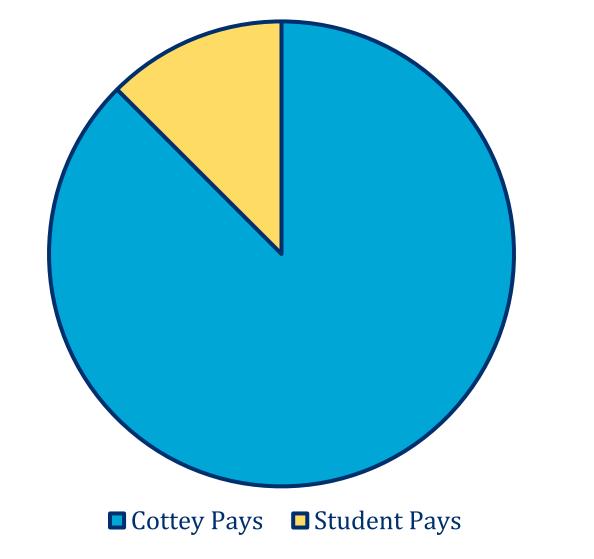




When asked what influence the International Experience had on their decisions to choose Cottey, more than 2 out of every 3 incoming students in 2021 said it was a strong or very strong influence on their decision.



#### Travel the World on Us



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#### Eligibility Requirements

Sophomore status by the end of the fall semester prior to travel
Full-time students in both fall and spring semesters in the year of travel
At least two full-time semesters at Cottey for transfer students (24 hours) by the end of the fall semester prior to travel



#### Step Into the World

A successful Cottey student acts responsibly:
A Cottey student respects diversity, is
attentive to cultural context, and
demonstrates ethical reasoning and
action.

Students learn about the history, politics, economy and geography of the country. Through journaling, students assess the similarities and differences in the beliefs, behaviors and customs of the international location and the United States.

2000	London
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2002	Paris
2003	Paris
2004	Madrid
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2006	London
2007	Paris
2008	Rome/Florence
2009	Rome/Florence
2010	London
2011	Paris
2012	Barcelona
2013	Rome/Florence
2014	London
2015	Barcelona
2016	Paris
2017	Rome/Florence
2018	London
2019	Barcelona
2020	Cancelled due to COVID
2021	Oahu, Hawai'i
2022	Paris









# COTTEY COLLEGE

#### 2023

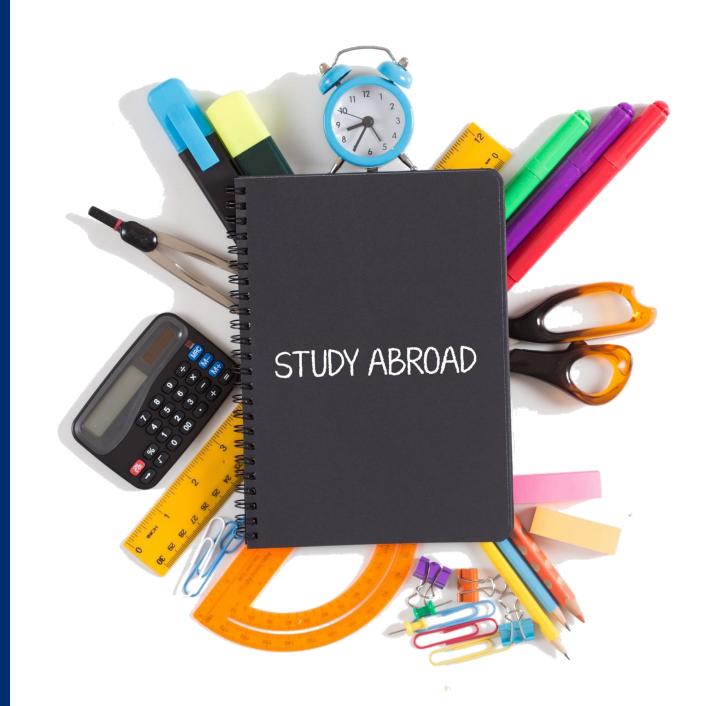


College-Sponsored



Faculty-Led











#### What Majors?

#### Required for Field

- International Business
- International Relations

#### Others

- Psychology
- Health and Biomedical Sciences
- Biology
- English
- And anyone else!





#### Where do they go? Everywhere!











#### What Do They Study?

Languages

**International Security Studies** 

Managing a Diverse Workforce

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## Why is Study Abroad a Valuable Part of Our Curriculum?

#### Study Abroad promotes:

Global awareness

Personal and social responsibility

Women's leadership





How do Students Pay for Study Abroad?

- Federal Financial Aid
- Institutional aid when applicable
- Outside scholarships
- Family contribution
- Can cost less than a semester at Cottey





# Cottey Funds for Study Abroad

- Lucille H. Smith Scholarship for Foreign Study
- Virginia Alice Cottey Study Abroad Scholarship
- Loretta T. Williamsen International Travel Fund
- Mimi Atwater Memorial Scholarship



# Seminar



