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.

How to Apply

Vanderbilt has three decision plans for first-year admission.

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<td>Early Decision I</td>
<td>November 1</td>
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<td>Early Decision II</td>
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<td>Regular Decision</td>
<td>January 1</td>
<td>Late March</td>
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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 or Common 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)
- For Blair School of Music applicants only: Blair Acceptd Application
  
  Applicants whose first language or language of instruction is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS), or the Pearson. A minimum score of 100 on the Internet-based TOEFL, 230 on the computer-based TOEFL, 7.0 on the IELTS, or 70 on the Pearson are recommended. For information about waiving the English language proficiency examination requirement, visit vu.edu/apply-international.

SAT Subject Tests are optional. If official scores are sent to Vanderbilt, they may be considered during the application review process.

*International students seeking financial assistance must submit the CSS Profile to complete their application.

Fall 2018 Applicants

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>APPLICANTS*</th>
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<td>College of Arts + Science</td>
<td>2,080</td>
<td>24,101</td>
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<td>School of Engineering</td>
<td>813</td>
<td>8,258</td>
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<td>Peabody College</td>
<td>259</td>
<td>1,515</td>
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<td>Blair School of Music</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>442</td>
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<td><strong>Total Admitted</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,284</strong></td>
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*As of June 1, 2018, numbers finalized on official census day

Take a Virtual Tour
vu.edu/virtualtour

Can’t make it to Nashville? Try our virtual tour, which gives you an in-depth view of Vanderbilt through 360-degree photos, videos, and an interactive walking tour.

The virtual tour is led by current Vanderbilt students and is available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

Visit Vanderbilt
vu.edu/visit

Contact Your Admissions Counselor
vu.edu/your-counselor

Contact a Student
vu.edu/contact-a-student

Please note: use your legal name and the same email address for all college application materials.
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 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
- 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

may pursue study in any of Vanderbilt’s 69 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

Fast Facts

- Enrollment (Fall 2017)
  - Undergraduate: 6,885
  - Graduate: 5,707
  - Total: 12,592

- International Enrollment (2017–2018)
  - Undergraduate: 7.7%
  - Graduate and professional: 14%
  - Countries represented: 95

- All Undergraduate (Fall 2017)
  - Female: 53%
  - Male: 49%

- First-Year Students Entering Fall 2017
  - ACT: Middle 50% 30–35
  - SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: Middle 50% 700–760
  - SAT Mathematics Middle 50% 700–790

- 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.

- First-Year Student Retention Rate: 97%

- Students Graduating in 6 Years: 92%

For more information, visit: vu.edu/intlrequest

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On the cover:
- A view of central campus surrounded by the growing Nashville skyline.
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 student 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.

Study Abroad [vanderbilt.edu/geo](http://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

Research [vu.edu/undergrad-research](http://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.

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.

Go ’Dores

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- NCAA Division I, Southeastern Conference
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Need Based Financial Aid for International Students

Vanderbilt makes the commitment to meet 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted students. Instead of loans, these awards include gift money that does not need to be repaid.

Vanderbilt’s application process is need-aware for international students who request consideration for need-based aid. Students requesting consideration for need-based financial aid are required to submit the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid Profile.

Estimated Cost of Attendance 2018/2019

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First-Year Engineering

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*The Engineering Laptop Allowance and Laboratory Fee apply to engineering students only. First-year engineering students are required to either purchase a laptop from Vanderbilt or provide their own computer that meets published requirements.

100% of Demonstrated Financial Need Met for All Admitted Students

Range of Awards* (Among International Students Admitted for Fall 2018)

$9,291-$75,177 per year for 60 students from 37 countries

* Awards include need-based aid and merit scholarships

Life After Vanderbilt
vanderbilt.edu/career

CLASS OF 2017

INTERNSHIPS, TRAVELING, OTHER

66.7% Employed

70% of those attending graduate school are attending their first-choice school

28.7% Graduate or Professional School

71% of students complete at least one internship

Merit Based Scholarships
vanderbilt.edu/scholarships

All first-year applicants, including international students, are eligible to apply for merit 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.

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

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