Academic Excellence

College of Arts & Science
as.vanderbilt.edu

- Nearly 4,000 undergraduate students
- 8:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- Comprehensive undergraduate school with 47 majors
- Extensive research opportunities for undergraduates
- Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts (five-year programs) in several arts and science disciplines

Four Undergraduate Schools...
One Learning Community

- All students engage in a liberal arts curriculum
- Most students take classes in more than one school
- Low student-to-teacher ratio across all schools facilitates a culture of collaboration
- Study abroad options available to students in all schools
- Participatory learning is a hallmark across all schools
- Balance between rigorous academics and student life creates an engaged and close community

Blair School of Music
blair.vanderbilt.edu

- Approximately 200 students, all undergraduates
- One of three top-20 universities with an accredited undergraduate music program
- Conservatory-quality music training in a strong liberal arts environment
- 4:1 student-to-practice room ratio
- Students complete both music and liberal arts core curriculum

Cover: Outside The Ingram Commons, the center of university life for all first-year students.
Peabody College of Education and Human Development
peabody.vanderbilt.edu

- 1,200 undergraduate students
- Ranked #1 graduate school of education in the U.S. for the last four years by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Home to three national research centers which provide excellent opportunities for student research
- Innovative human and organizational development major offers internship opportunities in six major cities, including London
- Hands-on, experiential teaching is a hallmark of Peabody with students placed in classroom settings as early as freshman year

School of Engineering
engineering.vanderbilt.edu

- 1,300 undergraduate students engaged in engineering training within a traditional liberal arts framework
- $63 million in annual research expenditures
- 31% of engineering undergraduates are female
- 16.5% of engineering undergraduates are international
- Seniors participate in a multidisciplinary design project in conjunction with industry and faculty advisers
Many departments of the College of Arts and Science offer five-year programs. The School of Engineering offers several programs including the integrated B.S./MBA, 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 Year 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 approximately 70 majors. All students have full access to faculty members designated to provide advice regarding appropriate pre-professional curricula and the post-baccalaureate application process.

Graduate/Professional Schools

The Graduate School
The Divinity School
Law School
Owen Graduate School of Management
School of Medicine
School of Nursing
Fast Facts and Rankings

Total Enrollment (Fall 2011) 12,859

First-Year Students Entering Fall 2011
- Class Size 1,601
- Female 51%, Male 49%
- International 5.8%
- Total Minorities 29.2%

Faculty
- Faculty with Terminal Degrees 95%
- Female Faculty 29%
- Minority Faculty 17%
- Countries Represented 63 (faculty & staff)

International Enrollment 2011/2012
- Undergraduate 5.4%
- Graduate 22.7%
- Professional Schools 7.4%
- Countries Represented 101

Rankings
- 17th National Universities
- #1 Graduate School of Education—Peabody College
- 14th Research-Oriented Medical School
- 16th Law School
- 52nd Top 500 World Universities
  Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities
“Perhaps the most fulfilling aspect of being a Commodore is that, even within a multitude of opinions, backgrounds, ideas, and beliefs, one feels cherished and upheld by a vibrant, intellectual community that values differences.”

—Jyotirmoy Mandal, Chittagong, Bangladesh, College of Arts and Science
**Study Abroad**

- 35% of Vanderbilt students study abroad
- 120+ direct-credit programs in 36 countries on six continents
- Top five destinations for Vanderbilt students include Denmark, UK, France, Spain, and Australia
- Choices include semester, Maymester, summer, or entire academic year

**VISAGE—Vanderbilt Initiative for Scholarship and Global Engagement**

- Combines international study and civic engagement
- Programs include classroom learning and service opportunities abroad in a year-long sequence
- Topics have included:
  - Sustainable water resource management
  - Education
  - Economic development
  - Tourism
  - Social corporate responsibility
- Locations have included Guatemala, Costa Rica, South Africa, and Northern Ireland

vanderbilt.edu/geo
“For me, the best part of The Commons experience is the *stimulating late night intellectual discussions*. There will always be people around you who will not have the same beliefs as you do—sometimes you get into heated debates.”

—Ashwin Joshi, Kathmandu, Nepal, College of Arts and Science
Commons
Student Life

- 400+ student organizations
- Nearly 75% of Vanderbilt students participate in volunteer service
- 40 club sports and 40 intramural sports
- Active Student Government Association
- Cultural and international student organizations include:
  - Asian American Student Association
  - Black Student Alliance
  - Caribbean Students Association
  - Korean Undergraduate Student Exchange
  - Masala South Asian Cultural Exchange
  - Middle Eastern Students Association
  - Saudi Students Association
  - Turkish Students Association
  - Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students
  - Vanderbilt Chinese Scholars and Students Association
- Annual events include:
  - Rites of Spring music festival
  - Homecoming
  - Quake (concert)
  - The Ingram Commons Spring Semester Ball
  - National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show
- School colors: Black and Gold
- Mascot: The Commodore

vanderbilt.edu/studentorganizations
ISSS—International Student and Scholar Services
vanderbilt.edu/iss

- Division of the Office of the Dean of Students
- Fosters the education and development of international students
- Provides advice, counseling, and advocacy for international students
- Promotes intercultural awareness via educational, social, and cross-cultural programs, including:
  - World on Wednesday (WOW) featuring topics of global interest
  - International Education Week
  - EAT!—international students enjoy American food and culture with a local family
  - First Friends—connects international students with Americans on and off campus

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admissions.vanderbilt.edu/global-ambassadors

- Students from overseas who want to connect with prospective international students to share experiences and answer questions
- Vanderbilt staff designated to answer questions from prospective international students

The Wyatt Center, adjacent to The Ingram Commons, is the hub of Peabody College.
I love music and I love living in Nashville! Numerous amazing concerts are offered both on campus and off campus here. You may even get a chance to see many great artists in person since they live in Nashville.”

—Mingyun Zhao, Nanjing, China, Peabody College
• Known as Music City, USA with 20,000+ concerts per year
• Vanderbilt is located in the heart of Midtown, surrounded by hundreds of shops and restaurants
• Situated 2.4 kilometers from campus, downtown Nashville is home to:
  – Schermerhorn Symphony Center
  – Frist Center for the Visual Arts
  – Country Music Hall of Fame
  – Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC)
  – The historic Ryman Auditorium
• Home to professional sports teams the Predators (hockey) and the Titans (American football), as well as the Nashville Sounds (minor league baseball)
• Consistently ranked as one of America’s friendliest cities by Travel + Leisure magazine
• Offers a unique blend of southern hospitality and cosmopolitan opportunities
• Home to the largest Kurdish population in the U.S. (approximately 11,000 residents)
• Nashville’s foreign-born population tripled from 1990–2000

admissions.vanderbilt.edu/nashville

Hillsboro Village, a nearby Nashville neighborhood popular with Vanderbilt students
Overview

Admission to Vanderbilt is competitive and selective, but above all, the application process is holistic. We strive to understand a student’s academic record in the context of the specific school and education system, and his or her contributions inside and outside the classroom.

Required Entrance Examinations

toefl.org | ielts.org
sat.org | act.org

The SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with Writing is required of all undergraduate applicants. Students who are non-native English speakers are required to sit for the TOEFL or the IELTS. The requirement will be waived only if the language of instruction in school has been English or if a student has scored above 600 on the SAT Critical Reasoning section. The Admissions Committee recognizes that the SAT and ACT are written for U.S. domestic students. In many cases, the TOEFL or IELTS score will enhance the strength of a student’s application.

Recommended minimum scores are as follows:

- TOEFL IBT 100
- TOEFL CBT 230
- TOEFL PBT 570
- IELTS 6.5

International Advanced Standing

High performance on some nationally sponsored or administered secondary school examinations may improve a student’s academic profile for admission to the university, and may entitle a student to advanced standing at Vanderbilt. These exams include the A- and AS-levels, Advanced Placement (AP), French Baccalaureate, Abitur, International Baccalaureate (IB), Italian Maturita, Federal Swiss Maturity Certificate, Denmark’s Studentereksamen, Iceland’s Studentsprof, Finland’s Matriculation Certificate, and many others. The registrar of the Vanderbilt school to which the student has been admitted makes all course credit decisions. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions does not make decisions related to advanced standing.

Undergraduate Admission, Fall 2012*

- First-year applicants 28,347
- Admitted students 4,030
- Admit rate 14.2%

First-Year Students Entering Fall 2011

- SAT Critical Reading Middle 50%: 680–770
- SAT Math Middle 50%: 700–780

* As of June 29, 2012—numbers finalized on official census day
How to Apply

Vanderbilt has three separate decision plans for admission.

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

Vanderbilt accepts transfer applicants for the fall semester (August) only. The priority deadline for transfer applications is March 15.

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

The Components of a Complete Application

1. Vanderbilt: Part 1 Common Application Supplement
2. Common Application
   - Official high school transcript
   - SAT or ACT scores
   - TOEFL or IELTS, if applicable
   - Essay
   - Recommendation letters
   - List of activities
3. International Supplement, if applicable
4. CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, if applicable

Need-Based Financial Aid for International Students
vanderbilt.edu/financialaid

Most international citizens should plan to meet expenses for their entire undergraduate education before applying for admission. The average financial aid award for international students at Vanderbilt was $43,479 for the 2011/12 academic year. Vanderbilt will not admit a need-based financial aid candidate for whom we cannot provide aid. The usual selective admission criteria, as well as the amount of financial need, will be factors in the admissions committee’s final decision.

Financial aid is not available for international transfer applicants or for international citizens applying under Early Decision 1 and 2.

Need-Based Financial Aid for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents
vanderbilt.edu/financialaid

U.S. citizens living abroad and permanent residents of the U.S. are eligible to receive need-based financial assistance on the same basis as domestic students. For these students, we make three important commitments through Opportunity Vanderbilt:

1. Admission to Vanderbilt is need-blind: we do not consider family financial circumstances when determining admission.
2. We commit to meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need for admitted U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens.
3. Our financial aid awards include only grant assistance and a reasonable work expectation; loans are not included.

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Undergraduate Scholarships determines financial need through two financial forms:

- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
  http://profileonline.collegeboard.com
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  www.fafsa.ed.gov

Merit-Based Scholarships for All Vanderbilt Applicants
vanderbilt.edu/scholarships

All first-year applicants, regardless of citizenship, are eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships. Three signature programs comprise the majority of Vanderbilt’s merit scholarships:

- The Ingram Scholarship
- The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship
- The Chancellor’s Scholarship

Recipients of these scholarships are guaranteed full-tuition awards, plus summer stipends for study abroad, research, or service projects. All three require an application.