Special Degree Programs

More information about special degree programs can be found on the school websites or the Undergraduate Catalog (vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/undergrad). When considering such degree programs, students benefit from advanced planning and careful counsel with their academic advisers.

College of Arts and Science

Combined BA/MA (4+1) Programs
The Combined BA/MA (4+1) option is currently available in ten departments and programs. Undergraduates with strong academic records may apply for admission to the program through the department after the first semester of their junior year.

Bridge Program with the Vanderbilt School of Nursing
Students interested in a Master of Science in Nursing at Vanderbilt may obtain both the baccalaureate degree and the MSN by combining three and one-half years of study in the College of Arts and Science with six semesters of study in the School of Nursing. Students will complete the pre-nursing program of studies and then apply for admission to the School of Nursing by November 1 of their junior year.

Five-Year Baccalaureate-MBA Program with the Owen Graduate School of Management
By combining graduate-level courses at Owen with an undergraduate program through Vanderbilt College of Arts and Science, students may obtain both the baccalaureate degree and the MBA degree in five years. Acceptance into the five-year program is extremely competitive. Students should meet with the Owen Academic Programs Director in the spring of their sophomore year and then apply to Owen for admission during their junior year.

Teacher Licensure
College of Arts and Science students may combine their academic majors with appropriate education programs through Vanderbilt’s Peabody College to satisfy various licensure requirements for teaching.

Blair School of Music

Five-Year B.M. in Musical Arts/Master of Business Administration
By combining three and one-half years in Vanderbilt’s Blair School of Music with one and one-half years of study in the Owen School, students may obtain both the bachelor of music and the master of business administration in five years. Students interested in pursuing this program must be enrolled in the musical arts major. Acceptance into this five-year program is extremely competitive and requires advanced standing earned in undergraduate courses and demonstrated excellence in quantitative courses and team-based projects. Students must apply for admission during their junior year.

School of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science/Master of Science in Finance
To earn a Vanderbilt MSF in conjunction with a BS in Computer Science, a student spends four undergraduate years as a computer science major at the Vanderbilt School of Engineering and one year at the Owen Graduate School of Management. Acceptance into the five-year program is extremely competitive. Students apply to the Owen Graduate School of Management during their junior or senior year.
Integrated Bachelor and Master of Engineering
On the basis of recommendations containing favorable appraisals of professional promise, undergraduate students in the School of Engineering who have completed at least 75 hours with at least a B average may be accepted into an integrated Bachelor of Engineering-Master of Engineering program.

Combined Bachelor’s in Civil Engineering & Masters in Construction Management
Vanderbilt's five-year combined undergraduate and graduate degree program allows students to fast track their professional career, gaining both a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a M. Eng. in Construction Management.

Accelerated Graduate Program in Engineering
Students who enter Vanderbilt with a significant number of credits (20 to 30 hours), earned either through Advanced Placement tests or in college courses taken during high school, may be eligible for the Accelerated Graduate Program in Engineering. Through this program, a student is able to earn both a bachelor’s degree and an M.S. degree in about the same time required for the bachelor’s degree.

Teacher Education
Students who are interested in preparing for licensure as secondary school teachers should plan their programs in consultation with the associate dean in the School of Engineering. The School of Engineering and Peabody College offer a teacher education program leading to secondary school licensure in physics (grades 9 through 12) and computer technology. Students major in engineering science and complete a second major in education at Peabody College.

Three-Two Program
The School of Engineering recognizes a Three-Two program with certain liberal arts colleges. This plan allows students to attend a liberal arts college for three years, usually majoring in mathematics or science, then transfer to the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering for two years of technical work in an engineering curriculum.

Dual Degree Program with Fisk University
A coordinated dual degree program between the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering and Fisk University is especially designed to permit students to obtain an A.B. degree in biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, or mathematics from Fisk and a B.E. or B.S. degree in engineering from Vanderbilt, generally within five years.

Peabody College of Education and Human Development

Fifth-Year Early Enrollment Master’s Program
In as few as 12 additional months of study, current Vanderbilt undergraduate students can earn a career-enhancing master’s degree. Students may apply to several of Peabody’s master’s programs in the spring of junior year.

Early Start Program
As a Vanderbilt University senior in a bachelor’s program you may qualify to enroll in courses approved for master's-level credit and get an early start on your Peabody master’s degree. You will need to apply for admission should you decide to continue a master’s program at Peabody College after graduation, but if you have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher when you graduate the GRE requirement will be waived. Ten Peabody master’s programs participate in the Early Start Program.

Bridge Program with the Vanderbilt School of Nursing
Pre-nursing students at Peabody College may either complete a major in Human and Organizational Studies or Child Development and earn both a BS and an MSN through a senior-in-absentia program. Students will complete the pre-nursing program of studies and then apply for admission to the School of Nursing by November 1 of their junior year.