Admission to Vanderbilt
vu.edu/apply

Admission is competitive and selective, but above all, the application process is holistic. We consider the academic record within the context of the high school. Other evaluative factors include standardized testing, leadership and engagement outside the classroom, the application essay, and letters of recommendation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

- One of the following applications: Coalition Application, Common Application, QuestBridge Application, or Universal College 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 DecisionDesk Application

How to Apply

Vanderbilt has three decision plans for first-year admission.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Decision Plan</th>
<th>Application Deadline</th>
<th>Decision Notification</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Early Decision I</td>
<td>November 1</td>
<td>December 15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Early Decision II</td>
<td>January 1</td>
<td>February 15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regular Decision</td>
<td>January 1</td>
<td>April 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

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 10 airlines that provide nonstop service to more than 50 markets.

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.
College of Arts & Science
- African American and Diaspora Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Biochemistry and Chemical Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Cinema and Media Arts
- Classical and Mediterranean Studies
- Communication of 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
- Latina and Latino Studies
- Law, History, and Society
- Mathematics
- Medicine, Health, and Society
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Russian and European Studies

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., the B.S. Computer Science/M.S. Finance program, and an accelerated graduate program in engineering. The Blair School of Music offers the five-year Musical Arts/Teacher Education (M.Ed.) and the B.Mus/MBA Blair-to-Owen program. A five-year, combined B.A./B.S. and M.S. in Nursing (Senior-in-Absentia Program) is available through either the College of Arts and Science or Peabody College. 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
- may pursue study in any of Vanderbilt’s 68 majors. All students have access to faculty members designated to provide advice regarding appropriate pre-professional curricula and the post-baccalaureate application process.

Graduate/Professional Schools and Programs
- Divinity School
- School of Engineering
- Graduate School
- Law School
- 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.
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 participate in 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

**Peabody College**
- Ranked by U.S. News in the top 7 graduate schools of education for 19 consecutive years
- One of only 6 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.

**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.
- 30% of engineering undergraduates are female (national average is 19%).
- 24% are students of color.
- Hallmarks include first-year seminars, customizable first-year engineering course, honors programs, double majors, undergraduate research, multidisciplinary senior design projects, study abroad, and service learning.

**Study Abroad**

vanderbilt.edu/geo
- Top five destination include: Australia, Denmark, France, Spain, and the UK
- New programs in Cuba, India, Nepal, New Zealand, and Spain
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.

- 31 sport clubs
- 40+ intramural sports

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, Holocaust Lecture Series, 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!

STUDENT-RUN VANDERBILT PROGRAMMING BOARD

has provided concerts and appearances by The Band Perry, Steve Aoki, Iggy Azalea, Salman Rushdie, Big Sean, Azar Nafisi, Spike Lee, Ellie Kemper, Bill Nye, and more.

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

The Vanderbilt Living-Learning Experience

commons.vanderbilt.edu

vanderbilt.edu/collegehalls

The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons is composed of ten 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, will open fall 2018.

Go ’Dores

vucommodores.com

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

MEN’S SPORTS
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Tennis

WOMEN’S SPORTS
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field

#1 Best U.S. Cities for Music Fans
Live Nation, 2016

#2 Happiest Students
Princeton Review, 2016

#3 Best Big Cities for Jobs
Forbes, 2016

#4 College City Gets High Marks
Princeton Review, 2016

Number One College City
Princeton Review, 2016
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 summer stipends for study abroad, research, service projects, and/or an 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 after you have applied for admission.

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

Diversity & Inclusion
admissions.vanderbilt.edu/life

- Total undergraduate minority, Fall 2016: 36.3%, including American Indian/Alaska Native 0.5%; Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 12.6%; Black/African American 9.2%; Hispanic of any race 9.2%; Two or more races 4.9%
- International students comprise 7.2% of the undergraduate population, representing 47 countries (Fall 2016).
- One of the top 25 private universities for Jewish students, Hillel’s College Guide, 2016
- One of the top 25 universities for African American students, Essence, 2016
- Home to the K. C. Potter Center, which houses the Office of LGBTQI Life

Estimated Cost of Attendance 2017/2018
Tuition $46,500
Housing 10,212
Meals 5,372
Books and Supplies 1,294
Activities Fee/Rec Center Fee 1,164
Travel Allowance Varies
First-Year Experience Fee 765
New Student Transcript Fee 100

Estimated Total $68,257
(plus travel)

Opportunity Vanderbilt Makes 3 Commitments

1 Our admissions process is need-blind for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens.
2 We meet 100% of demonstratedfinancial need for all admitted students.
3 Financial aid awards do not include loans. This initiative does not include income bands or income cutoffs that limit eligibility.

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

$46,938
2016/2017 average financial aid package for students with demonstrated financial need

Life After Vanderbilt
career.vanderbilt.edu

CLASS OF 2015*

62.2% EMPLOYED

71% of those attending graduate school are attending their first-choice school

28.1% GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

70% of students complete at least one internship**

*Combines responses at graduation and one year after
**Class of 2016

The Vanderbilt Career Center provides:
- Individual career advising
- Graduate school fairs and career fairs
- Mock interviews
- Employer information sessions
- Internship guidance

International Student Population: 491

Undergraduate Enrollment as of Fall 2016

U.S. Territories: 3

Diversity & Inclusion
admissions.vanderbilt.edu/life

- Total undergraduate minority, Fall 2016: 36.3%, including American Indian/Alaska Native 0.5%; Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 12.6%; Black/African American 9.2%; Hispanic of any race 9.2%; Two or more races 4.9%
- International students comprise 7.2% of the undergraduate population, representing 47 countries (Fall 2016).
- One of the top 25 private universities for Jewish students, Hillel’s College Guide, 2016
- One of the top 25 universities for African American students, Essence, 2016
- Home to the K. C. Potter Center, which houses the Office of LGBTQI Life