**How to Apply**

*Vanderbilt has three decision plans for first-year admission.*

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**NOTE:** Early Decision (ED) plans are binding. If you apply to Vanderbilt ED, you agree to enroll if offered admission.

First-year and transfer applicants must designate one of Vanderbilt’s four undergraduate schools. Applicants to Peabody College or Blair School of Music must also select a major. First-year applicants may apply for admission to a second-choice school as well, but will be admitted to one school only.

Vanderbilt typically admits transfer applicants for fall semester (August) only. The priority deadline for transfer applications is March 15, and decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning mid-April.

**Application Requirements for first-year students**

- One of the following applications: Coalition Application, Common Application, or QuestBridge Application
- Official high school transcript
- Counselor letter of recommendation
- Two academic teacher letters of recommendation
- Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT); (TOEFL, IELTS, or Pearson, if applicable)
- SAT Subject Tests are optional. If official scores are sent to Vanderbilt, they may be considered during the application review process.
- For Blair School of Music applicants only: Blair Acceptd Application

**Visit Vanderbilt**

*vu.edu/visit*

We encourage you to take a step beyond the brochures and determine if Vanderbilt is the best fit for you by visiting our campus.

**Admissions Information Sessions and Tours**

Monday–Friday  
*except holidays and student breaks*  
10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday *(during the academic year)*  
10:00 a.m.

**Special Events**

- Black and Gold Days *(9th–11th grades)*
- PreVU *(12th grade)*
- "Dore for a Day *(11th and 12th grade)*
- Anchor Days *(admitted students)*

Check the admissions website or sign up for our mailing list for more information.

**Make a Reservation**

*Reservations are required for all campus visit programs.*

To learn more and to make a reservation, visit vu.edu/visit. 
You can also call (800) 288-0432 to get more information.

**Vanderbilt’s Virtual Tour**

*vu.edu/virtualtour*

Can’t make it to Nashville? Try our virtual tour, led by current students.

**Getting to Vanderbilt**

Nashville International Airport (BNA), located just 15 minutes from campus, is served by 14 airlines that provide nonstop service to more than 50 markets.
Fast Facts

Enrollment (Fall 2017)
Undergraduate 6,885
Graduate and professional 5,707
Total 12,592

All Undergraduate (Fall 2017)
Female 52%
Male 49%

First-Year Students Entering Fall 2017
American Indian/Alaska Native 0.6%
Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 15.3%
Black/African American 12.4%
Hispanic of any race 10.8%
Two or more races 5.8%
Total Minority 45.0%

International 8.2%

ACT Middle 50% 32–35
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Middle 50% 700–760
SAT Mathematics Middle 50% 700–790

National Merit Scholars 226

Academics
Undergraduate colleges & schools 4
Student-to-faculty ratio 7:1

Classes with fewer than 50 students 91%
Female faculty 40%
Minority faculty 17%

Undergraduate Admission (Fall 2018*)
First-year applicants 34,316
Admits 3,284
Admit rate 9.6%
*As of June 1, 2018; numbers finalized on official census day.

Campus Life
Student organizations 430+

Commodore Athletics
Varsity teams 10 women’s, 6 men’s
NCAA championships 4
Club sports 32
Intramural sports leagues 40+

Financial Aid & Scholarships 2017/2018
Undergraduates receiving some form of financial assistance 66%
Average financial aid package $49,242

First-Year Student Retention Rate 97%

Students Graduating in 6 Years 92%

For more information, visit: vu.edu/request

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS vu.edu/majors

College of Arts & Science
- African American and Diaspora Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Asian Studies
- Biochemistry and Chemical Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Cinema and Media Arts
- Classical and Mediterranean Studies
- Communication and Science and Technology
- Communication Studies
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology
- Economics
- Economics and History
- English
- Environmental Sociology
- European Studies
- French
- French and European Studies
- German Studies
- German and European Studies
- History
- History of Art
- Italian and European Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Latino and Latina Studies
- Law, History, and Society
- Mathematics
- Medicine, Health, and Society
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Quantitative Social Sciences
- Religious Studies
- Russian

Other Opportunities
Each undergraduate school offers programs through which students can receive combined baccalaureate/master’s degrees in five years. Many departments of the College of Arts and Science offer five-year programs. The School of Engineering offers several programs including the integrated B.E./M.Eng., and an accelerated graduate program in engineering. The Blair School of Music offers the five-year Bachelor of Music/Master of Education and the 3+2 Bachelor of Musical Arts/MBA Blair-to-Owen program. For more detailed information, visit the undergraduate catalog at vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/undergrad.

Pre-Professional
Students interested in:
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Business
- Pre-Architecture
- Pre-Music
- Pre-Mathematics
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Arts and Sciences
- Pre-Teaching

Graduate/Professional Schools and Programs
- Divinity School
- School of Engineering
- School for Engineering
- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing
- Owen Graduate School of Management
- Peabody College of Education and Human Development

Your Admissions Counselor
vu.edu/your-counselor

Counselors are assigned based on the location of the high school that students most recently attended. You are welcome to call or email your admissions counselors with questions about Vanderbilt, Nashville, or the admissions process.
College of Arts & Science
• Comprehensive undergraduate school with 50 disciplinary and interdisciplinary majors that span the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences
• Extensive research opportunities for undergraduates
• Combined B.A./M.A. (five-year programs) in 11 arts and science disciplines
• Innovative four-week Maymester on campus and abroad

Blair School of Music
• One of 4 accredited music programs for undergraduates housed in a U.S. News top-20 university
• 4:1 student-to-faculty ratio
• 5:1 student-to-practice room ratio (industry standard 7:1)
• Conservatory-level music training in a strong liberal arts environment

School of Engineering
• One of the top 40 undergraduate programs in the country
• More than 90% of students entering the workforce have a job within 6 months of graduation
• 31% of engineering undergraduates are female (national average is 19%)
• 24% are students of color
• Hallmarks include customizable first-year engineering course, honors programs, engineering management minor, undergraduate research, multidisciplinary senior design projects, study abroad, and service learning

Peabody College of Education & Human Development
• Ranked by U.S. News in the top 8 graduate schools of education for 20 consecutive years
• One of only 7 undergraduate schools of education and human development in a U.S. News top-25 university
• Home to 3 national research centers and more than $30 million in annual grants
• Innovative human and organizational development major offers internship opportunities in 6 major cities, including London

Study Abroad vanderbilt.edu/geo
• More than 40% of students study abroad
• Wide breadth of options, with 120+ programs in more than 35 countries on 6 continents
• Choices include semester, Maymester, summer, or full academic year
• While abroad, students remain enrolled at Vanderbilt and have access to their financial aid
• New programs in Cuba, India, Nepal, New Zealand, Spain, and Sweden

Vanderbilt’s dual commitment to research and undergraduate teaching allows students to work with and learn from world-renowned leaders in almost every academic field.

New Academic Initiatives
• The Wond’ry is our new epicenter for innovation and entrepreneurship, designed to build and strengthen creativity across campus, fostering innovation in all fields, and forging a stronger “maker” culture at Vanderbilt.
• Our 230,000-square-foot Engineering and Science Building contains state-of-the-art facilities where students and faculty collaborate to solve complex societal problems in health care, energy, robotics, and many other areas.
• Immersion Vanderbilt calls for each undergraduate to undertake an intensive learning experience in and beyond the classroom with choices in the following pathways: civic and professional, creative expression, international, and research.
• The undergraduate business minor, developed in collaboration with the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management, features five fundamental business courses and a range of business-related electives provided by the four undergraduate schools.

Research vu.edu/undergrad-research
• Over 50% of undergraduates participate in research
• Opportunities include university-funded summer research stipends and departmental honors programs
• Over 100 interdisciplinary centers and institutes
The Vanderbilt Living-Learning Experience
commons.vanderbilt.edu
vanderbilt.edu/collegehalls

The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons is composed of 10 Houses designed exclusively for first-year students and their faculty heads of house, a dining center, seminar/study rooms, generous public spaces, and endless opportunities for engagement, enrichment, and leadership. Warren and Moore Colleges extend this dynamic, living-learning experience through sophomore, junior, and senior years.

E. Bronson Ingram College, the next addition to Vanderbilt’s College Halls experience, opens fall 2018.

Go ’Dores
vucommodores.com
• NCAA Division I, Southeastern Conference
• Nickname: Commodores (’Dores, for short)

Getting Involved
admissions.vanderbilt.edu/life
vu.edu/studentorgs

More than 430 student organizations including:
Alternative Spring Break, Habitat for Humanity, Asian American Student Association, Black Student Association, Manna Project International, Middle Eastern Student Association, BhangraDores, Momentum Dance Company, South Asian Cultural Exchange (SACE), Spirit of Gold Marching Band, Swingin’ Dores, Melodores, Dodecaphonics, Vandy Taal, Muslim Student Association, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Vanderbilt Hillel, Voices of Praise, Vanderbilt College Democrats, Vanderbilt College Republicans, Project Dialogue, Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students, Vanderbilt Off-Broadway, and many more!

The Vanderbilt Programming Board
This student-run organization sponsors speakers and concerts for the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities. Recent appearances include Colin Powell, Jay-Z, Kanye West, Spike Lee, Stephen A. Smith, Bill Nye, Daveed Diggs, Kendrick Lamar, and Billy Joel.

Stay Active!
vanderbilt.edu/recreationandwellnesscenter

Keep up an active lifestyle at the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center where you can work out, learn about wellness, or participate in club and intramural sports.

• 32 sport clubs
• 40+ intramural sports leagues

The Nashville Scene
admissions.vanderbilt.edu/nashville

Nashville is a dynamic city full of opportunity and diversity and offers an invaluable part of the Vanderbilt experience.

• Metropolitan population 1.8 million
• A health care, finance, publishing, tech, and entertainment center
• Known as Music City for its more than 20,000 annual live music performances and more than 200 recording studios
• Vanderbilt, located just 1.5 miles from downtown Nashville, is surrounded by an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants, and live music.

One of America’s Friendliest Cities
Travel + Leisure, 2017

#6 College City Gets High Marks
Princeton Review, 2017

#1 Happiest Students
Princeton Review, 2017

#3 Best Big Cities for Jobs
Forbes, 2018
Diversity & Inclusion
admissions.vanderbilt.edu/life
• Total undergraduate minority, Fall 2017: 39.3%, including American Indian/Alaska Native 0.5%; Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 13.7%; Black/African American 10.3%; Hispanic of any race 9.6%; Two or more races 5.1%
• International students comprise 7.7% of the undergraduate population, representing 49 countries (Fall 2017)
• One of the top 25 private universities for Jewish students, Hillel’s College Guide, 2017
• Highest percentage of black students in first-year class among high-ranking universities, The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, Fall 2017
• Home to the K. C. Potter Center, which houses the Office of LGBTQI Life

$49,242
2017/2018 average financial aid package for students with demonstrated financial need

Applying for Need-Based Financial Aid
Submit two forms:
𝑞CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
profileonline.collegeboard.com
𝑞Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) fafsa.ed.gov

Merit Based Scholarships
vanderbilt.edu/scholarships
Three signature scholarships comprise the majority of Vanderbilt’s merit awards:
• The Ingram Scholarship Program
• The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship
• The Chancellor’s Scholarship
Recipients of these signature scholarships are guaranteed full-tuition awards, plus stipends for the required immersive experience. A separate application is required for the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship; you must apply to be considered. For the Ingram Scholarship Program and for the Chancellor’s Scholarship, the application is strongly encouraged; preference is given to those who apply.

Deadline for scholarship applications is December 1.
These applications will be available via your MyAppVU portal two business days after you have applied for admission.

QUESTIONS?
Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships: (800) 288-0204 or finaid@vanderbilt.edu

#4 Best Value Among Private Universities Kiplinger, 2017

The Vanderbilt Career Center provides:
• Individual coaching for careers, internships and graduate study
• Career fairs, TREKS, and Industry SLAMS
• Mock interviews
• Connections to thousands of employers and alumni
• Honors/fellowships/scholarships advising and support