Vanderbilt is a private, co-educational, residential university with 6,000 undergraduate and 5,000 graduate students, noted for their academic vitality, friendliness, and active commitment to study, service, teaching, and research.

Vanderbilt offers a culture where integrity and respect are valued as highly as our rankings. We excel at what we do because our own sense of community inspires us to make even greater contributions to the world at large. We achieve our best as individuals and work together to reach even greater heights.

83% of classes have fewer than 30 students

8:1 student-to-faculty ratio

97% Freshman-to-sophomore retention rate

34th Western Hemisphere Countries

42nd Top 500 World Universities

1st Law Schools

15th Research-oriented Medical Schools

16th Research-oriented Medical Schools

15th Vanderbilt Medical Center

15th Schools of Education (Peabody College)

14th Best Value

38th Engineering Schools

18th National Universities

Vanderbilt always encourages students to find balance between hard work and leisure time, cooperation and competition.” – Ling Ge, College of Arts & Science, China
Music Row  
www.visitmusiccity.com/music  
Many internationally famous artists from all musical genres are at work in this home of record labels, publishing houses, and recording studios.

Centennial Park  
www.nashville.gov/parthenon  
Just across the street from campus, the world’s only full-scale replica of the Parthenon sits proudly, surrounded by open lawns, ponds, and gardens.

Vanderbilt Medical Center  
www.mc.vanderbilt.edu  
A short walk from every corner of Vanderbilt is a leading hospital for trauma care, and pediatrics, with internationally renowned rehabilitation and research facilities.

Schermerhorn Symphony Center  
www.nashvillesymphony.org  
Architecturally inspired by European concert halls of the 19th century, the Schermerhorn provides superb acoustical clarity for all types of music.

Downtown  
www.visitmusiccity.com  
This city is alive. You can see it, hear it, and feel it whether you are winding down from a day of interning in a corporate tower or winding up for a big night out.

Nashville.  
A remarkable city.

Tennessee’s capital is one of America’s most dynamic cities, with amenities that include symphony, opera, ballet, and theatre performance groups; professional NFL and NHL sports teams; a wide assortment of restaurants, shopping, art galleries, and museums. Its urban parks and greenway systems also boast abundant lakes and rivers, perfect for water sports and recreation.

Nashville is home to 14 colleges and universities with 30,000 students.
The Vanderbilt campus has everything one would expect from a top university—historic architecture, modern research facilities and residential spaces, an incredible library system—but Vanderbilt contains it all within 330 tree-covered acres, making a walk to class more like a walk in the park.

It is our sense of community where Vanderbilt’s true beauty shines. There is a genuine spirit of collaboration that extends from study groups to intramural sports, from service projects to global celebrations. Vanderbilt brings people together in a relaxed environment that makes it easy to find your own comfort level no matter where you happen to call home.

“We are giving these students an opportunity to explore different parts of the world, different parts of who they are, and what they can bring to the world in different ways.”
– Greg Barz
Faculty Head of North House at The Commons
All entering first-year students live together with their own Faculty Head of House in the ten Houses of The Commons. All Houses are co-ed, with single-gender floors, and rooms are shared by two or three people. The Houses of The Commons are divided among the historic and newly constructed with students assigned randomly to their House. Educational and social events, including dinners at Dean Frank Wcislo’s house, connect first-year students with faculty, other students, and guests helping new students learn just how easy it is to talk with Vanderbilt professors and each other.

**The Commons Center and Lower Quad**

This hub of The Commons not only houses the Dining Center, but also a fitness facility, post office, the 24-hour Common Grounds market, and space to study and relax.

**ESPN College Game Day at The Commons**

Sports fans from coast to coast shared the excitement when cable television’s ESPN rolled into town for the Commodores’ American football victory over Auburn University.

**Stambaugh House**

Like most Houses at The Commons, the Faculty Head of House lives on the first floor where you will also find a study area, laundry room, music room, and communal kitchen with students living on the floors above.

**Dinner with Dean Wcislo**

The Dean and his family live at The Commons and open their residence to students and special guests for dinner or dessert and lively conversation.

“You want to be in a place where you can speak out loud with other people, where you can try out your ideas, and that happens here in a lot of ways and in a lot of different directions.”

—Frank Wcislo

Dean of The Commons

www.vanderbilt.edu/commons
“When one gets in the libraries, observing how diverse the students are, the different places they come from to study at Vanderbilt, and their concentration on books and laptops, you really think that you are in the right place at the right moment. Each student at Vanderbilt is an inspiration for those who are pursuing the best in their specific field.”

– Gerson Levi-Mendes, College of Arts and Science, Brazil

Vanderbilt is not only a university where academically talented students come to learn from our renowned faculty. Students also discover how easy it is to make new friends. In fact, 97% of all-first year students return to Vanderbilt for their sophomore year. Our student population is geographically and ethnically diverse. 24% of students identify themselves as minority, and 3% identify themselves as international. Nobel Prize winner Muhammad Yunus found inspiration here as a graduate student in economics that later led to his pioneering work in micro-lending and as a leader in the fight against world poverty. The sense of community that is found at Vanderbilt continues to bring immensely talented and creative students together for four years and often for a lifetime.

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