Welcome to Vanderbilt!

As a member of the great Class of 2020, you are sure to hear many references to eyesight and clarity. And, as your Chancellor, I am not immune to such observations. An assessment of your collective and individual accomplishments and talents casts an undeniable sense of vision and forward-looking optimism for our world's future. At Vanderbilt, you will advance and refine that vision within a unique academic community distinguished by the teaching and mentoring of brilliant and caring faculty. From the moment you step onto The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, you will be embraced by an authentic sense of community.

At heart, it is our people who represent the true essence of Vanderbilt and the potential that we offer to the world. Emanating from that core are thousands of opportunities to connect with fellow students, many of whom will become lifelong friends, and faculty who are eager to help. Through research, academics, and community service projects, you will find avenues to advance your knowledge—about the world around you and the aspirations that lie within yourself.

Of course, the vibrant energy of Nashville pulsates on all sides and throughout Vanderbilt’s park-like campus. From musical concerts and performances of all genres, to experiencing the art, theater, history, and dining scenes around town and within our own 330 contiguous acres located in the heart of Music City, the Commons staff and faculty heads of house are great resources and recommenders for all that makes this city and university so unique and exciting.

Your Vanderbilt experience will shape you in ways that you’ve envisioned and in ways that you could have never dreamed possible. And, in turn, you will render a powerful and positive influence as a member of our close-knit Vanderbilt family. It’s going to be a wonderful and memorable four years, and I am privileged to share them with you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas S. Zeppos
Chancellor and Faculty VUceptor
Welcome to The Ingram Commons!

As dean of The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, it brings me great happiness to welcome you to Vanderbilt University. On The Ingram Commons, you will live and learn among your peers and classmates during your first year. By the time you read this, you’ve already met some of them, and you’ll meet even more in the days ahead. Yet even before you got here, there was already a community of people eagerly waiting to meet you.

These people are scholars, teachers, mentors, advocates, advisers, and counselors. They are your faculty heads of house, your head residents, your resident advisers, your VUceptors, the dean of students and his staff members, the deans of the four undergraduate colleges and their associates, my colleagues in the dean of The Commons office, and so many others, too. We have been working together for months now with one purpose in mind: to get you off to the best possible start. We have planned programs, events, seminars, tours, workshops, and, yes, even some old-fashioned fun with you and the Class of 2020.

You were admitted to Vanderbilt because we believe that you are ready for new challenges, and in fact we think you will thrive here. But now that you’ve chosen where you will go to college and are finally here, I’d like to encourage you to start to think more specifically about how you will go to college.

Perhaps you seek to build on your strengths, including the academic interests and extracurricular experiences that made you choose Vanderbilt in the first place. We hope you will, actually; we want to learn from you and the unique insights and talents you bring to our campus. But I also want to encourage you to take advantage of the broad range of opportunities you’ll find here to seek new knowledge and experiences: learning about a culture you’re not familiar with or listening to an entirely new kind of music, or attending a seminar on a topic you know little about, or talking over dinner with someone whose political beliefs are different from yours. One of the many strengths of our great university—and The Ingram Commons in particular—is the community we create and recreate each time we learn from people who aren’t exactly like us.

So, again, I want to ask you to think about how you will be here. This guide, InsiderVU, has been designed to help you in that effort. In these pages, you will learn more about the many resources and opportunities we have to offer you at Vanderbilt and in Nashville. You’ll also learn more about the places and people here in your new home. All of us are so glad you’re finally here, and we’re ready to live and learn together.

Dean of The Ingram Commons,
Associate Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty VUceptor
Your Faculty Heads and Head Residents

**North House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Gregory Melchor-Barz
  - Professor of Musicology/ Ethnomusicology, Blair School of Music; and Professor of Music and Religion, Divinity School
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Lucas Wissoloski
  - College of Arts and Science, Neuroscience

**West House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Christoph Zeller
  - Associate Professor, German and European Studies, College of Arts and Science
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Adam Rahmani
  - School of Engineering, Chemical Engineering

**East House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Daniel Gervais
  - Professor of Law, Vanderbilt Law School; Professor of French, College of Arts and Science
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Katilin Harris
  - Peabody College, Human and Organizational Development

**Crawford House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Catherine McClanahan
  - Senior Lecturer; and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Teaching and Learning, Peabody College
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Danielle McElver
  - Peabody College, Elementary Education and Second Language Studies

**Gilette House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Frank Dobson
  - Associate Dean of Students, Director of the Black Cultural Center
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Emily Thompson
  - School of Medicine, Audiology

**Memorial House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Kevin Leander
  - Associate Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, Peabody College
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Madison Madikus
  - Peabody College, Human and Organizational Development

**Dean’s Residence**
- **DEAN OF THE INGRAM COMMONS**
  - Vanessa Beasley
  - Associate Professor, Communication Studies, College of Arts and Science

**Crawford House**
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Asli Hodges
  - Peabody College, Human and Organizational Development

**Stambaugh House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Alice Randall
  - Vanderbilt Writer-in-Residence, English Department and African American and Diaspora Studies, College of Arts and Science
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Ashli Hodges
  - Peabody College, Human and Organizational Development

**Vanilla House**
- **FACULTY HEAD OF HOUSE**
  - Cheryl Helmuth
  - Senior Lecturer, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, College of Arts and Science
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Esther Taati
  - College of Arts and Science, Political Science

**Dean’s Residence**
- **HEAD RESIDENT**
  - Katherine Cooper
  - College of Arts and Science, Medicine, Health, and Society; and Spanish

**Stambaugh House**
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  - Frank Dobson
  - Associate Dean of Students, Director of the Black Cultural Center
The Houses

The Ingram Commons opened in fall 2008. It comprises 10 houses with five being part of the historic neighborhood and five being part of the new neighborhood.

The Historic Neighborhood

The buildings in the historic neighborhood were built for what was then the George Peabody College for Teachers, an independent college that merged with Vanderbilt University in 1979.

East, North, and West Houses were originally built in the 1920s, a decade after Peabody College moved to its current location. These were the first dorms on the Peabody campus. Prior to that, students either lived at home or boarded somewhere in the community. However, the rising costs for room and board after World War I prevented many students from attending, which prompted Peabody to build these residence halls. When West Hall opened in 1922, it was considered a model of luxury. All three halls have been renovated and featured a cafeteria in the basement and was considered a hallmark of luxury. All three halls have been renovated and updated several times.

Memorial House, built in 1936, was partially funded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). In 2002, Vanderbilt sought to change the name “Confederate Memorial Hall” in 2003, a Tennessee Appeals Court ruled that Vanderbilt may not remove “Confederate” from the building pediment unless Vanderbilt repays the UDC the current value of its original donation. Vanderbilt chose not to return the donation, which would be a sizable contribution to the UDC, thus, the original inscription remains. Instead, consistent with the court’s ruling, Vanderbilt renamed the building “Memorial Hall” in all official references and placed “Memorial” nameplates above its entryways. The name “Memorial Hall” is intended to honor all who have lost their lives in all armed conflicts of the United States.

Gillette House is named after Frank E. Gillette who was a longtime trustee of Peabody College. Born in Kansas in 1878, he came to Nashville in 1903 and became one of the leading businessmen and investors in town, as well as a generous philanthropist. With interests ranging from agriculture and education to finance and sports, he maintained a farm in Williamson County, won a Nashville golf championship, and also served as trustee of Meharry Medical College, a historically African American medical school in Nashville.

Crawford House is named for Frank Armstrong Crawford, the second wife of the Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt. Her parents, expecting a son, named her before her birth. A Southern socialite, she was 45 years his junior when she married Vanderbilt. She is credited with moving her tightfisted millionaire husband from the North toward his only major philanthropy—giving $3 million to Bishop H. N. McVey’s 1873 to found a university in the South.

Murray House is named for Walter R. Murray Jr. He and his close friend Perry Wallace were among the university’s first African American undergraduates when they arrived in 1966. Murray became vice president of the Student Government Association, a founder of the Afro-American Student Association, and later was the first African American member of the Board of Trust. He also helped found the Association of Vanderbilt Black Alumni.

Hank Ingram House is named for Orrin Henry (“Hank”) Ingram Sr. Born in Wisconsin in 1904, he moved to Nashville where he established himself as a successful businessman and philanthropist. He served as vice president of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust from 1952 until his death in 1963. His passion for the university inspired his children and their families to build upon his legacy and play key roles in Vanderbilt’s future.

Sutherland House is named for Earl W. Sutherland Jr., a Nobel Prize winner and professor of physiology at Vanderbilt from 1953 until his death in 1974. He was born in Kansas in 1915, into family of modest means. In order to pay for his college tuition, Sutherland worked all four years as a medical staff assistant at a local hospital. He received the Nobel Prize in 1971 for his discoveries concerning the mechanisms of the actions of hormones. His work has helped researchers today understand how various hormones exert important functions within organisms.

The New Neighborhood

The new neighborhood was constructed between 2005 and 2008 in preparation of the opening of The Ingram Commons in August 2008.

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Humphrey Fellows and Their Houses

The eleven Humphrey Fellows arrive at Vanderbilt just a week before you do. They are education professionals from all over the world and are here to study at Peabody, gain professional experience, and foster cultural exchange. They are eager to meet students, to share their own culture, and to learn from you. You will have a chance to get to know one of them during programs in your house.

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### Writers-In-Residence

Writers-In-Residence are graduate students in creative writing who are affiliated with houses on The Commons. They will participate in house events from time to time and will facilitate the discussions and activities at the Dean’s Book Club. If you are interested in fiction or poetry or write yourself, you want to make sure to connect with your Writer-in-Residence.

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Honorary Members of The Ingram Commons

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Our Res Ed Staff

- **Debra Pugliese**, Graduate Area Coordinator
  - “I want to help ensure a safe and welcoming environment on The Ingram Commons as I support the Area Coordinators. I just graduated from San Diego State University, so I am as new here at Vanderbilt as you are. With my passion for music and exploring new places, I am excited to check out all that Nashville has to offer!”
  - —Debra Pugliese, Graduate Area Coordinator

- **Toni Viola**, Area Coordinator for Gillette, Murray, Sutherland
  - “I am available to talk with you about topics such as your living arrangements, advice on studying, support with a personal issue, and tips on how to make your transition to college successful, or I can connect you to other offices on campus. In my free time, I hike and run trails in the Nashville area, but my true passions are photography and traveling. It’s my goal to see at least one new country each year and, of course, take photos along the way. This past summer, I traveled with a group of Vanderbilt students to Quito, Ecuador.”
  - —Toni Viola, Area Coordinator for Gillette, Murray, Sutherland

- **Matthew McCabe**, Area Coordinator for Crawford, North, and Stambaugh
  - “I look forward to connecting with all new Vanderbilt students and serving as a resource and supporter, but I am particularly excited to be working with first-year students. I can’t wait to see our community grow throughout the year. Originally, I am from Chicago, but I have lived in Miami and most recently, Washington, D.C. I like to live by the philosophy of eat well, make friends, and travel often. Whenever possible I try new restaurants around the city and get outdoors with my puppy Sherlock.”
  - —Matthew McCabe, Area Coordinator for Crawford, North, and Stambaugh

- **Nadine De La Rosa**, Assistant Director for First-Year Engagement and Community Development
  - “I am responsible for leadership of the residential staffs that manage The Ingram Commons, Warren & Moore College Halls, Alumni Lawn, and Highland Quadrangle. My role on The Ingram Commons is to provide support to the faculty heads, the Area Coordinators and the RA staff. Along with our assistant director, I also serve as a liaison between the dean of The Ingram Commons and Residential Education. I cannot imagine a better place to live and work thanks to the awesome people, great food, amazing culture, and fabulous shopping!”
  - —Nadine De La Rosa, Assistant Director for First-Year Engagement and Community Development

- **Traci Ray**, Director of Residential Education
  - “I supervise the Area Coordinators on The Ingram Commons. In addition, I work with dean of The Ingram Commons staff and the faculty heads of house focusing on the first-year experience. I am originally from Bronx, New York, and slowly migrated to the South by way of Kentucky and Florida prior to moving to Nashville. As an avid quote collector, one of my favorite quotes that I live by reads, ‘Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.’ (John C. Maxwell)”
  - —Traci Ray, Director of Residential Education
Your Neighborhood Hub

Though you may live in one of the ten houses, we are one community, and The Commons Center is the place to meet new people and come together. Here you will find easy access to things that fit your daily needs. You can eat here, hang out with friends, watch TV, study, play the piano, work out, play pool or foosball or table tennis, or check out the many events that happen regularly in the building. You may even find yourself taking a political science course on the third floor.

You can mail your letters from our convenient postal window, or take advantage of the satellite services for first-year students housed in The Commons Center. No matter what brings you to The Commons Center, we hope you will find your place here. Take a chance, sit by a stranger at lunch, or listen to someone playing the piano in the lobby; community is all around you. You just have to join in!

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**Student Success Services at The Commons Center**

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| Career Center                | Room 217                  | Wednesday-Thursday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. |
|                              |                           | Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.           |
|                              |                           | (Drop-in hours 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Wed. & Thurs) |

| STEM Help Desks              | Rooms 215/216             | Sunday-Thursday 7 p.m.-9 p.m. |
|                              |                           | From Sept. 11 through Dec. 1  |
|                              | Courses covered: BSCI 1510, CHEM 1601, MATH 1100, MATH 1200, MATH 1201, MATH 1300, and MATH 130. | (For other STEM courses, see p. 32.) |

| Review Sessions              | For MATH 1300 Exams:      | September 11 | October 2 |
|                              |                           | October 30   | November 28 | December 11 |
|                              | For CHEM 1601 Exams:      | September 18 | October 16   | November 14  | December 14 |
|                              | All review sessions held 7-9 p.m. in Room 237 |

| Let’s Talk                   | Room 215                  | Thursday 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. |
|                              | Informal drop-in consultations with PCC counselors | (For other locations and times, see page 25.) |

| Academic Skills Workshops    | Room 233                  | Thursday 7-9 p.m. |
|                              | September 1: Thinking about Thinking---Learning and Study Strategies |
|                              | September 8: Manage Your Time, Manage Yourself |
|                              | September 15: Reading Strategies |
|                              | September 22: Writing without Tears |
|                              | September 29: Is This Going to Be on the Test? Tackling Test Preparation and Anxiety |
|                              | (For other locations and times, see page 32.) |

Meet the Dean of The Commons Staff

Dean Beasley and her staff are located on the second floor in Suite 203 between CASPAR A&S Pre-Major Advising office and the Exercise Room. Feel free to drop in with ideas or questions.

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"I am born and raised here in middle Tennessee and received my undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University. After working in retail for several years, I joined Vanderbilt in the fall of 2012. I love spending time with friends and family and being outdoors. I enjoy working at Vanderbilt because the students are empowered to succeed by the diverse amount of opportunities they are offered."

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"I have been fortunate enough to be involved with The Ingram Commons since its inception in 2008. The collaboration of faculty, staff, and students is what makes The Commons such a special place. I enjoy working on programs and events that capture the interests of all first-year students. My hope is that all students feel empowered and at home on The Commons. In my free time, I love spending time with my family and friends. Nashville is a great city to explore!"

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"I came to Vanderbilt in 2011 to pursue a master’s degree. I fell in love with The Ingram Commons, and never left! Coordinating Vanderbilt Visions and Advising VC imagePath has been one of my favorite parts of my job from the beginning. As the adviser to the Common-Dores Leadership Council, it is my job to help students find their place and make their mark here. I enjoy traveling and playing with my sweet puppy. I look forward to meeting you soon!"

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"I am a Virginia native and just moved to Nashville! My job here is to coordinate marketing and communications with students, faculty, and staff. I am particularly excited to be working with the 10 house PR chairs. My favorite part about working with students is their enthusiasm and collaborating with them to help bring their ideas to life. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, going to concerts, and playing kickball. I can’t wait to learn more about Vanderbilt and Nashville!"

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"I came to the U.S. as an international student from Germany and never left. My American journey has taken me all across the country until I came to Vanderbilt ten years ago. I love the energy first-year students bring to The Commons and am excited to help students excel. In my free time, I do pottery or other creative projects, and my husband and I enjoy traveling and cooking exotic dishes."

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"I am a second-year graduate student in the higher education administration program at Vanderbilt. I graduated from the University of Kansas in 2012. Raised by two Peabody professors, I spent nine years running around Vanderbilt’s campus until my parents started teaching at Kansas University. I consider myself to have been born a Commodore and raised a Jayhawk. I enjoy helping to put on programs and events that will allow you to meet new people and try new things."

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Staying Connected with The Commons

commons.vanderbilt.edu

The Commons website is the news, events, and information hub for all first-year students. Here you will find information about Commons programs, the houses, and their faculty heads. You can also view a photo of and read a brief message from your faculty and student VUceptors.

Special Info for the Class of 2020

This website features a mobile-friendly online version of The Road to Vanderbilt, including recent updates and links that take you directly to the relevant websites. Here you can also check out Many Voices, One VU, a collection of stories from Vanderbilt students and faculty curated by VUcept. These stories provide a window into what you can expect from the next four years along with advice you definitely do not want to miss!

The Ingram Commons on Social Media

Follow The Ingram Commons on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to receive updates about what is happening on The Ingram Commons. Become part of the digital community that connects us all, and be sure to use #vu2020!

VUceptor Blog

To hear from current VUceptors about the transition to Vanderbilt and your first semester on The Ingram Commons, check out the VUceptor blog at my.vanderbilt.edu/VUcept.

#VU2020
CommonVU Schedule

Download the free Vanderbilt University First-Year Move-In 2016 guide in the Guidebook app to receive important information and alerts related to CommonVU orientation!

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 a.m.-Midnight
International Student Move-In Day

Thursday, August 18

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
International Student Success Series: Health and Wellness
Alumni Hall 201

5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Dinner for International Students Living on The Commons
Share a meal and get to know your faculty and student VUceptors.
The Commons Center Dining Hall

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
International Student Hangout
Mingle with other international students and your student VUceptor.
The Commons, South Patio Lawn

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Dessert Reception for International Students Living on The Commons
Join Dean Beasley, faculty heads of house, Admissions counselors, Humphrey Fellows, ISSS staff and Lead student mentors.
Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence

Friday, August 19

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
International Student Information Fair
Student Life Center Ballrooms

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
International Student Orientation (mandatory)
Student Life Center Ballrooms

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
International Student Lunch

2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
International Student Shuttle to K&S World Market and Wal-Mart
Co-sponsored by ISSS, VSG, and VUcept
Shuttles depart from the intersection of Horton Ave. and 18th Ave. S.

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Food Allergies and Campus Dining
This meeting is for parents of new students to discuss the food allergy options available to students while on campus.
The Commons Center, Room 335

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Open House at Hillel
Meet Hillel staff and students, and learn about Jewish life on campus. Food will be served. Optional services begin at 5:30 p.m.
Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Chabad House Move-In Shabbat
Join us for a Shabbat service followed by a family-style dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Chabad House, 111 23rd Ave. N.

Saturday, August 20 - Move-In Day

6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
First Aid Station
The Commons Center, Room 107 & Wyatt Lawn Tent

7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Breakfast Available for Purchase
The Commons Center

7:00 a.m.-Noon
Move-In
The Ingram Commons Houses

7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Shuttles for Move-In Parking Lots and Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore
The Commons (18th & Horton Ave.), Terrace Place Garage, Barnes & Noble

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Commodore Card, the 2016 Newcomer, and InsiderVU Pickup
Pick up your Vanderbilt Student ID and InsiderVU, which includes the CommonVU schedule, maps, and other information. Also pick up the 2016 Newcomer (photos and information about the class) or purchase additional copies and order your Vanderbilt Commodore Yearbook.
The Commons Center, Room 235/237

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Move-In
The Ingram Commons Houses

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
First-Year Package Pickup
Pick up mail packages, online book orders, and room supplies pre-ordered from Barnes & Noble. Bring your Vanderbilt ID.
Lower Quad Tent

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Vanderbilt Main Post Office Open
Rand Hall

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Information and Vendor Booths
Student Accounts, Parents and Families, Van Laundry, Vanderbiltikes, TechHub, area banks, and more
The Commons Center, 1st and 2nd Floors

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore Open
Barnes & Noble, 2525 West End Ave.

8:00 a.m.-Midnight
Information Desk
The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
VUPD Safety Booth
Vanderbilt police officers distribute safety information and offer bicycle and laptop registration. Please provide make, model, and serial number for the items being registered.
The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor

11:00 a.m.-Noon
For International Students: International Student Success Series: Social Connections
Making new friends from different cultural backgrounds can be a challenge. Learn from current students about their experiences and how they made connections on campus.
The Commons Center, Room 335

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Lunch Available for Purchase
The Commons Center

Noon-2:30 p.m.
For International Students: Lunch with Your Student VUceptor
The Commons Lawn Tent

2:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
University Resources and Services Panel Discussions
Join representatives from various university offices for discussion and Q&A.
Wyatt Center Rotunda

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at Vanderbilt Life After Vanderbilt

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Chabad House Meet and Greet
Chabad House, 111 23rd Ave. N.
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Black Cultural Center/Black Student Association Reception
Students and families are invited to learn about Vanderbilt’s Black Cultural Center and its programs. BCC staff and students from several student organizations will meet and greet families and answer questions. Open to all.

4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m. 
For First-Year Students and Their Families:
Welcome by College & School Deans
Your opportunity to chat with school deans and ask questions about academic life at Vanderbilt.

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. 
University Resources & Services Fair
Representatives providing student services from across Vanderbilt will answer your questions one-on-one. Deep in anytime.

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. House Dinners (free for families and students)
Crawford House: Upper Quad Lawn Tent
East House: East Lawn Tent
Sutherland House: Upper Quad Lawn Tent
Gillette House: The Commons Lawn Tent
Murray House: Upper Quad Lawn Tent
West House: West Lawn Tent

Religious Services & Meet and Greet
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Catholic Services at Benton Chapel
Protestant Services at The Commons Center, Room 233
Muslim Student Meet and Greet at The Commons Center, Room 211A (Recreation Room)
8:40 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Jewish Meet and Greet at The Commons Center, Room 237

Sunday, August 21
7:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Dean’s Reception and Farewell Breakfast
Enjoy breakfast with your student and say good-bye before the start of the student-only part of CommonVU.

8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Commodore Card Office Open
For parents who wish to add money to the Card

8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore Open

8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Information Desk
The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Hilliel Bagel Brunch
Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Vanderbilt Main Post Office Open
Rand Hall

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Temporary Package Trailer Open
If you did not pick up your mailed packages on Saturday, make sure to do so today. Bring your Vanderbilt ID. The trailer is approximately one mile from The Commons.

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. VU Debate Team Interest Meeting
Meet with your housemates, faculty head of house, and resident advisers to examine the significance of entering a community of scholars, which you will formally do at Founder’s Walk.

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11:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m. Meet your faculty and student VUceptors, as well as the other members of your group and share lunch.

12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Founder’s Walk Picnic
This event formally welcomes the first-year class into our community. Each house, led by its faculty head of house and resident advisers and accompanied by VUceptors, will be greeted by students, staff, alumni, and faculty. Speakers include: Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos, Provost Susan Wente, Dean of the Ingram Commons Vanessa Beasley, Alumni Association President Penny Brandl, and Vanderbilt Student Government President Ariana Fowler.

1:10 p.m.–2:10 p.m. Visions Groups 19, 34, 35, and 48-92
Meet with your housemates, faculty head of house, and resident advisers to examine the significance of entering a community of scholars.

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. For Parents and Family Members only: Parents and Family Orientation
For parents & families whose students meet their Visions Groups at 12:45 p.m.
Orientation to The Ingram Commons
Communication with VU and Your Student

3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. House Meetings and the Community Creed
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9:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. Floor Meetings with Resident Advisors
Continue to get to know your community. During this time we establish a floor community charter and discuss opportunities for house leadership through HAC.
## Monday, August 22 - FIRST YEAR MEAL PLAN STARTS

Breakfast is available in The Commons Center and Rand Hall.

Blair and Peabody students are asked to eat at The Commons Dining Hall.

Arts & Science students are asked to eat at Rand Dining Hall.

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<td>Overview of Pre-major Academic Advising Remarks by Director of CASPAR, Professor Andrea Hearn</td>
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<td>Student Panel: “If I Knew Then What I Know Now” Moderated by Professor Andrea Hearn</td>
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<td>Lunch on Your Own</td>
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<td>Group Meetings with CASPAR Academic Advisers Students will be notified of the time and location via email.</td>
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<td>Meet SEGUE mentors</td>
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<td>Dean’s Welcome</td>
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<td>Lunch with SEGUE Mentors</td>
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<td>Department Meetings with Faculty, as assigned by Blair</td>
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<td>Q&amp;A Session with Academic Advisers, Dean Rose, Professor Jarman, and Mr. Langmesser</td>
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<td>Small Group Meetings with Academic Advisers, as assigned by Blair</td>
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<td>Mandatory Dean’s Welcome and Information Sessions</td>
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<td>Dean’s Convocation</td>
<td>Student Life Center Ballroom</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Group Meeting with Your Faculty Adviser All first-year students should attend. Notice of adviser and room assignments have been sent to your Vanderbilt email address.</td>
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<td>Registration, as needed</td>
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<td>11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Picnic with Faculty, V-Squared Mentors, and Student Organization Leaders</td>
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<td>Overview for Advanced Placement Credit</td>
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<td>1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Individual Faculty Adviser Meetings (by appointment as needed)</td>
<td>Faculty Adviser’s Office</td>
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<td>Engineering Laptop Computer Help Desk</td>
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11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Writing Studio Open House

Make a successful transition from high school writing to college writing. Drop by the Writing Studio Open House to meet our writing consultants and learn how we can help you.

### Academic Integrity at Vanderbilt: Honor Code Signing Ceremony and Discussion

Your student VUceptor will give you the precise meeting location. See below for your group’s rotation.

Note: Please dress up for this special occasion.

Visions Groups 1-15

- 4:15 p.m. Meet on The Commons
- 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Honor Code Discussion
- 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Visions Groups 16-31

- 4:15 p.m. Meet on The Commons
- 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Honor Code Signing
- 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Visions Groups 32-46

- 4:45 p.m. Meet on The Commons
- 5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Honor Code Discussion
- 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
Dinner Hours for Students Who Attend True Life
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

True Life Discussion: Groups 48-92
5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

True Life Presentation: Groups 48-92
3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

CIRP Survey for Visions Groups 48-92
2:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Meeting location.
Various Locations

Groups reflect on the stories and discuss their shared responsibility to actively engage with these issues in strengthening the Vanderbilt community.
Various Locations

Dinner Hours for Students Who Attend True Life from 3:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
The Commons Center Dining Hall

Greek Life Information Session
10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Learn about the Vanderbilt fraternity and sorority community, including opportunities for involvement, benefits and expectations for membership and the recruitment process from student leaders in the Greek community.
Student Life Center Ballroom
Greek leaders will meet students immediately after the class picture on the lawn to escort them to the SLC.

CIRP Survey for Visions Groups 1-47
11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Groups meet their VUceptors and take the CIRP Survey together.
Ask your VUceptor for your group’s meeting location.

True Life Discussion: Groups 1-47
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

A program designed and presented by VUceptors to honestly examine questions of identity, social integration, and wellness by presenting situations that real Vanderbilt students have faced.
Langford Auditorium

True Life Discussion: Groups 1-47
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

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Various Locations

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The Commons Center Dining Hall

Tuesday, August 23

9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Class Photo
Wear your Class of 2020 T-shirt for this once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity.
Lower Quad Lawn

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Greek Life Information Session
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Student Life Center Ballroom
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Ask your VUceptor for your group’s meeting location.

12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m. True Life Presentation: Groups 1-47
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Langford Auditorium

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4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Dinner Hours for Students Who Attend True Life
The Commons Center Dining Hall

4:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m. Honor Code Discussion
Various Locations

6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m. Honor Code Signing
Student Life Center Rand

7:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Dinner
The Commons Center Dining Hall

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Tuesday, August 23
The Commons Addresses Sexual Violence
Join your house community to learn about Vanderbilt’s resources designed to prevent and address sexual violence, including stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault, and how you can get involved to help eliminate violence on campus.

100 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  East, Murray, Sutherland, West
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.  Hank Ingram, Memorial, Stambaugh
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  Crawford, Gillette, North

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.  Project I Am Mixer
Project I Am seeks to ease the transition into college for students of color (Black, Hispanic, Asian, etc.) by providing them with mentors and personal and professional workshop and networking opportunities. Food will be served. Open to all.

8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.  The Road to Leadership
Hosted by Vanderbilt Student Government
Join a panel discussion with upperclass students about their journeys to campus leadership, followed by a Q&A. Representatives from programming, the arts, Greek life, student government, religious life, and multicultural organizations will be present.

Tuesday, August 30
7:00 p.m.  National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Greek Mystique
Join us to learn about the historically black fraternities and sororities at Vanderbilt and the process for considering membership.

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.  Dessert Reception for Hank Ingram, Memorial, and Stambaugh Houses
Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence

Wednesday, August 31
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  Kickoff Cookoff
One of our largest student-run philanthropy events kicks off football season with live music and food from local restaurants. Proceeds of merchandise and ticket sales benefit the Fannie Battle Day Home, Nashville’s oldest childcare center.

Thursday, September 1
5:15 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  Anchor Dash Tailgate Party
Each year the incoming class and new transfer students participate in this tailgate before leading the Commodores football team onto the field for our nationally televised first home game, which this year is vs. South Carolina. You must wear your white Anchor Dash T-shirt.

The Commons Center, Room 235/237

Saturday, September 3
11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  Interfraternity Council Open ‘Dores Recruitment Registration and Open Houses
Learn about our IFC fraternity chapters at Vanderbilt and register for the recruitment process. Interested students should arrive at the Student Life Center at 11:00 a.m. for a presentation and registration. After the presentation, you will be divided into groups to visit every fraternity and meet its members.

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  Panhellenic Recruitment Registration
Recruitment registration is an open meeting for potential members to gain information about the sorority recruitment process and to start the registration process to participate in formal recruitment.

Sunday, September 4
Nondiscrimination Day
Explore some of Vanderbilt’s diversity offices and enjoy free food, music, office tours, and activities. If you visit all participating offices, you can snag a free T-shirt! Open to all students. For more information, visit facebook.com/diversedores.

Tuesday, September 6
8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.  Dessert Reception for Crawford, Gillette, and North Houses
Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence

Wednesday, September 7
3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.  Diverse ‘Dores Day
Explore some of Vanderbilt’s diversity offices and enjoy free food, music, office tours, and activities. If you visit all participating offices, you can snag a free T-shirt! Open to all students. For more information, visit facebook.com/diversedores.

Preparing for a Career in the Health Professions
Your preparation for a career as a physician, nurse, dentist, vet, or other health professional begins as an undergraduate. If you’re interested in the health care field, please plan to attend one of these sessions.

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  Students in Murray, North, Stambaugh, Sutherland, and West
7:45 p.m.–8:45 p.m.  Students in Crawford, East, Gillette, Hank Ingram, and Memorial

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.  Dessert Reception for East, Murray, Sutherland, and West Houses
Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence
All first-year students are assigned to one of 92 Vanderbilt Visions groups. An undergraduate peer mentor and a faculty member from any of the undergraduate or professional schools—your student and faculty VUceptors—lead and mentor each group.

Vanderbilt Visions begins during CommonVU and meets on Mondays or Tuesdays during the semester until Thanksgiving break. A syllabus organizes the activities and discussions designed to help group members to explore the transition they experience moving from high school to college.

Visions gives you the opportunity to meet people from other houses and floors starting on your first day. Your Visions experience will also allow you to ask for support or raise questions as a group you might not want to discuss with your professors or other upperclass students outside of Visions. Visions groups provide space for honest conversations about the social and academic challenges of your first semester and help you discover how you can be happy and successful. Being in Visions will also make you aware of the many resources that can support you academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

In the second half of the semester, you will have the opportunity to participate in special Skills Development Sessions. Skills Development Sessions provide you with the chance to engage in intensive exercises that foster the development of new practical skills required for success on campus and beyond.

**Vanderbilt Visions Events**

**Thursday, September 8**
- **100 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** Library Open House
  - Cool off in the Central Library with an ice cream sundae from Ben and Jerry’s. Meet the librarians to learn about the amazing resources available to you for your research and information needs.
  - **Central Library, Community Room**
- **2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Welcome Reception
  - Stop by to meet Vice Chancellor George Hill and learn more about the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
  - **Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center**
- **5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** Welcome to Nashville Fair
  - Meet representatives from 30 local restaurants, stores, and other businesses who will provide giveaways and more.
  - **The Commons Center, Room 235/237**
- **6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** Key to Featheringill
  - Co-sponsored by the Dean of The Ingram Commons, Vanderbilt Student Government and the Engineering Council
  - All first-year engineering students are invited to get to know and network with Featheringill’s professors, administrators, and student leaders over a catered dinner.
  - Please RSVP on AnchorLink.

**Friday, September 9 – Sunday, September 11**
- **Fall Weekend of Service**
  - You can join hundreds of other students, staff and faculty across Vanderbilt and volunteer to serve the Nashville community in commemoration of 9/11. Learn about needs in our city and meet people while doing it. To find out more, visit vanderbilt.edu/oacs.

**Events Calendar**

- **August 21**
  - Introductions and Expectations
    (See CommonVU schedule, page 17)
- **August 22**
  - Academic Integrity at Vanderbilt
    (See CommonVU schedule, pages 19–20)
- **August 23**
  - True Life: I Go to Vanderbilt
    (See CommonVU schedule, page 20)
- **August 24**
  - Classes start
- **August 29–30**
  - Nashville and Vanderbilt History
- **September 5–6**
  - Storytelling and Identity
- **September 12–13**
  - Difference and/in Community
- **September 19–20**
  - Resilience
- **September 23–25**
  - FAMILY WEEKEND
- **September 27**
  - 10th Annual Lawson Lecture featuring Perry Wallace, Godfrey Dillard, and Andrew Maraniss
    Langford Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- **October 3–4**
  - From Then to Now
- **October 10–11**
  - Skills Development Session
- **October 13–14**
  - FALL BREAK
- **October 24–25**
  - Skills Development Session
- **October 31–November 1**
  - Skills Development Session
- **November 7**
  - Evening with the Chancellor
    Groups 1–47: 5:30–6:30 p.m.
    Groups 48–92: 7:00–8:00 p.m.
    Langford Auditorium
- **November 14–15**
  - Capstone
- **November 19–27**
  - THANKSGIVING BREAK
Events in Conjunction with Strong Inside

ROLLING SEMINARS

September 24  Strong Inside—Creative Reflections With Andrew Maraniss and singer-song writer Marshall Chapman 100 p.m.-200 p.m. Wyatt Center Rotunda Open to students and families

October 2  Remembering Nashville’s Role in the Civil Rights Movement 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Open to Visions groups and individual sign-up. Details to come.

October 8  North Nashville—Strong Community 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Open to Visions groups and individual sign-up. Details to come.

LECTURES

September 27  10th Annual Lawson Lecture featuring Perry Wallace, Godfrey Dillard, and Andrew Maraniss 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Langford Auditorium Book signing to follow. For the Class of 2020 only.

October 23  Crawford Lecture featuring Rosalyn Durant Senior Vice President of College Networks at ESPN 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Student Life Center Ballrooms Open to the entire Vanderbilt community

EXHIBITIONS

Race, Sports, and Vanderbilt: 1956–1970

September 23–December 8, 2016 Fine Arts Gallery, Cohen Memorial Hall

Sports and the racial integration of SEC teams are one way the Civil Rights struggle came to the fore. The exhibition seeks to provide a glimpse into this history, and as such will concentrate on how it played out on Vanderbilt’s campus. It highlights artifacts, photographs, texts, video, and voice—the material culture of this time on Vanderbilt’s campus and in the Nashville community.

From Listeners to Leaders: A Brief History of Women at Vanderbilt

August 24, 2016–March 2017 Jean and Alexander Heard Library, 8th Floor

Vanderbilt’s first women students were called “listeners.” Drawing on objects and photos from Special Collections, the exhibit shows how women became part of campus life from 1881 when the first woman student was awarded a degree until the era of self-rule in the 1970s. Objects such as those relating to Greek life, the Lady of the Bracelet award, or life skills courses highlight changing attitudes, customs, and expectations of Vanderbilt’s women students.

Transformations: An Exhibition Inspired by Lily Clayton Hansen’s Word of Mouth: Nashville Conversations

September 2016–May 2017 The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy, 3015 Edgehill Avenue

In her portrait photography, Behrends uses the camera to capture “the essence of [a] person” in visual form. She describes her work as “a transformation of someone’s personality into portrait, into photograph.” In this workshop Behrends will discuss her approach and the choices necessary to make visible the truth and complexity hidden within her subjects. Participants will gain insight into the photographic techniques and the observational strategies Behrends uses to elicit insight into a person’s story, and then create an image that encapsulates that essence.

This workshop is limited to 20 participants. To sign up, please email curators@vanderbilt.edu with “Portrait Photography Workshop” in the subject line.

WORKSHOP

Portraits will concentrate on how it played out in the era of self-rule in the 1970s. Objects such as those relating to Greek life, the Lady of the Bracelet award, or life skills courses highlight changing attitudes, customs, and expectations of Vanderbilt’s women students.

Fall Calendar

Date  Event  Date  Event
September 4  CLC Interest Meetings  October 16  Chem 101 Exam Review Session
September 7  Diverse Dones Day  October 16–22  Commodore Cup Service Week
September 9–11  OAEs FALL WEEKEND OF SERVICE  October 19  Third Presidential Debate
September 10  VU Football vs. MTSU  October 20–22  HOMECOMING
September 11  VU Football vs. MTSU  October 20  Chem 101 Exam
September 12  Town Hall Meetings for CLC Elections  October 21  Commodore Quiz
September 12–16  GREEN DOT AWARENESS WEEK  October 22  Vanderbilt Football vs. Tennessee State
September 15  Calc (Math 1300) Exam  October 23  Crawford Lecture
September 15–16  Hispanic Heritage Month  October 26  Dean’s Book Club
September 16  VenLue: Lights on The Commons Constitution and Citizenship Day  October 30  Commodore Cup Fall Knowledge Bowl
September 17  Bike Safety Program  November 1  Commodore Cup Service Week
September 18  PREVAIL: Women’s Leadership Conference  November 4–12  Commodore Cup Service Week
September 22  Undergraduate Research Fair & Poster Session  November 5  Evening with the Chancellor
September 23  Fall For The Arts  November 7  Election Day 2016
September 23–25  FAMILY WEEKEND  November 8  Dean’s Book Club
September 24  Commons Reading Rolling Seminar  November 9  FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS REGISTER FOR Spring 2017 Classes
September 26  First Presidential Debate  November 12  Drai
September 27  Lawson Lecture  November 14–18  INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
September 28  Dean’s Book Club  November 14  Chem 101 Exam Review Session
September 30–October 8  Commons Reading Rolling Seminar  November 19  Vanderbilt Football vs. Ole Miss
October 1  VU Football vs. Florida  g.m. Residence Halls Close
October 2  Commons Reading Rolling Seminar  November 19–27  Thanksgiving Break
October 4  Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session  November 26  Vanderbilt Football vs. Tennessee
October 4  Vice Presidential Debate  November 27  g.m. Residence Halls Open
October 7  Commons Reading Rolling Seminar  November 28  Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session
October 8  Commons Mix Up  November 30–December 1  VU THEATRE PRESENTS THE FIRST-YEAR SHOWCASE
October 9  Commons Mix Up  December 1  Calc (Math 1300) Exam
October 10  Commons Ultimate Frisbee Tournament  December 3  Commodore Cup Indoor Recreational Sports Tournament
October 10  Second Presidential Debate  December 8  Commodores Holiday Study Break
October 11  Spring 2017 Class Schedule Available in YES  Last Day of Class
October 11  National Coming Out Day  December 9–17  UG EXAMINATIONS AND READING DAYS
October 13–14  FALL BREAK  December 10  Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session
December 10  Calc (Math 1300) Exam Final Exam  December 14  Commodore Cup Service Week
December 14  Commodore Cup Final Exam  December 18  Commodore Cup Service Week
December 18  Winter Break Starts
Tips on How to Succeed Academically

1. Like, Actually Go to Class
Going to class may seem like a no-brainer, since you've likely been doing that without any apprehension for your entire school career. You might be surprised how easy it becomes to miss class. And it can quickly become a hard habit to break. Skipping class is like a stomach wound: it kills you, but very slowly and very painfully. So, actually get out of bed and go! It's the easiest way to start earning a good grade and meeting other students too.

2. Go to Office Hours
Office hours can be incredibly helpful, but students are often hesitant to attend. Even if you don't have a question that pertains directly to the class, your professors will be happy to see you. You can ask them about problems that you are struggling with, or discuss a topic you found particularly interesting. Also, communicate clearly with your professors. If you have to miss a class, let them know. Professors are understanding people, but they're not going to understand if you're being cagey and weird.

3. Manage Your Time
You can accomplish more than you might think, as long as you learn to manage your time. Busy does not necessarily mean effective time management. Set a specific time for everything that you do, including homework. Even if you're not a “schedule person,” try it out. If you have a detailed schedule, and you stick to it, you're going to be amazed with what you get done. TV, video games, Facebook, and Netflix are beautiful things, but set aside time for them, just not too much time.

4. Work with Other Students
Nothing reinforces what you just learned as well as teaching it to someone else. Working in groups has many advantages. If you work with the right people, they can help you stay focused and on task. You can bounce ideas off of each other, and if one of you understands a topic well, you can help the others. People from other schools are often surprised by how supportive Vandy students are of each other. Use that to your advantage. It doesn't matter if you're talking about poetry or mitosis. Discussions help you learn.
Find the Perfect Study Spaces

... across Campus

**STUDY SPACE KEY:**
- **Noise Level**
- **Projector Available**
- **Printer Available**
- **White Board Available**
- **Crowdedness**

**Upstairs Rand is a good, quiet place to study in the evenings, but electric outlets are scarce, so come with a fully charged laptop.**

**You can access any class building with your Commodore Card and grab a quiet room to study.**

**You can search on the library’s website for books you are interested in.**

**With food, friendly spaces, interactive exhibits, umbrellas and laptops for borrowing, guest speakers and programs, the library is much more than books.**

**Go to “Ask a Librarian” on the library homepage.**

**Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries**

library.vanderbilt.edu

The eight libraries in the Vanderbilt system offer comfortable, quiet spaces for individual study and group study rooms for working in teams. See the library study space maps on the following page.

The library’s 1.5 million electronic books and over 94,000 electronic databases and e-journals address the needs of twenty-first century students and scholars. When you are unsure where to start your research or have trouble with your footnote formatting, ask a librarian. You can ask questions online or make a personal appointment.

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**Library Online Resources**

library.vanderbilt.edu

Books, articles, databases, and library services are available online and through your mobile phone.

**Help with Research: Ask Us**

Get help finding materials, identifying topics, and presenting your research. Click the Ask Us button on our homepage to email a librarian.

**Search and Discovery Resources**

The Heard Library website features a new ALL search box that searches for your terms in a variety of available resources: article databases, the catalog, DiscoverLibrary, research guides, and electronic journals.

All of these resources may be searched individually as well. DiscoverLibrary provides single search access to a superset of resources, including the contents of ACORN, our library catalog. In addition to other resources such as the Vanderbilt Television News Archive, ebooks, articles, and digital collections. DiscoverLibrary is designed to make academic research more intuitive and Google-like.

**Getting Books from Other Libraries:**

*Use interlibrary loan to access items from across the world that the Vanderbilt University libraries do not own. Log in to your online account for request forms or follow links provided in many of the databases and catalogs provided by the library.*

**Computer Labs**

its.vanderbilt.edu/helpdesk/labs

Locations in Garland Hall, Hobbs Lab, Stevenson Center, Wilson Hall, and the Wyatt Center offer Internet access, printing, and useful software. In addition, there are computers in all libraries and lobbies for checkout.

**Print Stations**

Print stations are conveniently located throughout the campus, including The Commons Center, Sarratt, and the libraries. You can use your Commodore Card to pay.

**INSIDER TIPS**

- **Did you know you can borrow laptops, chargers, and even umbrellas at the library?**

- **You can search on the library’s website to see what books are currently available before making the trek across campus.**

- **Many peer reviewed articles are available online through the library’s databases and can be accessed anywhere with your VUnetID.**
Find the Perfect Study Spaces

... in the Central Library

The library seating maps were created by Matthew Dauk, Paris Fan, Kyle Galin, Morgan Hurst, Chris Lynn, Megan McGee, Stefano Scotti, Haydon Tucker, and Grant Valeriano (all Peabody students, Class of 2019) as an HOD class project.

Academic Resources: Reach Out and Make it Happen

Find yourself overwhelmed, don’t know how to study effectively for tests, can’t figure out how to structure your paper, feel anxious about your exams? You are not alone. Vanderbilt offers so many ways for you to find support. All you need to do is reach out.

Go to your prof or TA to get some clarification on an assignment, to your academic adviser for concerns about requirements or course load, to the Writing Studio for your essay, to the STEM Tutoring Help Desk for your Gen Chem questions, to Tutoring Services for most of your language classes, and to the Skills Coach to work on study skills or test anxiety.

The Writing Studio

1801 Edgehill Ave, Suite 106 (near The Ingram Commons)
(615) 343-2225 • vanderbilt.edu/writing

Good writing is improved by conversation. We invite you to meet with one of our trained consultants to talk about your course paper or any other writing project. Through these conversations, we can work on clarifying your ideas, strengthening your arguments, and making your writing process more efficient.

Appointments are easy to make. Just go to our website. Appointments fill up quickly, so plan ahead, especially during midterms and finals. Try to leave yourself a buffer after your appointment to work on your writing before it is due.

We have two locations—1801 Edgehill and 207 Commons Center—and are open six days a week during the daytime and evening. We also host special events—like our Dinner and a Draft series—and offer online resources, VUPrint, a reference library, and free coffee!

“I love working with students! This is my tenth year at Vanderbilt, and I’m still amazed that I make a living by helping brilliant, interesting people like you to reach your writing and larger educational and life goals. As a first-generation college student, I had a difficult time figuring out how college worked, and I wasn’t sure where to go for guidance. Now, as university faculty, I strive to make sure you receive the guidance and support you need. Drop by the Writing Studio for a chat or a cup of coffee with me. I’d love to meet you!”

— Rebecca Chapman, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Writing Studio; Senior Lecturer, English and Women’s and Gender Studies

Tutoring Services

An overview of all tutorial services that are offered in the School of Engineering and College of Arts and Science can be found at vanderbilt.edu/cas/supportservices/tutingservices/index.php

Tutoring Program

1801 Edgehill Ave, Suite 106 (near The Ingram Commons)
(615) 322-5218 • as.vanderbilt.edu/tutoring

Worried about your first chemistry or calculus test? Schedule a (free) individual appointment through Tutoring Services. We cover introductory courses in biological sciences, chemistry, economics, mathematics, physics and some foreign languages. Each student is allowed up to ten sessions per course per semester. Everything you need to know about scheduling an appointment and the classes covered is on our website! We want to help good students be even better!

STEM Help Desks and Exam Review Sessions

(615) 343-8061 • as.vanderbilt.edu/tutoring/helpdesk/STEMspring16.pdf

The College of Arts and Science, the School of Engineering, and the National Science Foundation are offering help sessions conveniently located in The Commons Center and in Featheringill Hall for first-year and sophomore engineering, science, and mathematics courses.

INSIDER TIPS

Schedule a Writing Studio appointment on their website in minutes, and check out the consultants’ bios before you choose one. Read up on their tips on how to make the most of your session at vanderbilt.edu/writing/about/appointments.
Help Sessions are led by an advanced undergraduate or a graduate student. They are designed for students to drop in and discuss questions one-on-one or in a small group setting.

Help Sessions are held Sunday through Thursday, September 11 – December 1 (excluding breaks), in The Commons Center (CC) 215/216 and Featheringill Hall (FGH) 132 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

• First-Year Courses in CC 215/216:
  - CHEM 1501, 1502, 1510, MATH 1110, 1120, MATH 2120, MATH 2310, MATH 2130, and MATH 3110.

• Arts and Science Courses in FGH 132:
  - MATH 2200, MATH 2200, MATH 2400, MATH 2400, PHYS 1502, and PHYS 1502.

• School of Engineering Courses in FGH 132:
  - BME 2100, CE 2100, CHE 2100, CS 1101, CS 1103, CS 2101, ECE 2122, ECE 2136, ECE 2150, and ECE 2223.

If you have questions, contact Burgess Mitchell at Burgess.mitchell@vanderbilt.edu or by phone at 343-8061.

Review Sessions for Chemistry 1601 and Math 1200
All review sessions are held in The Commons Center a few days prior to the exams. The schedule will be announced in your classes.

Academic and Study Skills Support
(615) 322-0480 (for appointments)
vanderbilt.edu/healthystudying

The academic skills coach at the Center for Student Wellbeing offers various types of support to help you succeed academically, including:

• One-on-One Appointments (during peak times there may be a wait)
  - First appointments typically last 45 minutes at that time; you will decide about future meetings. Please bring relevant school work, schedules, books, and/or planners.

• Academic Skills Workshops

  September Dates: Thursdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
  - Community Center 233

Series includes: learning how to learn (general study skills), time management, reading strategies, writing strategies, and test preparation. The workshop series is offered twice a semester and is held in The Commons Center during the first half and at the Center for Student Wellbeing during the second half of the semester.

• Walk-In/Study Hall Hours

  Wednesday 7:30-10:00 p.m.
  - Center for Student Wellbeing (starting first week of classes)

Most academic distress, drop-in conversations last 15 minutes and are meant to address a single topic or concern. Individual academic counseling may be scheduled as a follow-up. You can seek help with time management, ask questions about how to study for a particular subject, and practice test anxiety reduction exercises. This time can also be used as a study hall.

LD and/or ADHD Assessment
medschool.vanderbilt.edu/pcc/idahd-assessment

If you suspect you may have ADHD or a learning disability or require updated documentation (i.e., testing must have been completed within the past three years) to receive academic accommodations from the EAD Disability Services Department, you will need to undergo a comprehensive evaluation at the Psychological and Counseling Center. Depending upon the test results, the PCC will help arrange appropriate interventions and, with your consent, facilitate the reporting of the results to the Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department, the disability services office at Vanderbilt. The EAD arranges for academic accommodations, if appropriate, as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The exact nature of the accommodations is determined on an individual basis according to the disability that was diagnosed. All work completed at the Psychological and Counseling Center is confidential. We do not release any information without your explicit written permission.

English Language Center
1208 13th Ave. South
(near The Ingram Commons)
(615) 322-2277 • vanderbilt.edu/elc

The ELC assists students and scholars at Vanderbilt whose primary language is not English in achieving their academic potential and participation in the life of the university and community. The ELC provides language instruction for such students and scholars and focuses on contextualizing advanced language use within an academic context.

Courses are offered in a friendly, supportive, interactive atmosphere, and program features include:

• writeELC for Undergraduates helps participants more fully adapt to academic writing styles and become more effective in presenting ideas. Content is tailored to meet individual writing needs through workshops, one-to-one sessions, and online resources and is organized around writing assignments in Vanderbilt University courses.

• Academic Speaking and Academic Pronunciation courses focus on oral communication needs found in academic settings. Participants meet both in a group and individually with an instructor to work on their specific language needs.

• One-to-One Writing and Speaking Consultations provide constructive feedback to help participants develop strategies for successful speaking and writing in academic and professional environments. The ELC offers one tuition-free course per semester to Vanderbilt students. The courses are not for credit. To apply for any of our courses or to sign up for one-to-one consultations, please go to our website.

How to Make the Most of Academic Advising
Whether you are a student in the College of Arts and Science, Peabody College, Blair School of Music, or the School of Engineering, your adviser can be an important resource.

Your academic adviser can provide advice, support, and perspective, especially in this crucial first semester at Vanderbilt. Maybe you are here planning to go to medical school, but now you’re rethinking those plans. Maybe you have no idea what you want to study. Let alone do with your life. Maybe you’ve fallen in love with your religious studies course and wonder where to go from there. Maybe you’re having a hard time connecting with the work in a class or figuring out your instructor’s expectations. Maybe you’re wondering how study abroad fits into your plans or what to do with your AP credit or how to go about taking a summer course elsewhere.

Your academic adviser can be your first port of call for any academic question, interest, or concern.
Above all, your adviser wants to help you make the most of your time at Vanderbilt and pursue your passions in a way that makes sense for you.

The better your adviser knows you, the more helpful he or she can be. So reach out early and often!

• Many advisers use an online scheduling system, so make an appointment—and be on time! If your adviser doesn’t schedule appointments online, send an email to set up a time to meet—and be on time!

• Keep up with your own academic progress by consulting your Degree Audit.

• Carry your own weight in the conversation—he or she will be prepared to talk about your plans, do a little research on the subject ahead of time, and ask lots of questions.

Remember this: academic advisers are here to help you—so reach out to them!

Health Professions Advisory Office
1815 Edgehill Ave. Suite 106
(near The Ingram Commons)
(615) 322-2466 • vanderbilt.edu/hpao

The mission of the Health Professions Advisory Office is to help students be successful in their application to health professions graduate schools. We are here for you to provide information, support, encouragement, and, when needed, comfort.

Join our listserv through Anchor Link and schedule an appointment (via the online scheduler at as.vanderbilt.edu/hpao/) to come by so we can begin to get to know each other.

Pre-Nursing Advising
as.vanderbilt.edu/hpao/professions/nursing.php

If you are interested in nursing, you should consult Assistant Dean Jana Lauderdale at (615) 322-5288 or email jana.lauderdale@vanderbilt.edu. For more information, see our website.

Pre-Architecture Advising
as.vanderbilt.edu/hpao

Students interested in the study of architecture should consult our website and contact pre-architecture advisers Professor Kevin D. Murphy at (615) 342-9576 or Professor Vesna Pavlovic at (615) 342-7244 or email pre-architecture-advising@vanderbilt.edu.

Pre-Law Advising
Interested in studying law? Please contact Department of Political Science Professor Carrie A. Russell at (615) 322-5023 or via email at carrie.russell@vanderbilt.edu.
Student Centers, Recreational Areas, and Auditoriums

1. Commons Center
2. Alumni Hall
3. Student Life Center
4. Sarrao Student Center | Rand Hall
5. The Wall and Rand Terrace
6. Greek Row
7. Recreation and Wellness Center
8. Langford Auditorium

Academic Buildings

9. Wilson Hall
10. Furman Hall
11. Neely Auditorium
12. Benson Hall
13. Calhoun Hall
14. Garland Hall
15. Buttrick Hall
16. Featheringill Hall (Engineering)
17. Stevens Center
18. E. Bronson Ingram Studio Arts Center
19. Blair School of Music
20. Wyatt Center
21. Cohen Memorial Hall
22. Josup Psychology and Hobbs Lab
23. Payne Hall
24. Mayborn Hall
25. Home Economics Building
26. 1801 Edgehill Ave.

Libraries

27. Central Library
28. Peabody Library
29. Stevenson Science and Engineering Library
30. Eskind Biomedical Library
31. Wilson Music Library

Services and Resources

32. Student Health Center
33. Center for Student Wellbeing
34. Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life
35. Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life
36. Barnes and Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore
37. Project Safe Center
38. Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) Life / K.C. Potter Center
39. Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center
40. Mail Services (see #1 and #4)
41. Campus Copy (see #4)
42. Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
43. Benton Chapel
44. Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services (EAD)
45. Psychological and Counseling Center
46. College of Arts and Science Pre-Major Academic Advising Resources (CASPAR) (see #1)
47. Seigenthaler Center
48. English Language Center
49. Curb Center (Creative Campus Initiative)
50. Office of Honor Scholarships
51. Health Professions Advisory Office
52. The Writing Studio
53. Tutoring Program

Emergency Phones

Emergency phones—or Bluelights—have a button that, when pressed, automatically dial the VUPD Communications Center. An open line on any emergency phone will activate a priority response from a VUPD officer.
Honor Vanderbilt’s Culture of Integrity

One of the first things you will do after arriving on campus is to participate in the Honor Code signing ceremony.

A Message from the Honor Council President
Bronson Wessinger, '17, School of Engineering

Commodores are high achievers. Whether in academics, research, athletics, or the arts, Vanderbilt students display a great deal of tenacity and dedication. More important than our successes, however, are the principles we follow as we pursue excellence. Only by trusting our peers to conduct themselves with integrity can we expect Vanderbilt to maintain its prestige as an elite institution. This mutual trust is embodied on campus by the Honor Code.

Since Vanderbilt’s beginning, the Honor Code has been the foundation of academic integrity on campus. By signing the Honor Code upon arriving at Vanderbilt, each student pledges to engage in academic practices responsibly and uphold the standards of the Honor Code to preserve the integrity of the university and its individual members. The faith we place in one another provides our campus with a sense of trust and collaboration.

Statement of the Honor Code:

Vanderbilt University students pursue all academic endeavors with integrity.

They conduct themselves honorably, professionally and respectfully in all realms of their studies in order to promote and secure an atmosphere of dignity and trust.

The keystone of our honor system is self-regulation, which requires cooperation and support from each member of the University community.

“I pledge on my honor that I have neither given nor received aid on this examination.”

—Undergraduate Honor Pledge

Honor Council

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Founded in 1950, the Undergraduate Honor Council is the oldest student-run organization on campus. It serves to promote the principles of the Honor Code, as well as to hold accountable any individuals who violate our community’s collective trust. The Honor Council is run by students because we have the most to lose when the tenets of the Honor Code are violated. Only by pursuing all achievements with integrity can we ensure the quality of our education and the value of the Vanderbilt degree. Remember that underneath each Commodore’s great achievements is a promise that they have acted with integrity and honor.

Plan Ahead

Joint Undergraduate/Graduate Programs

College of Arts and Science

• Combined B.A./M.A. (4+1) in the following departments and programs: English, French, German, History, Latin American Studies, Math, Medicine, Health, and Society; Philosophy, Political Science, and Psychology. Admission to the 4+1 program is highly selective. For more information, see acad.vanderbilt.edu/academics/specialdegreeprograms/4plus1 or contact Dean Martin Rapsisara.

• Combined B.A./MBA in conjunction with the Owen School of Management. For more information, see owen.vanderbilt.edu/programs/mba/joint-degrees/index.cfm.

• Combined B.A./M.S.N. in conjunction with the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. For more information, contact Dean Roger Moore. (This program will be available only to students who enter as first-year students in fall 2016 or earlier.)

Blair School of Music

• B.Mus./M.Ed. (Teacher Education) or a B.Mus. and MBA (through Owen) in a five-year arrangement.

For more information, please see Prof. Tucker Biddlecombe for Teacher Education or Prof. Amy Jamin about the Blair-to-Owen program.

School of Engineering

If you have significant Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate or transfer credit, you might consider earning both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in four or five years. If you are interested in any of the following programs, please contact Associate Director of Academic Services Adam McKeever-Burgett at adburgett@vanderbilt.edu.

• M.S. in Finance/B.S. in Computer Science

• B.E./M.E. in Engineering

• Accelerated Graduate Program in Engineering—students who enter Vanderbilt with a significant amount of credits (20 to 30 hours) may be eligible to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in engineering in just four years.

Peabody College

• 3+2 Child Development/Nursing Program: This is an ideal program if you want to pursue a nursing career. Students take their senior year, in absentia, in the nursing school, and depending on their specialty, they can graduate in as few as five years with a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in nursing. This program is also available to students pursuing a human and organizational development major. For more information, see peabody.vanderbilt.edu/degrees/child_development.php and nursing.vanderbilt.edu/msn/annyia.html.

• B.Mus./M.Ed. (Teacher Education): Peabody College and the Blair School of Music offer a joint program for students interested in teacher licensure. You can graduate from this program in five years with a B.Mus. and an M.Ed., certified to be a music teacher. For more information, see blair.vanderbilt.edu/departments/med.php.

• Fifth-year M.Ed. Programs in Child Studies, Elementary Education, Education Policy, Higher Education Administration, Leadership and Organizational Performance, and International Education Policy and Management: With one of these programs you have the opportunity, in one extra year, to build a more specialized master’s degree on the intellectual foundation laid by your Vanderbilt bachelor’s degree. For more information, see peabody.vanderbilt.edu/degrees/programs/master-sed-programs/masters_programs/fifth_year_masters_program.php.

Career Center

Located in the SLC, with a satellite office in The Commons Center, the Career Center offers career coaching and resources to help you clarify your interests, learn how to write resumes, and discover internships.

We host a number of events where you can explore and connect to internships and jobs, including:

• Professional development workshops and trainings

• Information sessions and networking events with employers

• Career fairs and on-campus interviews

Getting started with the center is easy. First-year students and others who have not been to our office are encouraged to visit with our coaching staff during walk-in hours, held daily during the academic year. No appointment is needed.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ABOUT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Academic Integrity at Vanderbilt
vanderbilt.edu/academicintegrity

Undergraduate Honor Council
students.vanderbilt.edu/honorcouncil

Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, & Academic Integrity
vanderbilt.edu/studentaccountability

The Honor System in the Student Handbook
vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/the-honor-system

Chapter two of the Student Handbook acquaints you with the specifics of the standards expected of you as a member of the university community. It is your responsibility to become aware of the contents of the Student Handbook. Ignorance of a policy or regulation will not be considered an excuse for failure to observe it.

Additional resources about academic integrity:
Undergraduate Research
research.vanderbilt.edu/undergrad research

This website is your information portal on all things research. It offers lots of advice and information on the application process on our website, then set up an appointment with us to discuss how to proceed. 

Global Education Office
(615) 343-3139 • vanderbilt.edu/geo

Student Life Center, Suite 115
1801 Edgehill Ave, Suite 106 (near The Ingram Commons)
(615) 343-3139 • globaleducationoffice@vanderbilt.edu

Across your entire time at Vanderbilt and even beyond, we will work with you to identify competitive scholarships and fellowships that align with your interests and then help you prepare the strongest application possible. There are opportunities that could enable you to engage in funded study, travel, or research from the summer after your first year through after you graduate. You can search for scholarships and find information on the application process on our website, then set up an appointment with us to discuss how to proceed.

What is undergraduate research? It is an inquiry and investigation that you make with the guidance of a faculty mentor into a discipline—whether biology research in a laboratory, examinations of artwork and creativity, or an interdisciplinary investigation that spans majors, fields, and schools.

Why do research? It is a hands-on way to develop problem solving, critical thinking, and professional skills outside the classroom. It allows you to deepen relationships with faculty, prepare for competitive graduate programs, and develop marketable skills for future employment.

When can I do research? Research opportunities are available to all students regardless of class year—during the fall and spring semesters or over the summer.

How do I begin? There is no one “right” way. For starters, you might talk to your TA, your advisor, your professor, or your VUceptor. Check out our website for general advice about how to get started and involved.

Undergraduate Catalog
vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/undergrad

The Undergraduate Catalog is the official publication of record for the requirements of the degree program; it includes both the course requirements and academic policies that will govern your degree. Students must meet the degree requirements stated in the catalog for the year they enter a degree program.

INSIDER TIPS
To register with YES for Spring Classes

Your Internet connection is key:
Consider using an Ethernet cable, a library desktop, or the 4G on your smartphone since Vandy’s WiFi can be spotty during registration.

Refresh the page when your registration period begins so that the button appears to submit your classes. Otherwise, you risk losing a precious minute or two.

Have a back-up course plan (or two) written down, and keep all of those classes in your cart in order to facilitate potential switches.

Realize you have to hit “submit” at the end.

If you don’t get into a course you need at first, check back during open registration—spots often open up, or consider emailing the professor.

Questions?
Click on “Help” in the upper right corner of any YES page to access detailed information on the application. Contact information is also provided if you need more individual help. For user guides to YES, please go to registrar.vanderbilt.edu/registration/yes-user-guides
Blackboard Course Management System
blackboard.vanderbilt.edu
Blackboard is Vanderbilt’s primary course management system, providing a core set of digital tools designed to support teaching and learning across campus. Your instructors may use Blackboard to:
• Share a course syllabus or schedule
• Provide information about assignments
• Link to readings and other helpful resources
• Post grades to the Grade Center, so you can track progress in class by clicking “My Grades.”
You may also be asked to use Blackboard to take tests, submit assignments, participate in online discussions, or contribute to a wiki or blog.
To log in to Blackboard, go to blackboard.vanderbilt.edu and enter your VUnetID and e-Password. You will see a list of your current and past courses. Click on a course name to enter the site for that course.
If you have questions about Blackboard, you are encouraged to reach out to your instructor. Blackboard support is also available by emailing blackboard@vanderbilt.edu.

INSIDER TIPS

• Check Blackboard often for syllabuses, course assignments and grades.
• You can customize your theme and organize your dashboard to personalize it.
Looking for organized team sports? Intramural Sports

Our intramural program includes more than 40 sports ranging from basketball to inner tube water polo. Leagues are available in men’s, women’s, and co-recreational divisions. Competitive and recreation divisions are formed to meet the desired skill or interest level of the participants. Registration is done through the Office of Campus Recreation. You can also get involved in intramurals through your house and participate in the Commodore Cup.

Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center

Located inside the Rec Center, this is where you can find fitness and lifestyle improvement programs and events as well as a variety of online tools, personal training services, partnership and community outreach opportunities, cooking demonstrations, and nutrition resources.

Outdoor Recreation Program

Nashville’s close proximity to gorgeous state parks and natural areas makes it an ideal location for weekend backpacking, spelunking, canoeing, and rafting trips. You can participate in an Outdoor Rec trip or rent gear here for your own trip. The resource library includes maps and guidebooks for local parks to make planning a trip on your own easier. Outdoor Rec is located on Children’s Way by the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center.

Or focus on creating a healthy lifestyle? The Wellness Center

Located inside the Rec Center, this is where you can find fitness and lifestyle improvement programs and events as well as a variety of online tools, personal training services, partnership and community outreach opportunities, cooking demonstrations, and nutrition resources.

Center for Student Wellbeing

Across from the Student Health Center (between McTyeire and Featheringill Hall)
(615) 322-0480 • vanderbilt.edu/healthystores

The Center for Student Wellbeing is a new space dedicated to helping you cultivate lifelong wellbeing practices. Our staff, which includes student wellbeing coordinators and an academic skills coach, is available for individual coaching appointments to help you develop and maintain skills that will contribute to your personal and academic success. We also invite you to stop by our meditation room for yoga, meditation, and mindfulness classes, or for self-guided practice. Workshops are available on a variety of topics as well, including resilience, time management, healthy living, and alcohol and other drug education.

The meditation room, VRS lounge, and workshop room are available by card access 24/7. You may walk in or call the center to schedule an appointment M-F, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt Recovery Support (VRS)

Vanderbilt Recovery Support is a program of the Center for Student Wellbeing. If you are actively working a recovery program (i.e., from a substance use or eating disorder), we welcome you to attend a recovery meeting or to utilize our VRS lounge in the Center for Student Wellbeing for studying and community building. Individual coaching, mentorship meetings, and recovery housing, which provides a substance-free environment with accountability measures, are also available to those working on recovery.

I moved to Nashville from Nebraska to attend Vanderbilt in 1997 and never left! I enjoy working with students to identify strengths and resources that will contribute to their academic and personal success at VU. I also love being a part of campus-wide wellness initiatives and programs, such as LEAPS (Liaisons Educating & Advocating for Psychological Support) and the Vanderbilt JumpStart Project. I am thrilled to be at the new center and am especially excited for the meditation room!”

— E. Rachel Edridge, M.Ed.
Director, Center for Student Wellbeing

I have spent the last four years—of my eighteen years in education—at Vanderbilt University. What I enjoy most about my profession is working with students to support them in accomplishing their goals. When I was a professional boxer in Detroit, I realized the necessity of combining perseverance, fun, and discipline to achieve my goals, and this is something I share with students. In my free time, I enjoy being with my family, reading, traveling, and swimming.”

— Katharina Dotas Cuthbert
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Insider Tips

There’s a cardio loft upstairs in the Rec if the main room is too full. Stop by the Rec’s Smoothie King to reward yourself after a good workout.

Psychological and Counseling Center

2015 Terrace Place
(across from the Baker Building)
Schedule appointments online at medschool.vanderbilt.edu/pcc or call us (615) 322-2571.

At the PCC we support the mental health needs of Vanderbilt students to help them reach their personal goals. We are here to address difficulties through services such as crisis intervention, substance abuse counseling, individual counseling, group counseling, ADHD and learning disorder assessments, biofeedback, psychiatric assessment and pharmacologic treatment. Our team of psychologists, licensed counselors, and psychiatric medical providers collaborates with students to provide evidence-based treatment plans tailored to each individual’s unique background and needs.

We emphasize prevention through collaboration with the Center for Student Wellbeing with a focus on developing the skills and self-awareness needed to excel in a challenging educational environment. For additional resources, see next page.
Let’s Talk
In addition to the services provided at the PCC, we offer opportunities for informal and confidential consultations with a counselor in three different locations on campus through Let’s Talk.
Let’s Talk may be appropriate if you:
• Are not sure about counseling and wonder what it’s like to talk with a counselor,
• Are not interested in ongoing counseling but would like the perspective of a counselor,
• Have a specific problem and would like someone with whom to talk it through,
• Have a concern about a friend and want some thoughts about what to do.

Let’s Talk Walk-in Hours (August 23–December 15, 2016)
The Commons Center 215
• Tuesdays, 2:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.
Law School 043K
• Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sarratt 208
• Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

“I really enjoy working with and aiding young adults improve their ‘adulting’ skills. I was born and seasoned in Houston, and I am from a very large family. Xavier University in New Orleans was my undergraduate home where I started as pre-Med and, after a perplexing semester of biochemistry, switched to psychology. I moved to Nashville to attend graduate school and stayed after receiving my M.A. from Fisk. In January 2016, I joined the Vanderbilt community. In my free time I enjoy being a mom to my son and engaging in his interests; for now this includes taekwondo and all things Pokémon and Yo-Kai.”
— Marcy Melvin, Coordinator of Access and Inclusion
Psychological and Counseling Center

Student Health Center
Zerfoss Center (across from McTyre and adjacent to Stevenson Center)
Semester Hours: Mon.–Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.–Noon
Appointments and 24/7 emergency consultations: (615) 322–2427
medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health

The Student Health Center is your on-campus primary care clinic, here to serve your health care needs during your time at Vanderbilt. We provide a wide range of services including acute care for unexpected injuries or illnesses, chronic disease management, gynecology, STD screening, nutrition, and sports medicine. The Student Health Center is also here to serve your travel needs and can do all vaccinations necessary for your adventure overseas. We are an officially certified yellow fever vaccine clinic and can help make sure you are well prepared for study abroad or pleasure travel outside of the United States.

Our staff includes physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, and a lab technician. There are no charges for the office visits or consultations themselves (those are covered by your tuition dollars), but if you require lab work or medical supplies, you will be charged minimal fees. Any larger charges you incur, such as X-rays at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will be billed by the Medical Center to your insurance company.

How to Get Seen by a Medical Care Provider:
We encourage all students who need medical care to call us at the Student Health Center for an appointment. This allows you to pick a time that works best with your schedule and is generally the most efficient way to receive care. You will usually be able to get an appointment within 1–2 days, but if you have an urgent problem, you will be seen on a same-day basis. We always leave appointments available for such urgent matters, but if they are filled, you can still come to clinic to be “worked in” on a first-come, first-served basis.

“My childhood was spent in Mobile, Alabama, and Vestal, New York, and I graduated from Cornell University. I came to Vanderbilt in 1986 for medical school and stayed on for residency and a chief resident year in internal medicine. In 1998, after three years in private practice, I found my medical home at the Student Health Center. Taking care of Vanderbilt students is one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. I have been married for 22 years and have two teenagers at home, a 15-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl. In our free time, we enjoy watching sports, hiking, and playing with our two spoiled hound dogs.”
— Dr. Louise Hanson, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Medical Director, Zerfoss Student Health Center

Project Safe Center
304 West Side Row behind McGill Hall
24-Hour Hotline (615) 322–SAFE (7233)
Office (615) 873–0660 • vanderbilt.edu/projectsafe

The Project Safe Center for Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response partners with students, faculty, and staff to create a campus culture that rejects power-based personal violence, including sexual misconduct and sexual violence. It supports survivors of sexual violence and engages the campus community in bystander intervention efforts and sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking prevention programming.

The center assists students in obtaining medical care and connecting with law enforcement and helps students understand the range of options and resources available to those impacted by power-based personal violence, including interim measures such as academic, housing, transportation, or other accommodations.

Project Safe’s services are available to all students, regardless of when and where an incident occurred, including students who have experienced violence or abuse prior to enrollment. The Project Safe Center is designated as a limited confidential resource (see below for an explanation).

Students may walk in Mon.–Fri., 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., call the office to schedule an appointment, and/or call the hotline to speak with a Victim Resource Specialist.

Who to talk to if you have experienced personal power-based violence or know of someone who has?

Here is a list of confidentiality levels of campus resources:
Confidential Resources
Offices designated as ‘confidential’ will not report any information to the Title IX Office. These conversations are kept strictly confidential and, except in rare, extreme circumstances (including imminent risk of harm to self or others), nothing will be shared without your permission. Confidential resources on campus include the Psychological and Counseling Center, Student Health Center, and pastoral counselors with the Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life acting in their capacity as clergy.

Limited Confidential Resource
The Project Safe Center is the only limited confidential resource on campus. Staff can speak with victims without revealing personally identifying information about an incident to the university, and we will only notify the Title IX coordinator of the nature, date, time, and general location of an incident, except in limited circumstances involving, for example, minors and/or serious and immediate threats. See the Sexual Misconduct and Intimate Partner Violence policy for more details.

Private Resources
All other staff including Housing and Residential Education, Student Accountability, LGBTQI Life, VUPD, and faculty are required by law to report incidents of sexual misconduct and other forms of power-based personal violence to the Title IX officer and relevant administrators so that the university can take action, if necessary, for reasons of safety. In planning any response, the Title IX coordinator will consider the interests of the victim and the university’s commitment to a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all members of the university community.

Our Community Standards and Power-Based Personal Violence

Power-based personal violence, including sexual violence, is antithetical to Vanderbilt’s values and standards and has no place in the community.

Vanderbilt’s policy requires students to obtain effective consent when engaging in sexual activity. Effective consent is consent that is informed, freely and actively given, and consists of mutually understandable words or actions indicating a willingness to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity.

In general, students are expected to show care and concern for fellow community members. One way they may do this is by intervening, when appropriate, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of a friend. Van- derbilt provides opportunities for students to learn how to be an effective bystander and intervene safely.
Our Community Standards Continued...

Alcohol and Drug Policies at Vanderbilt reflect and supplement all state and local laws pertaining to alcohol as well as illicit and prescription drugs, including underaged possession and consumption of alcohol. Here are summaries of a few of Vanderbilt’s policies that are helpful for members of our community to understand.

Sanctions: The student accountability system has five levels of sanctioning: Educational Conference, Deferred Probation, Probation, Suspension, Expulsion. An Accountability Action Plan will accompany all sanctions, except expulsion. A student may receive any of the five sanctions depending on factors such as the severity of the incident and the student’s disciplinary history.

Consequences: For students placed on disciplinary probation are high. During the period of probation, students may not, for example, study abroad, hold certain leadership positions in student organizations, become an RA or VUceptor, or join a fraternity or sorority.

The IMMUNITY RULE: provides that students who seek medical attention for intoxication and the underlying violations of drug and alcohol policies, however, will be required to complete a drug or alcohol assessment.

Vanderbilt University Police Department

(615) 343-9750 • police.vanderbilt.edu

The Vanderbilt University Police Department, through its community-oriented policing philosophy, plays a vital role in the lives of students living on campus. Our focus of community-oriented policing is to prevent crime and resolve community issues, not just to respond to crime. We work closely with other organizations to educate community members about potential hazards and how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

Here are a few things we offer for your safety and that of your belongings.

AlertVU

Vanderbilt’s Title IX coordinator is EAD Director Anita Jenious.

The EAD investigates allegations of prohibited discrimination, harassment, and retaliation involving members of the Vanderbilt community. This includes allegations of sexual misconduct and other forms of power-based personal violence. Vanderbilt’s Title IX coordinator is EAD Director Anita Jenious.

If you believe that you have been subjected to prohibited discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, or retaliation, please contact the EAD. If the offense is criminal in nature, you may file a report with VUPD.

The EAD also facilitates interim accommodations for students impacted by sexual misconduct and power-based personal violence, and discrimination. Some examples of interim accommodations include stay away orders, adjusted course schedules, and housing changes.

For additional information, refer to the Student Handbook at vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/university-policies-and-regulations/equal-opportunity or vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/sexual-misconduct.

Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, & Academic Integrity

(615) 322-7868 • vanderbilt.edu/student_accountability

The Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, & Academic Integrity is committed to:

• Creating an ethical and safe environment in which scholarship and academic integrity may flourish.
• Promoting good citizenship among students and administering community standards using fair, consistent, and confidential procedures.
• Disseminating and interpreting university policies and community standards to the Vanderbilt community.
• Serving as a resource and information agency concerning student rights and community standards.
• Guiding students toward a greater sense of personal responsibility and mature and ethical behavior.
• Providing educational experiences and counseling referrals to assist students in making appropriate choices concerning behavior.

Students and student organizations are expected to comply with all university policies, which are derived from tradition and evolve with contemporary practice. Grounds for corrective action cannot always be the subject of precise statement; however, when commonly held standards of conduct are broken, students must be held accountable if the university community is to be sustained.

Our goal in establishing policies and holding students accountable for complying with them is to help students understand how their choices can affect not only themselves, but also the community as a whole.
Office of Active Citizenship and Service
305 Rand (across from The Anchor)
(615) 343-7878 • vanderbilt.edu/oacs

We at OACS are student driven and community centered. We encourage you to get involved in community service and civic engagement. We are the campus resource for students to learn about service at the local, national, and international levels and are home to over 70 student-led service organizations.

Some signature OACS programs in the Nashville area are ReDefine, Weekends of Service, and student groups such as Habitat for Humanity, Pencil Project, VSVS (Vanderbilt Students Volunteering for Science), and Girls on the Run.

Signature programs outside of Nashville include Global Service-Learning (in Ecuador, South Africa, Morocco, and the UK), VIEW (Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington, D.C.), and Manna International.

If you are new to Vanderbilt, we invite you to come by our office so we can speak with you about your heart of our mission—explore, act, reflect—and connect you to meaningful service opportunities that positively impact the community.

“I have worked in OACS for a little over two years now. I love it! I am the first person people see when they walk into the OACS office, so interacting with students is a big part of my job. When you have any questions about volunteering, about joining a service organization, or about renting vehicles, I can help you get the answers you need.

The OACS Vehicle Loan Program is an example of one amazing service that we offer to Vanderbilt students. If you need a car to travel to a service site, you can rent vehicles through our office. I hope to see you in Rand 305 this fall!”

— Holly Jones, Administrative Assistant
Office of Active Citizenship and Service

Student Leadership Development
339 Sarratt • @vandyleads (Instagram)
(615) 343-0048 • vanderbilt.edu/leadership

PREVAIL, Women’s Leadership Conference, TEDxVanderbilt, University, and The Leadership Studio are opportunities to take advantage of in fall 2016. We serve you by offering experiences that help you grow as a leader. For us, a leader doesn’t mean that you have a title. Our goal is to develop visionary, goal-driven, and action-oriented ‘Dores who desire to make positive change. Be on the lookout for opportunities to apply for a space at PREVAIL, be in the audience to hear “ideas worth sharing” at TEDxVanderbilt, University, and be there when we bring The Leadership Studio to your neighborhood.

“Hey, y’all! I am a Virginia-born lover of public speaking. I’m a concert enthusiast who loves to read. I’ve been described as a person that you hear before you see. I am dedicated to helping students and all women find their way to a seat in the front row of their lives. This happens through my work as director of Student Leadership Development, president-elect of the Junior League of Nashville, volunteer for Delta Delta Delta, creator of S.A.I.L. (Success, Authenticity, Innovation, and Love) Sessions for women, and as a speaker/facilitator for fraternal organizations and nonprofits. Follow me on Instagram @krystclarkclark.”

— Krystal Clark
Director, Student Leadership Development

Experience Vanderbilt
anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/organization/ Experiencevanderbilt

Experience Vanderbilt, also known as EV, aims to break down monetary barriers between you and co-curricular programs that help define the Vanderbilt experience. These programs may include student organizations, club sports, dance/theatre classes, service trips, outdoor trips, Greek Life, or other initiatives that may have fees attached that limit your ability to participate. You may apply for EV funding if you currently receive financial aid. Money will be distributed through a confidential application and lottery system beginning in fall 2016. EV is funded by donations from alumni, faculty/staff members, and/or current students.
Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

421 Kirkland Hall • (615) 343-2614 • vanderbilt.edu/equity-diversity-inclusion Email: Dr. George Hilt • vanderbilt.edu

We are responsible for advocating for intersectional change, working with partners across the university to set goals and institutionalize accountability, and ensuring that equity, diversity and inclusion efforts are coordinated. Under Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer George C. Hill, we work to make Vanderbilt a place where equity is championed, broad diversity is evident, and an inclusive experience is the hallmark for all who work here. Study here and engage with us! Please visit our website to stay informed on recent news and events. A list of Vanderbilt University resources and programs, as well as links to other campus diversity offices, is also available on our site. We look forward to hearing your thoughts about how to make Vanderbilt a better community for everyone.

Inclusion Initiatives and Cultural Competence

IICC promotes an environment of cultural competency, inclusivity, and awareness where the dignity of all people is respected. We support faculty, staff, and students alike through intentional programming initiatives and signature trainings to help equip individuals with the tools necessary to become culturally and civically proficient leaders in an increasingly diverse world.

LGBTQI Life

312 West Side Row (behind Tolman Hall) • (615) 322-3330 • vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Life, located in the K.C. Potter Center, serves as a resource for information and support regarding gender and sexuality and is a place of affirmation for all identities. Weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., you can hang out on the comfortable couches of the center. You can also make an appointment with a staff member to get your questions about gender/sexuality answered or discuss ways to get involved. Whether you are interested in low-key social events or campus activism, there’s something for everyone at LGBTQI Life. Programs include LGBTQI Welcome Week, LGBTQI History Month, and the Out in Front Undergraduate Leadership Conference.

“I love being the director of LGBTQI Life, because it allows me to watch students become full and authentic versions of themselves throughout their time at Vanderbilt. I also love educating the campus community regarding what it means to create an inclusive campus environment. Outside of work, I am on the board of the Nashville Pride Festival and play in a kickball league. I’m also working on my doctorate at Vanderbilt’s Peabody College, so I can relate to the stressors of being in class! I hope students will feel comfortable dropping by the K.C. Potter Center, meeting the staff and students, and becoming a part of the community in some small (or large) way.” — Chris Purcell, Director, LGBTQI Life

Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center

342 West Side Row (right behind Tolman Hall) • (615) 322-4843 • vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter

The Women’s Center is a resource for programming and support related to gender equity topics such as sexual health, pregnancy, body image, disordered eating, healthy relationships, and women’s leadership. Several student initiatives are central to our work: the Kitchen Table Series is a student-facilitated monthly conversation series on current gender-related topics; the Vandy Sex Ed program is run by peer sexuality educators; and the PREVAIL Women’s Leadership Conference gives students a chance to develop strategies that will help them to succeed at Vanderbilt and beyond. We invite you to visit our space—students find it a quiet place to study right at the heart of campus.

“My early love of reading led me on the path I pursued: I studied English in college, spent a couple of years working in book publishing in New York City, and then began a Ph.D. program in English at Vanderbilt. After completing my Ph.D., I taught English at Westminster College in Missouri before returning to Vanderbilt. I love teaching classes about women and literature, feminist pedagogy, and the history of American feminisms. I spend much of my time outside of work with my husband and two daughters, but keeping up with my New Yorker subscription and my monthly book group helps satisfy my inner bookworm.” — Rory Dicker, Director, Women’s Center

Transition Programs

(615) 322-0307 • vanderbilt.edu/ResLife/main/residential-education/transition-programs

The Office of Transition Programs helps connect students to campus resources, provides social and academic support, and helps ensure that first-generation and transfer students—among others—are able to thrive as members of the Vanderbilt community.

“Transition Programs is here as a resource and support to all students, particularly transfer and first-generation students, as you transition into college. As a fairly recent transplant to Nashville, I have quickly fallen in love with the diverse culture, rich history, and cosmopolitan feel of this beautiful city. I am a self-proclaimed ‘foolish’ and ‘fashionista,’ so in my spare time I am all about shopping and food! Please feel free to stop by my office. I would love to meet you and see if we can discover new things about Nashville together.” — Christy Russell, Director of Transition Programs

Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life

24th Avenue South (between Stapleton and Featheringill Hall) • (615) 322-2457 • vanderbilt.edu/religiouslife

The OUCRL serves YOU in a holistic way, validating your religious, spiritual and/or ethical formation as integral to the university’s educational mission. We are here to support you through pastoral, vocational, and grief counseling; educational programming and interfaith learning; and direct support to campus religious and spiritual organizations. We recognize these affiliated chaplains: Baptist, Catholic, Episcopalian, Jewish (Hillel and Chabad), Methodist, and Presbyterian (USA & PCUSA). We also work with student organizations such as the Muslim Student Association, Vanderbilt Karma (Hindu), and Vanderbilt Interfaith Council. Whether you identify as religious or not, we welcome you and hope to serve you during your time at Vanderbilt!

“Through my position I get to witness students—among others—are able to thrive as members of the Vanderbilt community.

“I am a graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School (‘83) and have worked full time at Vanderbilt since 1994, first as the Methodist affiliate chaplain and the last four years as the university chaplain. I have had the privilege to serve as a VUceptor for four years, and the heart of my work is always YOU, the student. I am also a native Nashvillian, which means that I can direct you to many historic, cultural, and culinary points of interest. Most importantly, my entire staff is here to help you discover Vanderbilt’s evolving interfaith community of students.” — Rev. Mark Forrester, University Chaplain and Director of Religious Life

Vanderbilt Hillel

(615) 322-8376 • vanderbilt.edu/hillel

Vanderbilt Hillel is housed in the Schulman Center and is the hub of Jewish life at Vanderbilt, serving the religious, social, and educational needs of the undergraduates and graduate Jewish student communities. We pride ourselves in offering Jewish college students different ways to express their Jewishness through creative holiday programs and cultural events. Students are empowered to take responsibility for their Jewish identity. The Schulman Center also houses Grins (pronounced ‘greens’), a vegetarian kosher restaurant and favorite of the health conscious.

First Year Students of Hillel (FYSH) Board

This board helps empower you to create a Jewish community on The Ingram Commons, to build a relationship with the existing members of Hillel, and to learn how to become a leader. The FYSH Board is a student run and led initiative with guidance from Program Director Lauren Silverman. As a first-year student, you can apply to join the FYSH board in September.

PLACES TO HANG OUT:

Multicultural Lounge, Sarratt 337
Sarratt Lounge (Lower level, next to Last Drop Coffee Shop)
Black Cultural Center
K.C. Potter Center
LGBTQI Life
Women’s Center
Community Partnership House (Office of Religious Life)
Schulman Center

INSIDER TIP:

Check out Aryeh’s 5th Ave: a kosher meat eatery in a sleek 1970s Airstream trailer!
Arts and Campus Events
vanderbilt.edu/artsandevents/

Our office coordinates the major arts and campus programming initiatives on cam-
pus. Program highlights include:
• Studio art co-curricular classes
• Co-curricular dance classes including ballet, hip-hop, funk, yoga, ballroom, and more
• Vanderbilt Programming Board, which provides social, cultural, educational, recreational, and multicultural activities at Vanderbilt and is comprised of the six largest programming organizations on campus: Homecoming, Speakers Committee, CityVu, The Music Group, The VenU, and Vandy Fanatics
• Vanderbilt Performing Arts Council, which represents over 20 student organizations
• ACE Design, a student-run design studio that creates marketing materials for Dean of Students programs and student organizations
For details, including how to get involved, go to our website or to Anchor Link.

Student Organizations
vanderbilt.edu/studentorgs-anchorlink

Vanderbilt offers more than 500 stu-
dent-led groups, organizations, and clubs on
 campus. Becoming involved in these organizations as a member or leader helps facilitate personal development and improve leadership skills. Student organi-
 zations fall into the following categories: academic, administrative, arts, cultural/ international, Greek, honorary societies, media, programming, religious/spiritual, service, special interest, and sports. Many student organizations are supported by the offices listed on the previous pages. Vanderbilt students may also start their own organizations.

WHERE TO LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED
Friday, August 26
Student Involvement Fair
Representatives from 250 student organizations and programs will be present.
3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. • The Commons Center, The Commons Lawn Tent, The Commons South Polo Lawn Tent
Sunday, August 28
The Road to Leadership Panel discussion with student leaders 8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. • The Commons Center, Room 237
Sunday, September 4
CommonDores Leadership Council Interest Meeting MANDATORY for first-year students interested in obtaining a position on their House Advisory Council. 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. • The Commons Center, Room 237

Anchor Link
anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu
Want to learn about student organizations and co-curricular programs on campus? Anchor Link serves as the central event calendar for student life and features sites for every registered student organization. Commons house, and a variety of university programs and resources. Make sure to log on to Anchor Link and create your profile today so you can begin exploring opportunities to become involved on campus.

My Vanderbilt Experience
vanderbilt.edu/experience

My Vanderbilt Experience (MVE) is a year-long program that provides opportunities for engagement outside the classroom by offering nine tracks focused on topics such as cultural awareness, service and civic engagement, leadership, and more.

Go to our website on a regular basis to review the MVE events and pick the programs that interest you. Your participation is automatically tracked when you attend any MVE event! All you need to do is determine which events in the curriculum appeal to you, attend the event, and you're on your way to completing your personalized experience! You can view your progress at any time through the My Co-Curricular Programs dashboard of Anchor Link.

If you want to have a well-rounded college experience and establish yourself as a leader on campus, this program is for you. Graduates of MVE are honored at the annual Magnolia Awards and become part of the Vanderbilt Experience Society, which offers special privileges and opportunities.
Nashville Bucket List

Anyone who has ever stepped in the Nashville International Airport has heard the following sentence play over the Nashville PA. “Hello, this is Trace Adkins. Welcome to the Nashville International Airport. We’re happy to have you.” Do you think world-famous country stars just show up anywhere and records these messages? No way. Trace knows that people flock from all over the world to Music City. And you get to spend four years here!

This is an incredible compilation of 30 musts, all of them off campus, all of them integral parts of the city. We’ve combined the famous and the obscure, the world-renowned classics and the best-kept secrets. This is more than a list of tourist attractions; this is the true Nashville experience. Good luck finishing them all.

1. Ryman Auditorium
   116 5th Avenue North, 37219
   (615) 889-3060
   www.ryman.com
   Tour the Ryman for FREE. Previously a church, the Ryman is well known for housing the Grand Ole Opry for more than 30 years. You can also buy tickets to go and hear artists ranging from Janelle Monae to Vampire Weekend, as well as country favorites. Every performer you see there will tell you how big of an honor it is to be playing at the Ryman. There’s no such thing as a bad seat at the Ryman.

2. Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
   222 5th Avenue South, 37203
   (615) 416-2001
   www.countrymusichalloffame.org
   Tickets are FREE when you show your Vanderbilt ID. This museum is a behemoth, the size of an entire city block, and is shaped like a giant keyboard. You don’t have to be a fan of country music to appreciate a cabinet filled with Loretta Lynn and Reba McEntire dresses.

3. Jeni’s Splendid Ice Cream
   2312 12th Avenue South or 1819 21st Avenue South in Hillsboro Village
   (615) 292-7794
   Banana French Toast, Brambleberry Crisp, Goat Cheese with Red Cherries, Pistachio and Honey, Wildberry Lavender, The Milkiest Chocolate in the World. Don’t worry, you can try them all. Jeni’s has arguably the most unique, and definitely the most delicious, ice cream flavors in the world. Walk in, take your time sampling every flavor they offer, and leave satisfied with your bowl of chocolate-cinnamon-cayenne pepper ice cream.

4. Loveless Café
   8400 Tennessee 100, 37221
   (615) 646-9700
   Biscuits. The perfect biscuits. All the perfect biscuits you can eat. And delicious fresh jam too. We’ll go ahead and repeat this for those of you who weren’t paying attention, or who didn’t understand the significance. ALL THE PERFECT BISCUITS YOU CAN EAT. Loveless is almost a thirty-minute drive from campus, but oh so worth it. This food coma-inducing café has some of the best comfort food in the Nashville area and will leave you dreaming of buttermilk biscuits and peach preserves.

5. EXIT/IN
   2208 Elliston Place, 37203
   (615) 321-3340 • www.exitin.com
   A live music venue with a sarcastic attitude. Gotta love it. Exit/In holds a unique reputation in Nashville for the variety of acts that perform on its stage. Known as one of the best clubs in Nashville for live rock shows, Exit/In has hosted such acts as The Police, Ryan Adams, and Ben Folds, as well as many breakthrough bands. Located within walking distance from campus, Exit/In is a non-smoking venue.
1. Predators Hockey Game
(615) 770-2000
501 Broadway, 37203
The Schermerhorn will get you your musical fix. Register for SoundCheck, a program that allows college students to purchase two tickets to classical music performances for just $10 each.

2. The Old Warhorse
201 Broadway Street, 37203
This is the weirdest and the coolest. A 24-hour bar. It blurs the lines between coffee house, restaurant, and music venues. You can listen to innovative new music acts, as well as pick up on up-and-coming trends before they catch on. Grab a Chocolate Explosion Cake for dessert. Heavier than a brick and richer than Warren Buffet. You're just as likely to see a group of Vandy students studying here as a group of Swedish out-of-towners reühring their hip-hop dance routines. All at 4 a.m. on a Monday.

3. Permanent Exhibition of the Civil Rights Movement in Nashville at the Public Library
615 Church Street, 37219
(615) 862-8480 • 222 25th Avenue North, 37203
Maybe you’re a wall inspector. Either way, you appreciate a great performance. Nelson or some of the many food truck offerings and BBQ. It’s really a beautiful place, you could score an earthy instagram pic, and you might even run into TSwift.

4. Edwin and Percy Warner Parks
www.nashville.gov/parks-and-recreation/parks/warner-parks.aspx
1900 Murfreesboro Pike, 37209
This recommendation comes from a former VUaptor who also happens to be from Vietnam. It’s easy to drive right past this hole-in-the-wall place without ever noticing it. But slip inside, and you’ll discover one of the hottest deals in the Nashville food scene. VN Pho offers enormous bowls of high quality Pho and delicious BBQ pork bánh mi for jaw-dropping low prices. Come with a stretchy waistband and a pocket full of bills, this little shop is cash only.

5. The Hobbit
2012 Belcourt Avenue, 37212
(615) 383-1461 • www.bluebirdcafe.com
Although, there are plenty of bands here which you’re sure to see an amazing band from the weekend. The Belcourt is the place for you. This 80-year-old venue just reopened in March after extensive renovations. It is dedicated to independent and classic films and fosters thoughtful discussion and study of a variety of films. To find out how to get free tickets, visit the Dean of Students website at www.vanderbilt.edu/box. Also, be absolutely sure to keep on top of the Belcourt’s weekend midnight series. The theatre plays a cult classic every weekend, and their annual Rocky Horror Picture Show performances draw audience members from all over the country.

6. Monell’s
919 Broadway Avenue, 37203
(615) 248-4747
www.tpac.org
17. Shakespeare in the Park
181 Ralls Avenue, 37203
(615) 297-4453
2010 Belmont Blvd, 37212
(615) 801-5850 • www.library.nashville.org/civil-rights/home.html
15. The Bluebird Café
4252 Hillsboro Pike, 37215
(615) 321-2626
16. International Market and Restaurant
2010 Belmont Blvd, 37212
(615) 220-1461 • www.bluebirdcafe.com
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919 Broadway Avenue, 37203
(615) 770-2000
11. Frist Center for the Visual Arts
501 Broadway Avenue, 37203
(615) 248-4747
www.tpac.org
14. Schermerhorn Symphony Center
1 Symphony Place, 37201
(615) 687-6500 • www.nashvillesymphony.org
18. Ice-skating at Centennial Sportsplex
222 25th Avenue North, 37203
(615) 862-8460 • www.nashvillesymphony.org
12. Café Coco
210 Louise Avenue, 37203
(615) 321-2656
21. VN Pho and Deli
5906 Charlotte Pike, 37209
(615) 361-5595
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23. Grimey’s New and Preloved Music
1204 8th Avenue South, 37203
(615) 226-9442
This is one of the more dangerous items on the list. Prince’s, the original home of Nashville’s famous hot chicken, has been known to cause irreparable damage to your tongue. Hot chicken is an understatement; using-a-blowtorch-wearing-a-mascot-suit-in-Death-Valley is more accurate. This is not a bucket list item to be taken lightly.

24. The Wild Cow
2125 Eastland Ave, 37206
(615) 262-2717
The Wild Cow is an absolute must for all Commodores, but your meat-eating friends should make the trip out to East Nashville with you. The Wild Cow features vegan and vegetarian Commodores, but your love of Athena for help on your Calc midterm (if the goddess of wisdom can’t help you, no one can). If the food is all natural and delicious. Plus, the ambiance is awesome, and you’ll be sure to see some characters.

25. Live on the Green
1 Public Square, 37210 • www.liveonthegreen.com
Live on the Green is a free music festival in the heart of downtown, held on several Thursday nights in the fall culminating in an all-day weekend festival. Head downtown to unwind after a long day of classes, mingle with people from all over Nashville, snack on some delicious food truck offerings, and listen to great music from the likes of Passion Pit, Cage the Elephant, and Ingrid Michaelson. This festival has something for everyone!

26. Love Hill
Love Circle, 37212
Follow a winding residential street located right behind the rec center and you’ll be rewarded with a little workout (the hill is steep!) and one of local’s favorite hidden spots. It is great for picnicking, watching the sunrise over a stunning view of the city skyline, or just for a little romance. Find a better view of the city, we dare you. Just look at the Krispy Kreme VU cover!

27. John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge
Symphony Place and 1st Avenue, 37213
Steps from the bustle of Broadway, this bridge connects downtown to East Nashville with parks on each side and beautiful views of downtown and the Cumberland River. Take this chance to escape the library; enjoy Nashville’s beautiful weather, and take some killer pictures too.

28. Centennial Park and the Parthenon
Reawaken your childhood obsession with Percy Jackson or just pretend you’re in Athens when you visit this full-scale replica of ancient Greece’s original Parthenon. Just a quick walk across West End from main campus, use your Commodore Card to get in for free. Check out some interesting art exhibits or get the 42-foot statue of Athena for help on your Calc midterm (if the goddess of wisdom can’t help you, no one can).

29. Grand Ole Opry
2814 Opryland Drive, 37214
615-873-OPRY
With its first broadcast in 1925, the Grand Ole Opry is the world’s longest running live radio program. It made Nashville famous and is one of the reasons Nashville is called Music City. It is definitely a must see for any visitor or resident. Go on a behind the scenes tour, and you’ll be able to sing on the same stage as Dolly Parton, Brad Paisley, and every country star you can think of.

30. Prince’s Hot Chicken
123 Ewing Drive #3, 37207
615-226-9442
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Passport to Nashville
vandysstudentgov.squarespace.com/
programs-and-initiatives/-2015-6-11/passport-to-nashville
This program allows students to visit some of Nashville’s tourist attractions free of charge. You must present your Commodore ID and mention “Passport to Nashville” in order to access free admission at these venues:

Adventure Science Center • Country Music Hall of Fame • Frist Center for the Visual Arts • The Hermitage • Johnny Cash Museum • The Parthenon • Ryman Auditorium • Schermerhorn Symphony: Classical Music Series

Upcoming Nashville Festivals
1. 34th Annual African Street Festival
Fri., September 16–Sun., September 18
Various locations throughout Nashville
2. Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival
Sat., October 1 • 10 a.m.–6 p.m
Centennial Park (across from Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt)
celebratenashville.org
3. International Black Film Festival
Fri., October 14–Sun., October 16
Various locations throughout Nashville
4. Southern Festival of Books
Fri., October 14–Sun., October 16
nashvilletennessee.org/programs/
southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word
5. Jewish Film Festival
Wed., October 19–Sat., November 12
Various locations
celebratenashville.org

International Markets
Al Sanabili Bakery and Market
Mediterranean, halal
18 East Thompson Lane
(615) 333-3793
Aleksey’s Market
Russian and Central European
718 Thompson Lane
(615) 333-3793
International Food Mart
Middle Eastern, halal
2125 Logan St (corner of Thompson Lane
(615) 333-3793
International Market & Restaurant
Asian, Thai
2010 Belmont Blvd (walking distance)
(615) 297-4453
K&S World Market
International Markets
Large global supermarket, particularly Asian and Mexican specialties
5861 Charlotte Pike
(615) 333-8771
Nashville Farmers Market
Lots of ethnic eateries and Shreeji Mediterranean
900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd
(615) 333-8771
International Market & Restaurant
Asian, Thai
2010 Belmont Blvd (walking distance)
(615) 297-4453
To find the areas of the following restaurants, look at the map for the corresponding colors.

**Dining on a Budget**

Nashville is nationally recognized for its exciting restaurant scene. However, when looking for fine dining, expensive menus often come with the territory. Fortunately, there are plenty of new and delicious places serving great food that won’t break the bank. Affordable dining options will have a star beside their names.

**Restaurants in red text** are part of the Taste of Nashville (TON) program where you can pay with Meal Money. See Meal Plan, page 68, for more information & for on campus TON locations.

### Edgehill Area

- **Bella Napoli** (Wood-fire pizzas on a brick-lined patio)
- **Edgell Café** (Music hangout for coffee and light lunches)
- **Legato Gelato** (Tons of gelato flavors in a 50’s-inspired shop)
- **NomSIllA!** (Inventive takes on sushi in a vibrant restaurant)
- **Taco Mamacita** (Creative Mexican-inspired food with an amazing patio)

### Hillsboro Village

- **Cabana** (Upscale Southern food served in your own private cabana)
- **Double Dog’s** (Dog-friendly spot’s bar with American fare)
- **Fido** (One of Nashville’s favorite hangouts. Fair trade coffee and organic menu)
- **Heat & Cold** (Best place to get Las Paletas near campus. Fair trade coffee)
- **Jackson’s Bar and Bistro** (Dishes that are as creative as they are delicious)
- **Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams** (Creative flavors and local ingredients; a student favorite)

### Popular Restaurants

No matter what kind of food you enjoy, Nashville has it. From country cooking to ethnic foods from all over the world, great dining awaits you just off the edge of campus. Here are some local recommendations compliments of your VUceptors.

**Key Boli’s** (Modern restaurant with American dishes served in a Mediterranean style)

**Lucky Belly Sushi** (A sit-down sushi and burger restaurant with surprisingly great milkshakes)

**McDougal’s Chicken** (Glossy-spicy chicken in a quirky and comfortable environment)

**Pancake Pantry** (People line up down the street for these delicious pancakes)

**Pizza Perfect** (Pizza by-the-slice and Italian food with a focus on ingredients)

**Provence Breads and Café** (A French-style café serving light fare)

**Revelator Coffee Company** (No-frills coffee menu in a bright, modern space)

**Sweet Cow’s** (Frozen yogurt and cold-pressed juices in an ice cream-colored parlor)

**Soulshine Pizza** (Inventive takes on sushi in a ‘50s-inspired shop)

**Legato Gelato** (Creative Mexican-inspired food with a focus on ingredients)

**Pizza Perfect** (Pizza by-the-slice and Italian food with a focus on ingredients)

**Bistro Nashville** (A modern restaurant serving a rotating menu of French food)

**Charco’s Cantina** (An intersection between Mexican food and Caribbean food)

**Kalamata** (A Mediterranean-style fast food restaurant)

**International Market & Restaurant** (Delicious and authentic: Thai food inside an Asian grocery)

**PM** (A trendy Thai restaurant with surprisingly great burgers, as well)

**Proper Bagel** (INN-style bagel shop with every flavor of cream cheese you can imagine)

### Demonbreun Area

- **Desano Pizza** (Artisan pizza that maintains a casual feel)
- **Etch** (Generally regarded as the best restaurant in Nashville)
- **Salsa Restaurant** (Puerto Rican and Caribbean food in a space that is also a Latin dancehall)
- **South** (Modern Southern food in an industrial space)

### 12 South Area

- **Bartaco** (Creative tacos in a stylish space)
- **Burger Up** (Grass-fed burgers with organic sides in a trendy space)
- **Five Daughters’ Bakery** (Home of the decadent one-hundred-layer donut)
- **Flipside** (Countless variations of pan-seared chicken, served with lots of course)
- **Frothy Moniker** (A cozy coffeehouse with an impressive menu)
- **Las Paletas** (Flavorful desserts that will change your mind about popsicles)
- **MAFIAoZA’s Pizza** (Italian restaurant that is committed to authenticity in look and flavor)
- **Red’s Bar-B-Que** (A must for any fans of Southern BBQ)
- **Taqueria del Sol** (A Tex-Mex spot in a bright and pleasant environment)
- **Urban Grub** (A public spot serving upscale Southern and seafood)
- **Stilo** (Gluten-free sandwich and lunch spot in a public art space; celebrity chef)
West End Area

Atmoreo (American and Italian food in a nice space)

Blackstone Restaurant & Brewery (Upcale pub food in a tavern-style place)

Bread & Company (Sandwiches, salads, and soups all served in their own station)

Breadfruit (Chipotle Mexican Grill (Mexican-style burritos and tacos with organic ingredients))

Cookout (Chipotle fast food and great milkshakes served all night long)

Five Guys (Delicious burgers and an unreal amount of fries)

Golden Coast (A daily buffet with takeout and standard Chinese options)

Goten (A Nashville hot spot serving upscale Hibachi-style Japanese food)

J. Alexander’s (An American restaurant with a nice presentation)

Jason’s Deli (Delicious deli options with a sandwich buffet and free ice cream)

Jimmy John’s (Quickly made sandwiches)

Newk’s Eatery (Open late)

Nashville Farmer’s Market (An eclectic Southern menu with lots of local items)

Germantown Café (Nashville’s flavors; the Jamaican place is great)

Goten (A Nashville hot spot serving upscale and standard Chinese options)

Golden Coast (A large amount of fries)

Chipotle Mexican Grill (Quickly and consistently)

Chili’s (Southern food and BBQ that’s popular with students)

Jason’s Deli (An oyster bar with Southern staples in a trendy space)

Elliston Place Area

Café Cocoa (A diverse menu with lots of chocolate choices. Open forever)

Chop Shop (Large choice of fresh salads and wraps)

Elliston Place Soda Shop (Milkshakes and diner food amid tiled walls and jukeboxes)

IHOP (Open very late serving breakfast food. Consistent and quick)

Jamba Juice (Nutritious juices and energy bowls)

Sitar (A diverse menu with lots of fried options)

Mediterranean menu in a homey space)

Athens Family Restaurant (A Greek and Mediterranean menu in a homely space with two decks)

Suzy Wong’s House of Yum (Asian-fusion food with two decks)

The Mad Platter (Locally sourced food with a menu that changes by the day)

The Melting Pot (A fondue place open late and conducive to group meals)

The Southern (An oyster bar with Southern staples in a trendy space)

8th Avenue/Franklin Pike

A Matter of Taste (Lots of sandwich options; gluten-free options)

Arnold’s Country Kitchen (An authentic Southern place with lots of options)

Athens Family Restaurant (A Greek and Mediterranean menu in a homely space with two decks)

The Melting Pot (A small, cool pub-like space serving from a walk-up menu)

Goten (Delicious and dependable)

Nuvo Burrito (Authentic Mexican food in a small place; worth the wait)

Sixteen Useful Stores

You can get a lot of your needs met on campus by shopping at the Barnes and Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore and the campus markets. For larger shopping trips, this map shows the location of several malls, discount stores, and grocery stores. Before you buy items for your room, please check the Housing FAQ to learn which items are not allowed in residence halls.

1. Walmart SuperCenter and Love’s Home Improvement Stores

7044 Charlotte Pike (615) 352-5240 (Walmart)

7046 Charlotte Pike (615) 352-5240 (Love’s)

2. K & S World Market

1550 Charlotte Pike (615) 356-8771

2535 Powell Avenue (615) 356-8771

3. Taste of Nashville (TON)

4. Publix Supermarket

1550 Charlotte Pike (615) 352-5240

2535 Powell Avenue (615) 352-5240

5. Piggly Wiggly Supermarket

2000 West End Avenue (615) 327-4187

6. Rite Aid Pharmacy

2416 West End Avenue (615) 311-4505

7. Office Depot

2312 West End Avenue (615) 340-9844

8. CVS Pharmacy

425 E 21st Avenue South (615) 321-6590

9. Kroger Supermarket, Hillsboro Village

2201 21st Ave S (615) 981-8847

10. The Mali at Green Hills

2251 Abbott Martin Road (615) 297-7531

11. Kroger Supermarket, Green Hills

2251 Abbott Martin Rd (615) 297-7531

12. Trader Joe’s, Green Hills

3905 Hillsboro Road (615) 297-6550

13. Whole Foods, Green Hills

4021 Hillsboro Road (615) 440-5100

14. Walmart

2421 Powell Ave (615) 269-7800

15. Home Depot

2421 Powell Ave (615) 440-5100

16. 100 Oaks Shopping Center

709 Thompson Lane (615) 383-6002

Charlotte Avenue

Best of India (Indian and Pakistani dishes with a huge buffet)

Bobbie’s Daily Dip (Ice cream and burgers served from a walk-up menu)

Bro’s Cajun Cuisine (Casual Cajun food made from the in-house smokehouse)

Coco’s Italian Market and Restaurant (A small grocery attached to this classic Italian place)

Kien Giang (A small and informal place selling delicious Vietnamese dishes; cash only)

Korea House (Authentic Korean food with excellent food and service)

VH Pho and Deli (Delicious Vietnamese dishes, popular with students and the Vietnamese community)

Taste of Nashville (TON)

Take Out & Delivery Only

Best Week

Domino’s Pizza

Papa John’s

Roma Pizza & Pasta
Your Card Access to the Residence Halls

Main Portals
As a resident of your building, you have 24/7 access to your building through a designated “main portal.” In most cases, these are the architectural “front doors” of the residence halls.

Commons Areas
Certain areas within each building are considered “common areas.” These include some lobbies, seminar rooms, laundries, etc. If access to common areas is separated from residential floors or parts of floors, all students can access the common areas 24/7 through the main portals.

Upperclass Areas
In upperclass residence halls, the residents of those halls have access to their residence halls only. In other words, non-residents do not have card access to any parts of other residence halls. The only exception is that all undergraduate students can access Carmichael Towers in order to get to Rocket Subs in the basement of Carmichael Towers West.

Residential Floors
Card access to residential floors of a building is restricted to residents of that building 24/7. If you want to visit a residential floor of another building, a resident of that other building who has card access privileges to that floor must escort you. The host resident is then accountable for your presence and actions of his or her guest(s).

Access to Other Floors
Within buildings where males and females live on separate floors, all female residents have 24/7 card access to female floors, and all male residents have 24/7 card access to male floors of their own buildings. Between noon and midnight, seven days a week, all residents of a building have card access to all residential floors of their building. Between midnight and noon, students of one sex can gain access to a floor of the opposite sex but only if escorted by a resident of that floor. The host resident is then accountable for the presence and actions of his or her guest(s).

Exceptions
Some access points differ from these guidelines for security or architectural reasons.

Changes
Access policies are subject to change at any time.

The Commodore Card is Your “Key” to Your Residence Hall and Floor
All exterior house entrances and entry ways (stairwells and elevators) to residential floors are controlled by a card access system 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

To access your house and floor, tap your card on the card reader located at the entry/way. On elevators, tap your card before pressing the button for your floor. One deliberate card tap is generally sufficient.

Commodore Card GET App
Manage your Commodore Card with the GET app. Check balances, add funds, mark your card lost or found, and even pay for purchases at some locations. Search the Google Play and Apple App stores for “CBORD GET,” or go to vanderbilt.edu/cardservices/

Quick Guide to the Commodore Card
One of the most important items you will need as a Vanderbilt student is your Commodore Card. It is your:
1. University identification
2. “Key” to your residence hall and floor
3. “Key” to food (meal plan, meal money)
4. “Commodore Cash” for the bookstore, laundry, Commodore Cabs taxi, athletic events, VUprint printing, and many other services
5. Library card to check out items such as books, films, and laptops
6. “Ticket” to ride the Nashville bus system

To add Commodore Cash, check your account activity and balance, or find more information about the Commodore Card, check out vanderbilt.edu/commodorecard

Commodore Card GET App
Manage your Commodore Card with the GET app. Check balances, add funds, mark your card lost or found, and even pay for purchases at some locations. Search the Google Play and Apple App stores for “CBORD GET,” or go to vanderbilt.edu/cardservices/

INSIDER TIP
The side doors of all residence halls lock at 8:00 p.m. Enter through the front at night, and be ready to flash your Commodore Card to the Allied Barton security guard.
The First-Year Student Meal Plan

Your meal plan can be used in 22 locations across campus. You will be able to choose from a large variety of foods and serving styles to meet your tastes.

The First-Year Meal Plan Includes:

- 3 meals daily—You choose 3 of the 4 offered meal periods (1 meal per meal period)
- $175 Meal Money per semester (5 Flex Meals per semester)

Meal Periods:

- Period 1: Midnight–7 a.m.
- Period 2: 7 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Period 3: 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Period 4: 4:30 p.m.–11:45 a.m.

A “Meal” is a complete combination of items from the menu that composes a meal. That combination may differ from one dining location to another, depending on the menu and type of service offered. At each location, signs define the items that compose a meal at that venue. Meals may be used at all 22 locations.

Meal Money can be used to tailor the plan to your specific needs. Get an extra entrée, side, or dessert with Meal Money. It can be used at all on-campus locations, vending machines, and campus markets. Meal Money can also be used off-campus at 28 partner restaurants in the Taste of Nashville Program.

Flex Meals can be used anytime to offer flexibility. Use one for yourself to get an extra meal in a meal period or to treat someone else. Add Flex Meals online anytime.

Taste of Nashville (TON) allows you to use your Commodore Card just as you would a debit/credit card at our partner restaurants. Purchases at Taste of Nashville locations are charged against your Meal Money. (“Meals” and “Flex Meals” cannot be used off-campus.) Visit campusdining.vanderbilt.edu/taste-of-nashville/ for the complete list of participating restaurants and to place orders online for delivery. See pages 63-64 for TON restaurants and their locations.

WHERE TO EAT ON CAMPUS

A. The Commons Center Food Gallery: Salad bar, sizzle station, Chef’s Table, pizza oven, deli, wok, grill, and vegan/vegetarian food. No take-out.
B. Rand Dining Hall: Deli, Mexican, barbecue, burgers, salads, and cuisines of the world
C. Chef James Bistro: Chef-crafted entrees and sides, soups, coffee, and gourmet grab-n-go meals
D. Rand Lounge (PI & Leaf): Chef-crafted pizzas and freshly tossed salads
E. The Kitchen at Kissam: Hot, prepared meals for breakfast and dinner
F. The Pub: Casual pub food (Garratt, 3rd floor)
G. Last Drop Coffee Shop: Smoothies, grab-n-go meals, and Starbucks coffee (Garratt, 1st floor)
H. Bamboo Bistro: Asian inspired bistro (Alumni Hall)
I. Rocket Subs: Made-to-order sandwiches (Carmichael Towers West Basement & Morgan)
J. Grills Vegetarian Café: Kosher sandwiches, paninis, and more (Blau Schuman Center)
K. Sue’s Espresso: Grab-n-go meals (Blair, Featheringill, MGB II and Divinity School)
L. Food for Thought Café: Paninis, soups & sandwiches (Central Library)

CAMPUS MARKETS

M. Branscomb Market: Near Student Life Center (24 hrs.)
N. Towers Market: Carmichael Towers West (Sun–Thur., 24 hrs.)
O. Campus Store: Next to Rand and Chef James Bistro
P. Morgan Market: Highland Quad, 25th Ave
Q. Common Grounds: The Commons Center (24 hrs.)
R. Kissam Market: First Floor, Warren & Moore Colleges (Sun–Thur., 24 hrs.)

TASTE OF NASHVILLE

S. Iris Café: Peabody Library
T. Aryeh’s Kitchen Food Truck: 25th Ave.
U. Smoothie King: Rec Center

INSIDER TIPS

Rand lunch rush is very crowded but clears up pretty quickly. Try to go at 12:30 to avoid the lines—that way you can have 30 minutes to do something else and then can quickly get your food. Or check out Bamboo Bistro in Alumni or Last Drop Coffee Shop in Sarratt instead.

You can combine REAL food with MUNCHIE FOOD at The Kitchen at Kissam!

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Getting Around

You can walk from one end of Vanderbilt’s campus to the other in 20 minutes. Many restaurants and other attractions are within walking distance from campus. However, there are also many other transportation options.

Getting Around Campus by Van at Night

Vandy Vans vandyvans.com

The vans run daily from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. and are managed by the Vanderbilt University Police Department.

ROUTE STOPS

Main Route (BLACK)—Branscomb Quad, Carmichael Towers, Kissam-Kirkland, 21st near Terrace Place, Wesley Place, 1801 Edgehill, Hank Ingram, Highland Quad (Morgan)

Perimeter Route (GOLD)—Branscomb Quad, Carmichael Towers, Kissam-Kirkland, 21st near Terrace Place, MBIII, North House, Blair School of Music, Highland Quad (Morgan), McGugin Center, VUPD, Barnes & Noble Bookstore (West End Ave.)

Reverse Route (RED)—Branscomb Quad, VUPD, Highland Quad (Morgan), Blair School of Music, Hank Ingram, Carmichael Towers

To get a visual of where the stops are, see the campus map on page 36 or go to vandyvans.com

Getting Around by Bike

Bring Your Own

If you bring your own bike, make sure you have a U-lock to secure your bike. Also, for additional precaution, register your bike through Operation ID at police.vanderbilt.edu/staff_student/registerpossessions.php.

Rent One through VanderbiltBikes

studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbiltbikes

VanderBikes is Vanderbilt’s student-run bike rental business that allows you to have a bike on campus without having to worry about transport, summer storage, or maintenance. For more information about semester or yearlong rentals, storage, and to sign up, go their website, send an email to vanderbiltbikes@vanderbilt.edu, or visit their store in Rand next to Fl & Leaf.

Rent One through Nashville B-cycle

nashvilleb-cycle.com

B-cycle allows you to purchase 24-hour passes and memberships, select your bike, and return it to any B-station location, including one within walking distance of The Ingram Commons at the corner of Wedgewood and 21st Ave.

Getting Around Campus on Foot at Night

Safety Escorts

Vanderbilt University Police Department also provides safety escorts to students walking to and from any location on campus during the nighttime hours. All you have to do is call (615) 423-8888 (cell phone) or 1-888-8 (on campus).

Rent a Car through Zipcar or Enterprise CarShare

vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking

Get to Target with the Commodore Card

studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg

Get a Cab and Pay with Your Commodore Card

nashvillecab.com

Get to the Airport with the VSG Airport Shuttles (for free)

studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg

Get an Uber or Lyft (Popular On-Demand Car Service with Reasonable Prices)

Uber and Lyft allow you to request private drivers through applications for iPhone and Android devices. The services send the nearest driver to your location. The services provide a cashless solution that charges your ride directly to the credit card on file with your account. If you have questions about Uber and Lyft and how to sign up, refer to their websites.

Mail Services on Campus

(615) 322-2934 • vanderbilt.edu/mailservices

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**Vanderbilt Community Creed**

**ACCOUNTABILITY** is taking responsibility for our actions and their consequences. We accept the duty to actively participate in the decisions that affect our academic and personal lives, and we honor our commitments to ourselves and to others.

**HONESTY** is a commitment to refrain from lying, cheating, and stealing. Recognizing that dishonesty undermines community trust, stifle(s) the spirit of scholarship, and threatens a safe environment, we expect ourselves to be truthful in academic endeavors, in relationships with others, and in pursuit of personal development.

**SCHOLARSHIP** is the pursuit of knowledge in an environment of academic freedom. Members of our community engage in a partnership of learning in which the exploration of ideas is encouraged and protected.

**CIVILITY** is the genuine respect for the rights of others. We value constructive disagreement and are mindful of the potential impact of our words and actions.

**CARING** is the concern for the well-being and dignity of others. We are dedicated to supporting one another within our community. We make a lifelong commitment to channeling service, knowledge, and experience toward the betterment of humanity.

**CELEBRATION** is the active appreciation of Vanderbilt University’s tradition of excellence. We support the endeavors and recognize the achievements of our community members. In celebrating the expressions of our differences, we delight in the spirit that unites individuals throughout our community.

**DISCOVERY** is the exploration of the wonders of self in relation to a larger world. We embrace the opportunity to take risks, challenge assumptions, and understand disparate experiences at Vanderbilt and beyond.

**ALMA MATER**

(Words by Robert F. Vaughn, 1907)

On the city’s western border Reared against the sky Proudly stands our Alma Mater As the years roll by.

(Refrain) Forward ever be thy watchword, Conquer and prevail. Hail to thee our Alma Mater, Vanderbilt, all hail!

Cherished by the sons and daughters Morn and evening shall we Own. Round our hearts, O Alma Mater, As we sing our song.

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We pledge to foster the values set forth in the Vanderbilt Community Creed and confront behaviors that threaten the spirit of our community.

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### Vandy Alphabet Soup

- **ASB**: Alternative Spring Break
- **BCC**: Black Cultural Center
- **GEO**: Global Education Office
- **MRB III**: Medical Research Building III
- **PCC**: Psychological and Counseling Center
- **SLC**: Student Life Center
- **VPB**: Vanderbilt Programming Board
- **VSG**: Vanderbilt Student Government
- **VUPD**: Vanderbilt University Police Department

### Commons Alphabet Soup

- **CLC**: CommonDores Leadership Council
- **FH OH**: Faculty Head of House
- **HAC**: House Advisory Council

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**“Who You With?”**

Spirit call for Vanderbilt athletics, answered with “VU”
Finding Rooms in Stevenson

First Digit = Building
Second Digit = Floor
Third and Forth Digits = Rooms

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Hence, this room would be in building 5 (Science and Engineering) on Floor 2, Room 15.

The Ingram Commons

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