Though I never had any education, no man has ever felt the lack more than I have, and no man appreciates the value of it more than I do, and believed more than I do what it will do in the future.

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WE HAVE A HISTORY
of holding ourselves to higher standards.

For more than a century, we have put our heads together to solve, innovate, educate, and create without losing sight of certain ideals that sharpen intellect and foster community. Are you ready to see what lies ahead?

68 MAJORS

4 UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
  - College of Arts & Science
  - Blair School of Music
  - School of Engineering
  - Peabody College of Education and Human Development

4 GRADUATE AND 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

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Fulfilling dreams is in our DNA.

Over the years, we have discovered that you can’t contain a neuroscientist’s love of dance any more than a mechanical engineer’s fascination with pre-Columbian tribes. We encourage students to study across disciplines, and then bring them together to address problems from new perspectives. It’s a school of thought that favors collaboration over competition in true Vanderbilt tradition.

Scholarship is the pursuit of knowledge in an environment of academic freedom.

—FIRST PRINCIPLE OF VANDERBILT COMMUNITY CREED

Student-to-faculty ratio 7:1

Classes with fewer than 50 students 91%

#10 World’s Most Innovative Universities

Reuters, 2017

Full-time faculty with the highest academic degree in their field of study 94%

27% of students double major

55% add a minor to their primary degree

Vanderbilt offers more than 65 minors, including a new business minor
The College of Arts & Science,

The largest of our undergraduate colleges, spans 49 established majors and includes numerous interdisciplinary fields such as neuroscience, medicine, health, and society, and economics and history.

AXLE
(Achieving eXcellence in Liberal Education)

Undergraduate arts and science students engage in a full liberal arts experience through a flexible, user-friendly core curriculum that includes writing and liberal arts components. Students may select from a wide range of courses to fulfill AXLE requirements.

All first-year students in the College of Arts and Science take a First-Year Writing Seminar in which small groups of 10 to 15 students thoroughly examine a topic to foster exchanges with professors and introduce the participatory learning style that characterizes a Vanderbilt education. Students may choose from a variety of topics in fields from anthropology to women’s and gender studies.

The College of Arts and Science exemplifies the best of both worlds with numerous opportunities for in-depth exploration and expression in the heart of a major research university. With majors that encompass the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences, A&S students are able to utilize technologies ranging from an innovative language laboratory to tissue culture facilities and mass spectrometers, as well as policy and research centers that address critical issues.

Earth and environmental scientists students explore a local creek as part of their introduction to the geological sciences.
Blair School of Music

offers conservatory-level training within a full liberal arts curriculum to broaden the horizons of undergraduates as they perfect their talents, much to the acclaim of audiences and alumni year after year.
Blair awards credit for private instruction in voice or any instrument as well as for group instruction in piano, percussion, and fiddle. Most courses designed for music majors are also open to students with sufficient musical backgrounds. There are several classes within Blair that are designed especially for non-majors.
The School of Engineering
is known for its close-knit, hands-on environment that teams students with professors in pursuit of the most elusive answers to the problems of the natural and virtual world.

Design Day showcases the year-long efforts of undergraduate teams in solving real-world problems posed by individuals and corporations. This year’s Design Day projects included 3-D printed bones, a Kenyan rainwater collection system, a collapsible solar-powered 3-D printer, mid-flight drone refueling, a real-time target detection system in rocket flight and a new stent to treat cerebrovascular aneurysms.

More than 90% of students entering the workforce have a job within six months of graduation.

31% female engineering undergraduates (vs. national average of 19%)
MAJORS
Biomedical Engineering*
Chemical Engineering*
Civil Engineering*
Computer Engineering*
Computer Science**
Electrical Engineering*
Engineering Science
Mechanical Engineering*

*Accredited by EAC of ABET (abet.org)
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OUR RESEARCH NEIGHBORHOODS
Cyber-physical Systems
Biomedical Imaging and Biophotonics
Rehabilitation Engineering
Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
Risk, Reliability and Resilience
Big Data Science and Engineering
Regenerative Medicine and Surgery and Engineering
Energy and Natural Resources

The new Engineering and Science Building fosters project teamwork and offers programs, instrumentation areas, makerspaces, and research laboratories that promote collaboration between students and faculty across disciplines.

60% UNDERGRADUATES INVOLVED IN ENGINEERING RESEARCH EXPERIENCES SUPERVISED BY PROFESSORS

100% FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE FACULTY WITH TERMINAL DEGREES

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Peabody College
builds on a well-respected history of in-depth learning
and research about how to help people think, learn, and
lead to their greatest potential.

Peabody helps fulfill the growing demand for educators
at all levels through undergraduate bachelor’s degrees
in early childhood and elementary education, and
secondary education, as well as classroom experiences
that begin as early as the second semester.

RANKED THE
TOP 8
GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION
FOR 20 CONSECUTIVE YEARS BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

OVER
750 HOURS
OF
IN-CLASSROOM
EXPERIENCE
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION UNDERGRADUATES
MAJORS
Child Development
Child Studies
Cognitive Studies
Early Childhood and Elementary Education
Human and Organizational Development with tracks in:
  - Community Leadership and Development
  - Education Policy
  - Health and Human Services
  - International Leadership and Development
  - Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness
Secondary Education
Special Education
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PRIMARY RESEARCH AREAS
Benefiting Young Children
Improving Schools and School Systems
Helping Those with Special Needs
Strengthening Teaching and Learning in Math, Science, Language, and Reading
Addressing Health and Behavioral Problems
Research Training

$30 MILLION+ IN ANNUAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES AT PEABODY COLLEGE

Student teaching opportunities are offered at Peabody as early as the second semester.

HOME TO 3 NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS

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Welcome to the center of your first-year universe.

Far beyond a collection of dorms, The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons is home to extraordinary camaraderie, friendly rivalry, and never-ending curiosity. Fascination becomes second nature as we find common ground with worlds far beyond our own.

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Commons iSeminars are optional, one-credit courses exclusively for first-year students. Participants most recently explored 25+ different subjects, including:

- Ancient Grains and Natural Medicines: Latin American Ethnobotanicals
- Talking Across Differences in an Age of Polarization: A Group Examination of Dialogue and Social Media Communication
- The City as a Work of Art
- Exploring Cultural Memory Through Image and Text
- Immersive Experience in the Study of Presidential Politics

Professor of musicology Gregory Melchor-Barz will serve as interim dean of The Ingram Commons for the 2018–19 academic year.

The Commons Center anchors The Ingram Commons with an expansive dining/celebration hall, workout room, group study spaces, the Department of Political Science, an academic support center, career office, and 24-hour market.

Houses accommodate 80 to 290 first-year students.

Residences of the dean of The Ingram Commons feature entertaining space used for open houses, intimate dinners, intellectual debates and other programs throughout the school year.

Most buildings are LEED-certified green from the ground up.

Faculty heads of house live on site with their families and pets in each of the 10 houses.

97% of first-year students return for their sophomore year.
The enriching benefits of a living-learning environment continue after the first year. Warren and Moore colleges each house approximately 330 sophomores, juniors, and seniors led by faculty directors in residence and graduate fellows. In fall 2018, E. Bronson Ingram College opens its doors to 340 upperclass students, a faculty director, two graduate fellows, and an area coordinator. Vanderbilt recently broke ground on two new residential colleges along West End Avenue to expand living-learning opportunities for students beyond their first year.

Future vision of Vanderbilt’s West End neighborhood, home of three new residential colleges, the first to be completed in summer 2020.

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It’s Not Just Tradition, It’s a Matter of Honor.

There has been a code of honor here since the first final exams were given. Long-time Dean of Students Madison Sarratt later summarized its principles in a famous quote you’ll find outside the student center that bears his name:

“Today I am going to give you two examinations, one in trigonometry and one in honesty. I hope you will pass them both, but if you must fail one, let it be trigonometry, for there are many good men in this world today who cannot pass an examination in trigonometry, but there are no good men in the world who cannot pass an examination in honesty.”

The goal of our honor system has always been for all students to leave Vanderbilt as graduates and citizens of integrity. Members of each new Vanderbilt class assemble shortly after moving in for the Honor Code Signing Ceremony. You can see their signatures on display in Sarratt Student Center along with those of all current undergraduates.

Honesty is a commitment to refrain from lying, cheating, and stealing.

—SECOND PRINCIPLE OF VANDERBILT COMMUNITY CREED
Some lessons are best learned outside class.

Our multidisciplinary philosophy isn’t limited to academics. The value we place on community brings students, faculty, and staff together to keep more than 430 organizations up and running and the varied interests of nearly 6,900 undergraduates fulfilled.

The student-run WilSkills organization makes the outdoors accessible to any Vanderbilt student, regardless of experience or means, to help them experience nature on its own terms, develop self-discipline, and forge friendships.

Civility is the genuine respect for the rights of others.

— Third Principle of Vanderbilt Community Creed

Types of Student Organizations

- Academics
- Activism
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Cultural/International
- Environmental
- Fraternities/Sororities
- Governing Councils
- Honor Societies
- Media
- Military
- Performing Arts
- Philanthropy/Fundraising
- Political
- Pre-Professional
- Programming
- Religious/Spiritual
- Service
- Special Interest
- Sports

The Vanderbilt Hustler, student published since 1888, is Nashville’s oldest newspaper.

Former vice president and 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Al Gore joins an undergraduate political science class to discuss leadership and the conflicting demands of public life.
All this talk about studying and research may seem a bit daunting to you now, but rest assured that what happens in class is only part of life here. A key ingredient to any Vanderbilt student’s success is balance. Academics do require a lot of time and effort, but leave room to join some clubs, take some breaks, and enjoy yourself.

Achieving the perfect balance between the academic commitments and the numerous social opportunities of Vanderbilt life is as easy as it is natural, a valuable lesson that serves our students well for years to come.

The Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center offers a variety of intramural sports—from softball and basketball to soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and more—throughout the year.

Pop-up park events transform outdoor spaces across campus as ways to promote sustainability and walkability, encourage social interaction, and celebrate creativity for the enjoyment of all.

Founders Walk celebrates the transformation of first-year students into official members of the Vanderbilt community.

Vanderbilt’s Holi celebration, sponsored by the student-run South Asian Cultural Exchange, brings students from around the world together for a favorite end-of-year tradition.
Almost any day of the year, there are Vanderbilt students at work bringing new ideas and awareness to problems at home and around the globe. They share their love of science and engineering with at-risk schoolchildren, bring fresh water sources and badly needed medical supplies to remote villages, and fundraise for causes far and wide. They devote their energy as if their degrees depended on it, because someone is depending on them.

Compassion compels us to action. Community service experiences that give every student an opportunity to engage, to question, and to create change locally and globally are a key part of the university’s goal to create an undergraduate experience that educates the whole person.

62% of students participate in volunteer service while at Vanderbilt.

Accountability is taking responsibility for our actions and consequences.

—Fourth principle of Vanderbilt Community Creed
As members of the legendary Southeastern Conference, Vanderbilt is known for athletes who show drive and determination on and off the field. As a founding member of the legendary Southeastern Conference, Vanderbilt is known for athletes who show drive and determination on and off the field.

CHEER US ON AT vucommodores.com

GAME DAY BRINGS OUT THE COMMODORE IN ALL OF US.

As members of the legendary SEC, we turn out for Vanderbilt’s ten women’s and six men’s varsity teams who face some of the country’s fiercest opponents with the same focus and perseverance they bring to the classroom.

The women’s bowling team celebrates after winning the 2018 national championship, their second NCAA title.

Southeastern Conference
DIVISION I ATHLETICS
30 SEC and league titles since 2000

MASCOT: Mr. C

Our Anchor Dash tradition gives each first-year class the chance to lead the Commodore football team onto the field during the first home game of the season.
Nashville, like Vanderbilt, is full of surprises.

Nashville knows how to shine on the international stage, but it still retains a small-town feel that quickly turns new arrivals into locals. You’re just as likely to hear breaks and beats as country. Find as many ethnic restaurants as meat-and-threes. Go to an NFL or NHL game and an art exhibit or symphony in the same week. Find “y’all” pops up in your vocabulary before you realize it, and be perfectly fine with it.

Get a closer look at the city that inspired its own TV series at admissions.vanderbilt.edu/nashville
Three signature scholarships comprise the majority of Vanderbilt’s merit awards:

The Ingram Scholarship Program recognizes students who plan to combine a professional or business career with an exceptional commitment to community service.

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship recognizes students who combine outstanding academic achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom.

The Chancellor’s Scholarship recognizes students with outstanding academic records who have worked to build strong high school communities by bridging gaps among economically, socially, and racially diverse groups and who have demonstrated significant interest in issues of diversity education, tolerance, and social justice.

Recipients of these signature scholarships are guaranteed full-tuition awards that include a stipend for research, study abroad, a creative endeavor, community service, or 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.

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OPPORTUNITY VANDERBILT

Need-Based Scholarships

We are proud to offer one of America’s most progressive financial aid programs.

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Of all undergraduates receive some form of financial assistance.

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Caring is the concern for the well-being and dignity of others.

—FIFTH PRINCIPLE OF VANDERBILT COMMUNITY CREED

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MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

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First-year Engineering Laptop Allowance $1,600*
Engineering Lab Fee 800*

*For engineering students only
Immersion Vanderbilt calls for each undergraduate student to undertake an intensive learning experience that takes place in and beyond the classroom and culminates in the creation of a final project. Students can engage in a civic and professional, creative expression, international, or research immersion experience. Examples include writing and producing a musical, studying the workings of cells in a lab, traveling to Guatemala to repair medical equipment, or working on a project designed to understand human behavior. Immersion Vanderbilt helps students explore their interests, transform ideas into action, and make a difference in the world.

Located in the Innovation Pavilion, the Wond’ry is Vanderbilt’s new epicenter for innovation and entrepreneurship. Its three-story, 13,000-square-foot space promotes transinstitutional activity between students and faculty, and it serves as a catalyst for partnerships with the innovation and entrepreneurial community outside Vanderbilt. Through collaborative work environments, makerspaces, and curricular programming, the Wond’ry is the place where abstract ideas are transformed into concrete realities that make differences in people’s lives.

Undergraduates further their study of the interaction between humans and their environment during a human geography class at downtown Nashville’s Main Public Library.
Curiosity drives us. The search for answers led us to integrate research into our academic courses and our most prominent summer programs. Undergraduates work alongside professors on groundbreaking projects, and student researchers often present and publish their findings before graduation. We support volunteer- and student-initiated projects and even sponsor undergraduate research opportunities.

Recent student researchers have:

- Analyzed how noninvasive brain stimulation improves visual hyperacuity in humans
- Explored the cultural politics and transnationalism in the construction of migrant Puerto Rican identity
- Studied the use of ultrasound imaging to investigate muscle-tendon dynamics during human movement
- Contributed to the development of low-cost vehicle tracking and navigation in smart parking structures
- Explored the role of sight in learning to throw
- Studied the preference for and efficiency of instructional procedures for a young child with autism
- Studied Tambu drumming in Aruba in the context of music, race, and identity in the Caribbean

Many undergraduate students receive a stipend or academic credit for their research experience.

Elizabeth Lee identifies in many ways. She’s a mechanical engineer, a proud Asian American, and a woman working in the STEM fields. To give a clearer voice to these identities, Lee created the web comic “Existing Quietly, Living Loudly,” based on her real-life experiences.

As part of their earth and environmental science course, students work with undergraduate mammalian responses to climate change by studying animal skulls and skeletons.
Internships and Careers

It may seem premature to talk about your post-grad plans before you've even started college, but Vanderbilt will work tirelessly to support your future endeavors throughout your undergraduate years and beyond. Many undergraduates find internships with the help of the Career Center and VUconnect, a database of Vanderbilt alumni who are eager to help you find your way.

vanderbilt.edu/career

Global Education Office

Vanderbilt's commitment to academic excellence, global engagement, and community service extends far beyond Nashville. With 120+ direct-credit programs offering study abroad programs for a semester, a summer, or an entire academic year, undergraduates enhance their studies with academic experiences and cultural, research, and volunteer opportunities on six continents. Options range from three-week Maymester courses taught by Vanderbilt faculty, a summer internship in the Scottish Parliament, or a semester in a residential college in Australia or the Netherlands, to individual research in India or Samoa. GEO offers programming for all Vanderbilt students, including those with the most demanding plans of study.
Celebration is the active appreciation of Vanderbilt University’s tradition of excellence.

—SEVENTH PRINCIPLE OF VANDERBILT COMMUNITY CREED

Charles D. King, B.A. ’91
When Charles King first arrived in Los Angeles in 1997, his friends were shocked to hear that he had taken a job in a mailroom. But the path to becoming a high-powered talent agent at the famed William Morris Agency (now William Morris Endeavor) typically starts in the mailroom and rarely ends there. By 2010, King had become the first African American partner in the firm’s 119-year history, working with Oprah Winfrey, Tyler Perry, Janelle Monáe, and Lin-Manuel Miranda.

However, he had a larger goal in mind—to lead a media company focused on developing content for multicultural audiences. In 2015, King started MACRO, a media company that creates and funds films, shows, digital projects, and brands focused on multicultural perspectives. Less than two years later, the company’s first major project, the movie *Fences*, was nominated for four Oscars, leading many to remark that King’s career was turning out just as he had scripted it. But when asked, King quickly remarks, “The ultimate dream is for it to be a business and a brand that will be around 100 years in the future when I’m long gone. Just like we have Disney and FOX, you’ll have MACRO.”

Emily Motayed, B.A. ’10
After her graduation from Vanderbilt, Emily Motayed moved to New York City to work as a health care consultant, but outfitting her first post-college apartment proved difficult. Her time and budget were limited, ruling out traditional interior designers, a challenge that gave Motayed an idea. In 2013 she and her sister founded digital design firm Havenly, which for $199 develops floor plans for customers seeking affordable chic. In four years the company grew from two to 60 employees and raised $13.3 million in funding. That same year *Forbes* named Motayed to its annual “30 Under 30” list of millennials reinventing retail and e-commerce.

Many of Motayed’s first clients were Vanderbilt students, which should come as no surprise. She maintains close connections to the university, serving as a VUconnect career adviser offering networking advice to alumni, and she’s also volunteered with Commodore Recruitment Programs. But don’t look for Havenly to be Motayed’s last venture. “Now that interior design is my life and my love, I see myself creating businesses and opportunities for many more years to come,” she says.
Every Vanderbilt application is part of our holistic review process. Whether Vanderbilt is your first choice or one on a list of several selective universities, we value your interest, and we commit to a high level of personal service from the application process to graduation.

DECISION PLANS | APPLICATION DEADLINE | DECISION NOTIFICATION
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Early Decision I | November 1 | Mid-December
Early Decision II | January 1 | Mid-February
Regular Decision | January 1 | Late March

NOTE: Early Decision plans are binding. If you apply EDI or EDII, you agree to enroll if offered admission.

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

FOR MORE ON HOW TO APPLY, VISIT
vu.edu/apply

You may also contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by phone at (615) 322-2561 or (800) 288-0432 or by email at admissions@vanderbilt.edu.

REQUIREMENTS for first-year applicants

- One of the following applications:
  - Coalition Application
  - Common Application
  - QuestBridge Application
- Official high school transcript
- Counselor letter of recommendation
- Two academic teacher letters of recommendation
- Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
- International students should visit admissions.vanderbilt.edu to learn more about testing requirements.
- For Blair School of Music applicants only: Blair Acceptd application
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.

Visiting Campus

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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. Nashville is also served by three major interstates: I-65, I-24, and I-40.