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- Late May–Early June Registration materials and instructions from your school (mail or email)
- Early June The Commons Reading (see page 32) (domestic mailing only) Students with international mailing addresses will receive a copy upon arrival at Vanderbilt.
- Early June Meal Plan (postcard, domestic mailing only)
- Early July Directory of Dining Services (mail, domestic mailing only)
- Mid-July Bookstore information on ordering textbooks and course materials (email)
- Late July Be Smart-Be Safe mandatory online modules information (email)
- August 1 Housing notification, room assignment, mail box number and Vanderbilt address, roommate information, shipping instructions for boxes, move-in instructions (mail, international students also receive email)
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Have you checked your VU Gmail lately?
Record your Personal Information here for easy access:

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- My VU Gmail: ______________________________________________________________
- My House and Room Number: ________________________________________________
- My Faculty Head of House: _________________________________________________
- My Faculty VUceptor: _______________________________________________________
- My Student VUceptor: _______________________________________________________
- My Visions Group Number: _________________________________________________
- Meeting Time/Place on Sunday, 8/21: _______________________________________

Before you leave home, make sure you have with you:

- A valid photo ID to pick up your Commodore Card
- Tracking numbers of packages and number of packages (must have Commodore Card to pick up)
- Move-in information and car hangtag
- VUceptor letter containing contact information and group number
- Directions to campus and hotel
Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2020,

Welcome to the Vanderbilt family! We are honored that you have chosen to join our university and the dynamic living and learning community of The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons. We will welcome you here in person on Move-In Day, Saturday, August 20. Until then, and whether you are a new student or parent, The Road to Vanderbilt is your key information resource for the next several months. It maps out the requirements that you must complete prior to arrival, important information about your transition into the university, and the many resources and opportunities Vanderbilt will afford you during your first year.

Read the five chapters of The Road and discuss as a family the decisions ahead of you. Chapter 1 highlights key information about fall course registration, the housing assignment process, required immunization forms, and an overview of our required orientation, called CommonVU, which starts on Move-In Day. All first-year students must be present on campus beginning that day. Chapter 2 introduces you to what students here call The Commons experience, the living-learning communities you will help build in your houses this year and the faculty heads of house who will live alongside you. Chapter 3 features Vanderbilt academics and the faculties and support services that provide them their excellence. Chapter 4 discusses the systems we have in place to assure student health, wellness, and safety, as well as our concern that students learn to care for each other. The last chapter takes a look at the wide range of opportunities that make up Vanderbilt student life—everything from campus resources to student organizations.

We encourage you to use the checklist included on the inside front cover of The Road to ensure you complete the steps necessary to make a smooth transition to Vanderbilt.

Again, congratulations to you and your family on your admission to Vanderbilt! Our entire community looks forward to greeting you in August.

Sincerely,

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For The Road to Vanderbilt online, go to vu.edu/classof2020.
Getting Ready for Vanderbilt
What to Do and When to Do It

May 2016
- Bookmark vu.edu/classof2020, your portal for all relevant information, including the online version of The Road.
- Register for your VUnetID.
- **Parents:** submit your email address to vanderbilt.edu/families to receive Parents and Family Programs newsletters.
- Prepare immunization and health information that might require contacting or visiting your health care provider (due by May 15).
- Start checking your VU Gmail regularly for important information, including your bills.
- **International Students:** check your VU Gmail frequently for important updates from ISSS regarding visas, travel arrangements, and move-in instructions.
- Start working on your online housing application, including the living and study habits survey (due by June 1) and, if you wish, start looking for a roommate (due by June 15).
- Submit Commodore Card photo online (between May 15 and June 22).

June 2016
- Review the information in your school or college’s registration packet and follow instructions about advising and registration carefully (registration period: June 6–24).
- Finalize your roommate request (by June 15).
- Submit Commodore Card photo online (by June 22).
- Prepare your housing requests for special accommodations and/or your requests for academic accommodations (students with disabilities, medical, or psychological conditions) to EAD (due by June 30).

July 2016
- Select Commodore Cash funds online for Commodore Card (by July 15).
- Check out your Vanderbilt Visions assignment on YES (mid-July). If you expect a conflict with a class for which you are waitlisted or are considering joining a club sport that meets at the time of your Visions group, request a change (by July 19). See page 18.
- Make changes to your class schedule if necessary during the Open Enrollment and Student Change Period (July 20–August 31).
- Start pre-ordering books and/or room supplies from bookstore for pickup on Move-In Day.
- Complete Undergraduate Student Account Agreement form (by August 1).
- If you plan to waive Vanderbilt health insurance, do so at gallagherstudent.com/vanderbilt (before August 1).

August 2016
- Look for a letter and/or email from your faculty and student VUceptors.
- Pack boxes for shipping. (Begin shipping August 11.)
- Work on completing the Be Smart–Be Safe mandatory online modules (by August 15).
- Pay fall tuition, fees, and other charges (by August 17). (See your VU Gmail for billing.)
- **International Students:** Inform ISSS of your arrival plans.
- Move in and begin CommonVU, first-year student orientation (August 20).
- Classes for all undergraduate schools begin (August 24).

Optional Safety Items

**SafeVU** (see page 65)
SafeVU is a free app that connects directly with Vanderbilt’s Police Department. To download, go to police.vanderbilt.edu/services/safevu.

**Operation ID: Bicycle and Laptop Registration** (see page 65)
Operation ID increases the possibility of returning a stolen object. To register your items, go to police.vanderbilt.edu/students/register-your-possessions/.

**AlertVU** (see page 64)
AlertVU is Vanderbilt’s emergency mass notification system. As a student, you are automatically enrolled to receive email notifications. To receive notifications to your phone or sign up a parent to receive AlertVU, go to vanderbilt.edu/alertvu.
Preparing for College: Family Conversations

Getting ready for college is both exciting and stressful, for students and parents. Lots of planning, decisions, and deadlines are ahead—whether for housing applications, academic schedules, student health forms, tuition payments, insurance coverage, or even desk lamps. This guide is designed to outline the steps you need to take between now and August to make this transition to campus as smooth as possible.

At the outset, we encourage you as a family to have an open conversation about shifting responsibilities and lines of communication. As students go off to college, they are expected to manage their academic responsibilities, social obligations, and medical needs. In fact, university and federal policies prohibit sharing certain types of information even with family members. These include, first and foremost, the e-password that allows access to many university records, including all academic, financial, and medical information as well as the student's Vanderbilt email address.

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) protects students’ privacy and grants them exclusive rights to view and share personal education records such as grades, transcripts, disciplinary records, contact information, and class schedules. Under the law, colleges and universities may not disclose education records to anyone other than the student. For parents or guardians, FERPA’s legal mandates can be frustrating, but as College Parents of America suggests, “Rather than seeing this legislation as a barrier to good college parenting, parents might see this as an important opportunity for meaningful dialogue with a student.”

Students and parents should review websites for the Student Health Center (vanderbilt.edu/student_health) and the Psychological and Counseling Center (medschool.vanderbilt.edu/pcc) to prepare for transition of health care needs, both medical and psychiatric, from the home physician or counselor to university resources. Similarly, HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) protects all private health information and requires that no third person can access an individual’s health record or health care provider without the patient’s explicit permission. In the case of students, this includes parents, guardians, family physicians from home, deans, and others. (For more information on HIPAA, see page 60.)

There are several steps families can take to remain well informed. Students should start checking their Vanderbilt email regularly during the summer. Important information, including access to tuition bills, is sent to that student account. Students can give a parent or guardian permanent guest access to their student account and Commodore Card (the university ID that also functions as a debit card). The steps to do so are simple and do not require sharing the e-password. For more information about access to the Commodore Card and student accounts, see pages 18 and 21, respectively.

Regular conversation between parents and students about their adjustment to new academic and social lives allows families to offer support when students make mistakes, share in the joy of the discoveries they make, and relieve the stress that inevitably surfaces along the way. Supporting students as they learn to take personal responsibility for official documents and financial obligations will help them become independent adults. Encourage them to be aware of their rights and responsibilities, to take ownership of their education, and to recognize that mistakes are a big part of learning.

And now let’s take the first step...
The Ingram Commons Website
commons.vanderbilt.edu

The Commons website is the news, events, and information hub for all first-year students. Here you will find information about Commons programs, the houses, and their faculty heads. You will also find profiles of your faculty and student VUceptors.

Special Information for the Class of 2020

Bookmark vu.edu/classof2020 and visit often for updates you may need to prepare for your arrival. This website also features a mobile-friendly online version of The Road to Vanderbilt. You will find the same information as in the printed edition as well as the most recent updates and live links that take you directly to the relevant websites.

The Ingram Commons on Social Media

Follow The Ingram Commons on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. You will receive frequent updates about what is happening on The Ingram Commons to prepare for your arrival, and you will become part of the digital community that connects us all.

Be on the lookout for #vu2020 and be sure to join the official Class of 2020 Facebook group!

To hear from current VUceptors about the transition to Vanderbilt and your first semester on The Ingram Commons, check out the VUceptor blog at my.vanderbilt.edu/VUcept

Your Vanderbilt IDs

VUnetID

Once your matriculation fees have been processed by Vanderbilt, you will receive an email with instructions to set up your VUnetID and e-password. Write down your VUnetID on page 3 (or where it will be handy). You will need it frequently throughout your college career, including this summer. Do not share your e-password with anyone.

Your VUnetID will give you access to these important services:

- Online housing registration (See page 11.)
- Vanderbilt email (See page 9.)
- Online course registration (YES—Your Enrollment Services) (See page 17.)
- Manage your Commodore Card (your university ID) (See page 19.)
- Course management system (Blackboard) (See page 50.)
- Library databases and text searches
- Digital file storage
- Many other services

Commodore ID

The Commodore ID is your identification number used by Student Accounts and other offices. It is also displayed in your YES account. You will need your Commodore ID more rarely than your VUnetID.
Vanderbilt Email

When you activate your VUnetID, a VU Gmail “@vanderbilt.edu” email address will be automatically created for you. VU Gmail includes Google apps that allow you to create, edit, and share your work online from any device.

Vanderbilt will use this email address for official communications. Make sure you check your VU Gmail regularly throughout the summer for important information, including bills. Record your VU Gmail address on page 3 along with other important personal information.

Computing Privileges and Responsibilities

The university’s Acceptable Use Policy (vanderbilt.edu/aup.html) addresses a number of issues that pertain to your use of university computing resources, including data networks and online applications. Read the policy in its entirety and become familiar with its contents. The following four items deserve special attention:

- **Personal Information**—Guard your personal information such as Social Security numbers, PINs, and the like.
- **Passwords**—Do not share your passwords with anyone, not even family members.
- **Anti-Virus Software**—Viruses and other malware not only degrade the performance of individual machines, but they can also threaten the function of the university network and other elements of its infrastructure. You should take advantage of the software, which is distributed at no charge, to help avoid viruses. See it.vanderbilt.edu.
- **Copyrights**—As a member of an academic community, you must respect the principle of intellectual property and comply with copyright laws and policies implemented to ensure academic integrity. This includes plagiarism as well as downloading protected movies and music.
Mandatory Immunization Compliance and Health Form (Due by May 15)
medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/immunization-requirements

Mandatory Immunization Compliance
The Student Health Center maintains a website that carefully outlines the immunizations that you will need to receive before arriving on campus. Tennessee state law and Vanderbilt University regulations dictate that all students comply with the immunization requirements as outlined on the four-page immunization compliance and health form, which must be returned to Student Health by May 15 for fall admission. A hold is automatically placed on a student’s registration until documented compliance with mandated immunization requirements is received.

For more information about Vanderbilt University’s health services, HIPAA, and your private health information, see pages 58–60.

Health Questionnaire Forms
The following are required of all students and are due to the Student Health Center by the deadline above. They are also fully detailed on the Immunization Compliance and Health Questionnaire Form:

- Immunization history accompanied by physician signature or your state’s official immunization document
- Brief health history—it is very important that your health history includes all significant physical or mental health issues, so providers at Vanderbilt can extend the appropriate care to you.
- Tuberculosis screening information, signed by a health care provider for verification
- Demographic and insurance information, which includes:
  - Personal contact information
  - Emergency contact information

A pre-college physical exam is strongly recommended, but it is not required.

If you have ongoing health problems or chronic health conditions, you should contact the Student Health Center or the Psychological and Counseling Center prior to your arrival on campus to assure the continuity of your care. Call the SHC at (615) 322-2427 to schedule an appointment with a physician. Appointments are available Monday through Friday and on Saturday mornings, including Move-In Day. To contact the PCC, call (615) 322-2571.

Information regarding the vaccine waiver procedures and links to immunization information can be found at medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/immunization-requirements. All necessary forms need to be downloaded from the site, completed, and uploaded to the site to submit. Forms will not be sent to you. For more information on the SHC, see page 58 and for the PCC, see page 59.
Housing Applications (Due by June 1)

Applying for housing is easy. The First-Year Housing Application will be available beginning April 1 and is due by June 1. After you obtain your VUnetID and password, visit the Office of Housing and Residential Education website (vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main) and click on the “Apply for Housing” link.

For more detailed information about housing, see pages 40 and 41.

The Living and Study Habits Survey

All students must complete the survey, which is part of the housing application. It allows you to do a thorough self-assessment whether you plan to find a roommate yourself or the Office of Housing and Residential Education determines a roommate for you.

Please keep in mind that habits change over time, and students interpret survey questions differently. Because of this, we cannot guarantee that roommates will have similar living or study habits.

Roommates

First-year students will be assigned to double rooms whenever possible. We invite you to seek your own roommate through friends, acquaintances, and other opportunities to network with incoming first-year students.

Factors to consider when searching for a roommate include your sleep and study habits, how you maintain your living space (tidy or casual), the ways you socialize and recreate, and your cultural interests and preferences. If you would like to have a roommate assigned, we will match you on the basis of answers to the Living and Study Habits Survey.
Roommate Requests (Due by June 15)
In order to request a specific roommate, you must provide the VUnetID of your preferred roommate (you do not need his or her password). Each student in the pair must request the other in order to be considered. If you do not make a specific roommate request, we will assign a roommate to you.

Please note that first-year students are randomly assigned to houses. Requests for assignment to specific buildings will not be considered.

Requests for Reasonable Housing Accommodation (Due by June 30)
First-year students seeking reasonable accommodations for the 2016/2017 academic year due to medical, psychological, or disability impairment, should contact the Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Disability Services Program prior to June 30, 2016.

The EAD/DSP website (vanderbilt.edu/ead/ds_students.html) provides information for students regarding reasonable accommodations, documentation guidelines, and other information about the office. All students who request reasonable accommodation due to a medical, psychological, or disability impairment must submit full and current documentation to the DSP. If DSP determines that you are eligible for special housing, it will notify the Office of Housing Assignments, which will contact you about your assignment.

Please note that the Office of Housing Assignments will not accept directly any documentation or housing requests regarding a student's medical, psychological, or disability-related condition. The office will make every effort to find an appropriate and reasonable assignment as recommended by the EAD/DSP. For information regarding reasonable academic accommodation, see page 18.
Room Furnishings

For Each Student

Bed . . . . . . . . . . . . . Wooden; may be lofted with 4' maximum height from floor to bottom of bed surface; height is user-adjustable.

Mattress . . . . . . 36"w x 78"l; standard twin sheets will fit most padding.

Chests . . . . . . . Two chests 23.5"d x 25.5"w x 29.625"h; each with three drawers, one with lockable drawer

Desk . . . . . . . . . . 23.5"d x 26.75"w x 29.625"h

Desk Chair . . . . . Two-position, metal with upholstered seat and back

Electrical . . . . . . 1 double outlet per resident

Data Port . . . . . . 1 per resident

Robe Hook . . . . . 1 per resident

Towel Bar/Hook . . 1 per resident

Closet Shelves . . . Wire shelving

For Each Room

Window

Treatment . . . . . Mini-blinds

Lighting . . . . . . . . . Overhead fluorescent

Full-length Mirror . . 1 per room

Trash Can . . . . . . . 1 per room

Recycling Bin . . . . . 1 per room
Have you checked your VU Gmail lately?

**What to Bring**
- Computer (For guidance on what type to bring, see vanderbilt.edu/yourcomputer.)
- Cell phone
- Headphones for stereos and amplified musical instruments
- Sheets (regular twin), towels, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, and mattress cover
- Toiletries, bathrobe, personal items, books, alarm clock, task lighting, and study lamps (Halogen lamps are prohibited.)
- A three-way adapter for electrical outlets
- A multi-outlet strip with surge protection (minimum ratings of 15 amps and 1800 watts)
- An 800-watt microwave, if you wish, with an interior capacity of no more than one cubic foot
- TV and coaxial cable, if you wish
- A bicycle and U-lock, if you wish

**What NOT to Bring**
- Wireless routers or wireless access points (These are prohibited because they degrade the university's wireless network.)
- A hot plate, toaster oven, portable grill, popcorn popper, or any utensil with an exposed heating element
- Halogen lamps
- A powerful stereo system (A personal-size system with headphones is fine.)
- A mattress (University-issued mattresses and box springs may not be removed.)
- Furniture (University-issued furniture may not be removed from your room.)
- A loft or water bed
- Fireworks, dartboards, or concrete blocks
- Firearms and other weapons
- Pets (except fish)

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**Housing Assignment Notification and Move-In Instructions**

Housing assignments and move-in instructions are mailed on or about August 1. The assignment information includes your residence hall and room number; private mail box address; the name, address, and phone number of your roommate; as well as complete move-in instructions, including assigned move-in time. To safeguard students' privacy, housing assignment information is not available by phone. International students will also receive an email with this information.

**First-year student Move-In Day is on Saturday, August 20.** Because vehicular access to The Ingram Commons houses is restricted, students will move in at assigned times between 7 a.m. and noon. Complete move-in instructions and your assigned move-in time are included in your room assignment letter. **International students will receive separate arrival and move-in instructions from ISSS.**
Purchases, Rental Options, and Other Services for Life on Campus

**Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt**
(800) 288-2665 or (615) 343-2665  
Web: vubookstore.com (online orders)  
Email: vuonlineorders@vanderbilt.edu

Pre-order course materials, school and room supplies, or computer products, and they will be available for pickup on The Ingram Commons on Move-In Day. There will also be regular shuttle service from The Ingram Commons to the bookstore on Move-In Day.

Conveniently located at 2525 West End Avenue, Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt is open extended hours and regularly hosts author appearances and other special events.

**Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt Café**
Enjoy Starbucks coffees, snacks, and sandwiches in the café while you study. The café also hosts a variety of events ranging from poetry to comedy nights.

**Course Materials**
When you register for your classes on YES (see page 17), you will be able to see a list of required texts. Whether you choose to rent your books or to purchase new, used, or digital (e-books) through the Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt bookstore, you are guaranteed to get the correct textbooks and course materials. If you drop a course, you may return your textbook for a full refund during the add/drop period at the beginning of the semester.

**School and Room Supplies**
Micro-fridges, rugs, microwaves, bed linens, mattress pads, shelving units, towels, laundry accessories, storage bins, and decor are also available at the bookstore.

**Vandy Gear**
Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt carries the largest selection of Vanderbilt University apparel. From football to basketball and everything in between, the bookstore is sure to have what every Vandy fan is looking for.
VanderBIKES Rentals
studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbikes or facebook.com/vanderbikes
VanderBIKES offers several different bike models for rent on a semester-long or yearlong basis. Bike rentals include free maintenance and a U-lock for the duration of your rental. Order your bike before August 14 and pick it up before classes start!

Refridge-a-Dore
studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/Refridgeadore or facebook.com/Refridgeadore
Refridge-A-Dore offers a cost-effective and energy-friendly method to have a microwave, refrigerator, and freezer combination in your room. You can rent the units at a discounted rate with guaranteed delivery and pickup. Renting simplifies purchasing coordination with roommates and eliminates the need for shipment and summer storage.

Laundry Facilities and Services
All house residents have access to laundry facilities on The Ingram Commons. Washers and dryers in these laundries accept payment with the Commodore Card and coins. You may wish to opt for an on-campus laundry service with your choice of three different plans. Sign-up is available in The Commons Center on Move-In Day. For more information about the service and prices, see universitylaundry.com.

Summer Storage
While you are planning what to bring to campus, you may also consider the following storage options for future summers:

Campus Storage
Limited storage space is available on campus on a first-come, first-served basis. No more than two personal items—which must be flame retardant and may not include bicycles, cardboard boxes, electronics, or furniture—may be stored.

UPS Store Storage Services
615-327-0407 • nashville-tn-2975.
theupsstorelocal.com/products--services/college-summer-storage-shipping
The UPS Store is Vanderbilt’s preferred vendor for shipping and storage.

Technology on Campus
ResNet
it.vanderbilt.edu/distributedtech/resnet
Information for New Students:
it.vanderbilt.edu/new2vu.php
Visit our New Student webpage for information about technology recommendations, student discounts, and what to bring to campus.

Many university services are available on the Vanderbilt University network (VUnet), and more are added every year. ResNet provides one active data port for each Commons resident and extensive wireless coverage. These continuous connections are fast, reliable, and offer access to VUnet from the comfort of your room. Each of The Ingram Commons houses features wireless access to the network. Please do not bring a wireless printer, switch, or router. Personal wireless access points and printers are prohibited because they interfere with existing wireless service and may unnecessarily expose the campus network to security vulnerabilities.
University Software Store
(615) 343-3919 • it.vanderbilt.edu/software-store

Software vendors, such as Microsoft, offer deep discounts through the university software store. Anti-viral software is distributed free of charge. See website for details.

If you encounter problems configuring your computer to use ResNet during Move-in Day, visit the Tech Hub at the Hill Center and ask for assistance. (The Hill Center is adjacent to The Commons Center.)

Video Network (TeleVU)
it.vanderbilt.edu/distributedtech/resnet/what2bringvideo.php

Vanderbilt operates its own cable television system, TeleVU, which offers many popular local and cable network channels as well as Vanderbilt student-produced programming. Each room has a TeleVU connection that you may use at no charge.

Video cables will not be provided. If you wish to connect your TV to the campus cable television network, you will need to bring your own coaxial cable, or you may purchase one at our university bookstore.

Course Registration
(June 6–24)
yes.vanderbilt.edu

After you have applied for housing by June 1, you can begin to focus on course registration. YES (Your Enrollment Services) allows you to see the class schedule for fall 2016 and to store your class selections in a shopping cart.

You will receive a registration packet from your school in late May or early June that will include the exact dates of your registration windows, information on how to match your class choices to requirements in your school, and how to contact an adviser for assistance in choosing your courses. Please read your registration packet carefully when it arrives and follow the directions and timeline provided. Your packet will either be mailed to your home address or emailed to your VU Gmail address.

Tutorials, printed instructions, and online help will be accessible from YES to assist you in using the registration system. For information on YES, see page 49. For a general overview on advising in the four undergraduate schools and colleges, see page 45.
**Open Enrollment Period**
(July 20-August 31)
The registration system reopens July 20 so you can make adjustments to your schedule, if necessary. Open enrollment ends August 31, a week after classes start. That first week of classes is commonly referred to as the add/drop period.

**Your Vanderbilt Visions Assignment in YES**

In mid-July, your Vanderbilt Visions group will be added to your course schedule on YES. Visions groups meet on Monday or Tuesday afternoons for one hour. For more on Visions and your faculty and student mentors (VUceptors), see page 37.

Up until July 20, you might notice changes to your assignment, as we balance groups and resolve conflicts with your class schedules. This is the time for you to request a group change if:

- You anticipate a conflict with a sports club or other activity, or
- Your class schedule is particularly heavy on the day you are assigned to Visions, or
- You are waitlisted for a course, which you intend to take and which conflicts with your Visions group. (You will not be able to get off the waitlist if the course conflicts with your Visions group).

**Requests for Reasonable Academic Accommodation**
(Due by June 30)
vanderbilt.edu/ead/ds_students.html

First-year students seeking reasonable classroom and academic accommodations for the 2016/2017 academic year due to a medical, psychological, or disability impairment should contact the Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Program prior to June 30, 2016.

The EAD/DSP website provides information for students regarding reasonable accommodations, documentation guidelines, and other information about the office. All students who request reasonable accommodation must submit full and current documentation to the DSP.

**Commodore Card**

First-Year Student Information: vanderbilt.edu/cardservices/students/first-year.php

The Commodore Card is your official Vanderbilt ID. It is used for identification, for access to residence halls, academic buildings, and sporting events, and as a debit card for meal plans and other purchases on and off campus.

**Photo Submission for Your Commodore Card** (Due by June 22)

You received a request and instructions on how to submit a photo to be used for the Commodore Card in your admissions packet acknowledging receipt of your matriculation fee. Commodore Cards for new students are made in advance of fall move-in. Your photo is needed for the Commodore Card and *The Newcomer*, the university’s annual publication of photos and biographical information about the new student class.
Photos must include a shoulder pose (no hats or sunglasses) on a neutral background with no other people in the photo. The online submission website will be active on May 15.

Simply click on the “Photo Submissions” link at vanderbilt.iit/cardphoto.

Commodore Cash Selection
(Due by July 15)
Commodore Cash consists of funds added to your Commodore Card for debit purchases at dining locations, Varsity Markets, the Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt bookstore, mail services, laundry, printing and copying sites, taxis, off-campus restaurants, sporting venues, and other locations.

To ensure that funds are ready for your use when you arrive on campus, the deadline for making a Commodore Cash selection is July 15.
The amount you select will be applied to your Commodore Card for BOTH the fall and spring semesters. Funds are fully refundable if not used and will roll over at the end of every semester. These funds will be billed along with tuition, housing, meal plans, and other university charges.

You also must return the completed Undergraduate Student Account Agreement form, which is available online at the Student Accounts Office website (see page 21).

Commodore Card Management
You can manage your card online at vanderbilt.edu/cardservices to view spending activity and account balances, to report a card lost or stolen, to add funds to the card, to set up low balance notifications, or to send a PDF statement of spending to a parent.

If you elected not to add funds during the fall selection period (February 6–July 15), you may add funds for immediate use and have additions billed to your student account from the Commodore Card website.
If you did not make the selection to have funds pre-billed, there is a $35 deferred payment fee for each addition until September 15. To prevent this fee for the spring semester, log on to buycommodorecash.vanderbilt.edu until November 15.

To avoid a deferred payment fee, selections can be made during the following time periods:

For Fall 2016: Through July 15
For Spring 2017: Through November 15

Note: The Commodore Card accepts personal checks at any time free of charge and without fee. Checks should be made payable to Vanderbilt University with the student’s birth date noted and mailed to: Vanderbilt University Card Services Office, PMB 407813, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7813.

Add Commodore Cash for Immediate Use

You must have completed the Student Account Agreement form to be able to add funds (see page 21).

1. Go to vanderbilt.edu/cardservices and click on “Add Commodore Cash for Immediate Use.”
2. Log on using your VUnetID and password.
3. Select “Add Funds” and follow the prompts.
4. Submit and log off. Funds will be available immediately.

Reporting Your Commodore Card Lost or Stolen

Report a lost Commodore Card as soon as possible either by phone at (615) 322-2273 or via vanderbilt.edu/cardservices.

Debit spending accounts and access privileges are suspended when a card is reported lost. If you find the lost card, it can be reactivated on the website. If it is not found, there is a $20 replacement card fee that is payable by cash, check, or Commodore Cash.

Commodore Cash vs. Meal Money

Commodore Cash is the primary spending account used by students. It can be used to make debit purchases at any campus retail location that accepts the Commodore Card as a method of payment.

Meal Money is used as an enhancement to the VU Meal Plan. Meal Money is an additional debit spending account available for isolating funds for food purchases. Meal Money can be used at on-campus dining locations, vending machines, and off campus at participating local Taste of Nashville restaurants.

For the First-Year Student Meal Plan, see page 39.

For more information on the Commodore Card, to make a Commodore Cash selection, or to add funds to your Commodore Card, please see vanderbilt.edu/cardservices. Click on “University,” then “First Year Students” for an overview.
Undergraduate Student Account Agreement  
(Due by August 1)

Office of Student Accounts • (615) 322-6693 or (800) 288-1144 • vanderbilt.edu/stuaccts

A financial agreement form is required to allow Commodore Cash additions to be charged to your Vanderbilt student account. This form is also required for parents and guardians who wish to discuss your financial account with the university.

You will receive an email from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with a link to vanderbilt.edu/stuaccts, so you can download and complete the Student Account Agreement.

If a signed agreement is not on file by August 1, Commodore Card additions must be made by check or up to $40 in cash.

Student Account e-Billing  
(Fall Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Due by August 17)

Vanderbilt student account statements are sent electronically to students’ VU Gmail. You are responsible for granting parents, guardians, or other payers access to e-Billing.

Access for Parents or Guardians

1. Log into your YES Landing Page and click “Billing Portal.”

2. On your Account page, click “Add New” in the Other Payers section.

3. Enter the information that is requested and click “OK.” (You must enter the username that your additional payer will use).

In each month that items are posted to the account, an email will be sent to your VU Gmail address and other payers’ email addresses with the subject line “Your Vanderbilt e-bill is now available for viewing.”

You and your other payers can view your bill and make payments simply and securely. Each time an online payment is made, a confirmation email will be sent. If you prefer to mail your payment, print your e-bill and remit the top portion with your payment.

For more information, visit vanderbilt.edu/stuaccts.

For The Road to Vanderbilt online, go to vu.edu/classof2020.
Have you checked your VU Gmail lately?

Be Smart-Be Safe Mandatory Online Education Programs

(Due by August 15)

As part of your preparation for campus life, Vanderbilt University requires you to complete the AlcoholEdu, Haven, Campus Safety, Fire Safety, and Protection of Minors mandatory online modules prior to Move-In Day. You will receive email notifications with instructions and links for each of the modules in late July. Your deadline for completing all five modules is August 15.

**AlcoholEdu**

AlcoholEdu is a science-based, nonjudgmental education program. Parents are also encouraged to take the AlcoholEdu for Parents course. AlcoholEdu Part 1 takes approximately two hours to complete. Part 2, which takes about 15 minutes, becomes available 45 days after Part 1 is completed. The deadline for Part 2 is Monday, October 17.

Insurance waivers must be completed by August 1, 2016, if you do NOT wish to purchase (and be billed for) the student health insurance plan. All necessary forms need to be downloaded from the site, completed, and uploaded to the site to submit. Forms will not be sent to you.

By mid-May, the websites for the Gallagher Health Insurance plan will be live. You can visit medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/student-health-insurance to learn more about the plan and the waiver process. An insurance representative can be reached at the SHC at (615) 343-4688, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT, to answer any questions.

For more information about Vanderbilt University's health services, HIPAA, and your private health information, see pages 58–60.

Student Health Insurance and Insurance Waiver
(1Due by August 1

medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/student-health-insurance

All students have access to the Student Health Center. While most office visits are free and other services at the SHC have minimal charges, all students are required to have health insurance coverage in the event that hospitalization or care outside the SHC is required.

In order to ensure that all students have adequate coverage, there is a Vanderbilt-sponsored health insurance policy available to students. **The cost of the policy is automatically billed to your student account unless you submit an online waiver by August 1, 2016.** The online waiver process requires that you submit documentation of other insurance coverage.

Upon waiver submission, you will receive a reference number that the waiver has been received. Each waiver is verified for comparable coverage outlined by Vanderbilt. You will then receive confirmation, via the email(s) you provide in the waiver, of whether it has been approved. Once it is approved, the charge for the policy will be removed from your student account.

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Haven Sexual Violence Prevention Module
As part of Vanderbilt's ongoing efforts to enhance awareness of the university's initiatives and resources to prevent power-based personal violence, you are required to complete Haven, a 45-minute interactive module. It educates you about the types of power-based personal violence, warning signs, and bystander intervention, as well as relevant laws, policies, and campus resources.

Fire Safety
Fire prevention is everyone’s responsibility. The 15-minute Fire Safety module connects students to procedures and resources to help prevent fires and explains how to respond appropriately in the unlikely event of a fire.

Campus Safety
The university is committed to helping students stay safe and secure and provides this 15-minute Campus Safety module to give students options for responding to weather events, medical emergencies, and active threats.

Protection of Minors 101
Vanderbilt is committed to protecting minors on its campus and in its programs. As part of that commitment, you are required to complete Protection of Minors 101, a 30-minute self-paced module. It outlines the requirements for those who interact with minors through volunteer, service, co-curricular or academic activities and provides information about the obligation to report instances of known or suspected abuse or neglect.

For questions regarding completing the modules, email doscompliance@vanderbilt.edu.

Student Financial Aid
(615) 322-3591 • vanderbilt.edu/financialaid
The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships is responsible for providing:
• Need-based financial assistance to eligible students whose economic circumstances would otherwise not allow them to attend, and
• Limited, merit-based assistance to select undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise.

Information regarding these available programs and funding sources can be found online at vanderbilt.edu/financialaid.

Frequently Asked Financial Aid Questions
Do I have to apply for financial aid every year?
To be considered for need-based financial aid from Vanderbilt, you must apply each year by completing the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid PROFILE. To be considered for federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs, you must apply each year by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Application instructions and deadlines can be found under the “How to Apply” section of vanderbilt.edu/financialaid. Signed copies of parent and student federal income tax returns must also be uploaded or mailed to the College Board’s Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC).
Will I receive the same financial aid package every year?
While Vanderbilt's costs typically increase from year to year, if your family’s circumstances (income, assets, family size, number of family members in college, etc.) remain relatively unchanged and if you continue to make normal academic progress, you can expect to receive a comparable amount of assistance during each year of enrollment.

What jobs are available to students and how does one find them?
There is a variety of jobs available on campus and in the surrounding Nashville area. Your pay rate is dependent upon the position obtained and the type of work performed. Students earn a paycheck each pay period for the hours worked and typically will use their earnings to help pay for miscellaneous living expenses.

Every fall, a Virtual Online Student Job Fair is held where open positions are promoted. Federal Work Study jobs, institutional (non-FWS) jobs, and off-campus/community jobs are listed at hireadore.com and at facebook.com/vustudentemployment. You must be an enrolled student to access HireADore. For more information regarding student employment, visit vanderbilt.edu/studentemployment.

What if my outside scholarship does not arrive in time to meet the payment deadline?
Vanderbilt encourages students to apply for outside scholarships, and the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will add these funds to the financial aid package. If you are a scholarship recipient, you are responsible for notifying our office as soon as possible of the name and amount of the outside scholarships. These will normally be part of the anticipated aid listed on the first invoice of each semester.

Please note that you are responsible for the delivery of funds to the Office of Student Financial Aid for proper credit to your student account. If the funds do not arrive during the first weeks of scheduled classes, a late payment fee may be incurred. We therefore encourage families to initially “cover” the scholarship amount in order to prevent such late fees. Once the scholarship funds arrive and are posted to your student account, which usually creates a credit balance, a refund of that credit balance may be requested from the Office of Student Accounts.

May I use my financial aid for a study abroad program/semester?
Students who receive aid and plan to study abroad through an approved Vanderbilt program may use their financial aid for such programs offered during the academic year (fall and/or spring semester). Students wishing to attend a study abroad program during the summer months and needing financial assistance will have to consider federal loans, parent loans, or alternative loans. In addition, limited funds are available through the Vanderbilt Summer Global Fellows Program.

I am an international student. What applies to me?
Please contact International Student and Scholar Services at vanderbilt.edu/isss for information on financial aid.
Preparing for Move-In

International First-Year Student Move-In Instructions

International Student and Scholar Services is the office that handles visa information and other services that pertain only to international students. While most information in The Road to Vanderbilt applies to international students as well, move-in for international students is coordinated through ISSS and differs from the move-in instructions that domestic students receive.

As an international student, you will check in through the ISSS office, which will inform you of the times, procedures, services, and special events for international students. Please make sure you are aware of their check-in times and inform the office of your arrival plans.

Shipping Packages for Move-In on The Ingram Commons

To ensure that packages are available for pickup on The Ingram Commons on Saturday, August 20, the following guidelines must be followed:

• Packages must be shipped via UPS or FedEx GROUND SERVICE ONLY.
• Ship packages on or after August 11.
• Using the correct shipping format (see box below), the student’s full name and the PMB address should be clearly marked on all packages. Packages should be numbered (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).
• Please make note of the number of packages shipped and any tracking numbers.
• We recommend insuring packages for the value of the contents.
• Package all items securely and add extra protection for fragile items.
• You may wish to use boxes that are sized for easy carrying.

Picking Up Packages During Move-In

Package pickup for first-year students on The Ingram Commons will be available at the Bookstore/Mail Services Tent on Saturday, August 20, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

You will need your Vanderbilt ID (Commodore Card) or photo ID to pick up packages. Make sure to also bring information on the number of packages and any tracking numbers.

Hand trucks will be available to help transport packages to residence halls on this day on a first-come basis, and a valid ID must be left to ensure the return of all hand trucks.

Address Format

You will receive your four-digit Private Mail Box number in early August (with the mailing of your housing assignment). Please address mail and packages to your PMB address, using the format shown below. Mail and packages should never be addressed to residence halls.

Student Name
PMB 35XXXX (X = four-digit PMB number)
2301 Vanderbilt Place
Nashville, TN 37235-XXXX (X = four-digit PMB number)
Any packages remaining after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, will be transferred to the post office inside Rand Hall. Packages that have not been picked up within 10 days of the date of arrival will be returned to the sender without further notice.

For general information about mail services on campus and special deliveries, see page 77.

**Banking**

SunTrust ATM machines are conveniently located around campus, including at The Commons Center and Sarratt Student Center. Representatives of several major banks will be available on Move-In Day to help students open accounts.

**Banks within walking distance of The Ingram Commons include:**

**SunTrust Bank**
1605 21st Avenue S.
(615) 750-8463

**Regions Bank**
1604 21st Avenue S.
800-734-4667

**Fifth Third Bank**
2000 Wedgewood Avenue
(615) 320-4950

**Bank of America**
2121 Blakemore Avenue
(615) 291-2890

**US Bank**
1711 Broadway
(615) 742-6365

**Select Hotels Within One Mile of Vanderbilt**

- **Aloft Nashville West End**
  1719 West End Avenue
- **Best Western Plus Music Row**
  1407 Division Street
- **Comfort Inn Downtown**
  1501 Demonbreun Street
- **Courtyard by Marriott–Vanderbilt**
  1901 West End Avenue
- **Embassy Suites Nashville at Vanderbilt**
  1811 Broadway
- **Extended Stay America**
  3311 West End Avenue
- **Guesthouse Inn and Suites Vanderbilt**
  1909 Hayes Street
- **Hampton Inn Vanderbilt**
  1919 West End Avenue
- **Hampton Inn & Suites–Elliston Place**
  2330 Elliston Place
- **Hilton Garden Inn**
  1715 Broadway
- **Holiday Inn Nashville Vanderbilt**
  2613 West End Avenue
- **Home2 Suites Nashville-Vanderbilt**
  1800 Division Street
- **Homewood Suites by Hilton**
  2400 West End Avenue
- **Hutton Hotel**
  1808 West End Avenue
- **Loews Vanderbilt Hotel**
  2100 West End Avenue
- **Marriott Nashville at Vanderbilt**
  2555 West End Avenue

For easy booking, special rates, and additional hotels, see [campustravel.com/vanderbiltvisitors](http://campustravel.com/vanderbiltvisitors).
Transportation between Nashville International Airport and Vanderbilt

- **InShuttle** (One way to Vanderbilt campus and hotels is approx. $12.)
- **Taxi service to Vanderbilt University** (One way is approx. $25.)
- **Nations of Nashville Airport Pick-up Service for International Students only** (See nationsofnashville.com/services/airport-pickup to sign up for pick-up services.)
- **Vanderbilt Student Government Airport Shuttle** (free for students on major holidays and breaks; dates and times are typically posted on the VSG website—under the “Projects and Initiatives” tab—a few weeks before scheduled breaks and holidays.)

CommonVU (Orientation Week)

This weeklong orientation to The Ingram Commons and Vanderbilt begins with Move-In Day on Saturday, August 20. During CommonVU, you begin to experience the university by building new communities—on your floor and in your house, across The Ingram Commons and the university campus, and in classes.

You will engage in activities with other first-year students, peer mentors, Vanderbilt upperclass students, faculty heads of house, academic advisers, and other Vanderbilt professors. You will begin to discover the personal, academic, intellectual, and social opportunities of life at Vanderbilt and make your first friends.

House meeting at the beginning of the semester
CommonVU Schedule
Look for continuous updates at vu.edu/classof2020.

Friday, August 19
International Student Pre-Orientation

Saturday, August 20
Move-In Day
• Receive Commodore Card and room key
• Move into house
• Meet faculty head of house and house residential staff
• University Resource and Services Fair
• Parent/student meetings with school deans
• Various information sessions
• House dinners
• Mandatory floor and house meetings with resident advisers and faculty heads (students only)

Sunday, August 21
Family Farewells and Commons Community Building
• Dean’s Breakfast
• Family Orientation
• Departure of parents and families

All events after Family Orientation are for students only
• Vanderbilt Visions group meetings
• House community building activities
• Founders Walk and picnic
• Floor meetings

Monday, August 22
Introduction to Academic Life at Vanderbilt
• Academic adviser meetings
• Information, testing, and introductory sessions with colleges and schools
• Honor Code signing

Tuesday, August 23
The Ingram Commons and Life in Our Community
• Class photo
• True Life presentation—Vanderbilt Visions groups discuss the challenges of life on your own at Vanderbilt
• Profs in the House

Wednesday, August 24
First Day of Classes

Friday, August 26
Showcasing Student Involvement
• Student Involvement Fair
• Spotlight Showcase
• Dean of Students Special Event

Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28
Community Responsibility and Celebration
• Workshops on student accountability, conduct, and community responsibility
• The Class of 2020 Celebration
Life on
The Ingram Commons
Learn about Your New Home

- The Commons Experience: Anything But Ordinary
- Our Philosophy
- The Commons Center
- The Commons Reading
- Commons-Wide Programs
- The Dean of The Ingram Commons
- The Dean’s Residence
- The Houses and Their Faculty Heads
- Student Engagement on The Ingram Commons
- Peer Mentorship on The Ingram Commons
- Vanderbilt Visions
- VUcept
- Commons Seminars
- Vanderbilt Community Creed
- First-Year Student Meal Plan
- Housing and Residential Education
- Transportation
The Commons Experience: Anything but Ordinary

Since 2008, when the first class moved into The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons at Vanderbilt, students have found that life on The Ingram Commons is anything but ordinary. The Ingram Commons is a community of first-year students, residential faculty, undergraduate peer mentors, and professionals who live and learn together. With a focus on bolstering intellect, building community, developing skills for personal well-being, pursuing self-discovery, and celebrating our cultural differences, all members of The Ingram Commons participate in a mutual exchange of ideas and experiences.

Through events such as the annual Commons Ball, dinner with a distinguished lecturer, a concert with Blair music students in the Dean's Residence, an impromptu chat with a faculty head of house over lunch in The Commons Center, or a student-organized weekend movie night, The Ingram Commons provides first-year students opportunities to engage with each other and the rest of campus.

Our Philosophy

On The Ingram Commons, we believe that intentional and mutually beneficial educational networks among students, faculty, and staff create a residential collegiate experience that rests on discovery, creative inquiry, and engaged citizenship. Living here you can explore ideas, have fun, and grow as a person and a citizen.

Students are encouraged to meet one another and make friends, and they are invited to pursue opportunities specific to their individual interests. On The Ingram Commons, the intellectual and social intertwine to make this residential experience one of the most innovative projects in higher education today. By joining our community, we believe that you will:

• Acquire an appreciation for intellectual discovery and creativity outside the bounds of the formal academic curriculum, which will contribute to your academic engagement and success
• Engage actively in building healthy communities on your floor, in your house, in your Vanderbilt Visions group, on The Ingram Commons, and within the university
• Understand and learn to utilize the skills necessary for physical, psychological, and sexual well-being
• Clarify your personal, ethical, spiritual, and civic values through self-discovery
• Explore, live, and celebrate the diverse community of The Ingram Commons

All you have to do is participate!
The Commons Center
commons.vanderbilt.edu/center

The Commons Center is the community crossroads of The Ingram Commons. It includes a 580-seat dining hall and food gallery, a market and café, community space with TVs and pool tables, meeting rooms, an academic support center, group study space, the College of Arts and Science pre-major advising center, an exercise and recreation room, a post office, and on the third floor, the Department of Political Science. From the layout to the lights, The Commons Center was designed to be eco-friendly and efficient, earning it Gold LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Commons Reading
commons.vanderbilt.edu/studentlife/commonsreading2016.php

This year’s Commons Reading is Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South by Andrew Maraniss. The book traces the personal history of Perry Wallace, a Nashville native who enrolled at Vanderbilt University in 1966 and became the first African American basketball player in the Southeastern Conference.

Strong Inside will be an integral part of your first weeks on campus and will continue to be used throughout the year. You will engage in conversations with your peers, faculty heads of house, student and faculty VUceptors, and others on the topics raised by the book.

Such discussions will allow us all to learn more about Vanderbilt’s and Nashville’s history and imagine the type of campus community we’d like to create together.

Expect to receive the book in June to read over the summer. (If you have an international mailing address, you will receive the book upon your arrival.)

Commons-Wide Programs
commons.vanderbilt.edu/majorprograms/programs.php

Events on The Ingram Commons that have become campus traditions include our arts and performance festival Fall for the Arts on Family Weekend, the winter Commons Ball, the annual Commons Cup competition among the houses, and the End-of-Year Commons Celebration. You can also participate in special lectures, community service projects, programs in recognition of MLK Day, and career-oriented events with Vanderbilt alumni.

As a metropolitan campus, Vanderbilt offers easy access to restaurants, concerts, shows, venues for ice skating and rock climbing, and professional sports arenas—all of which you may have the opportunity to explore with your classmates during your first year on campus.

The Dean of The Ingram Commons
commons.vanderbilt.edu/facultyandstaff/dean.php

Dean Vanessa Beasley was once in your shoes: Her experience as a Vanderbilt undergraduate in the 1980s is still fresh in her mind. Along with her colleagues on The Ingram Commons, she’s proud of how far Vanderbilt University has come since then, and she’s also dedicated to making sure that every incoming Vanderbilt student feels welcomed, connected, and challenged here. Her scholarly expertise is the history and function of presidential rhetoric in the United States, and she teaches classes on mass media and politics, and the history of U.S. political oratory. She lives in the Dean’s Residence with her husband Trey, also a member of A&S class of 1988, their younger son, Charlie, 13, and Bonita, their friendly cocker spaniel. Their older son, Adam, 18, will be a first-year university student elsewhere.
The Dean’s Residence
commons.vanderbilt.edu/majorprograms/deansresidence.php

The dean hosts events throughout the year. Early in the fall semester, you will be invited to a dessert reception for your house. Then you will start to receive invitations to Dean’s Dinners, designed to offer you unique opportunities to enjoy meals and conversations with special guests. Some of these guests will be university leaders and members of our distinguished faculty, others will be national and international leaders in their fields. Last year, our special guests included civil rights heroes James Lawson and Diane Nash as well as top representatives from the World Health Organization. There may also be invitations to attend a Shabbat dinner, an informal concert by the Blair Quartet, and the Dean's Book Club. You never know who you'll be invited to meet at the Dean's Residence, but you will know that as a first-year student, you will be one of the guests of honor, too.

The Houses and Their Faculty Heads
commons.vanderbilt.edu/houses • commons.vanderbilt.edu/facultyandstaff/index.php

You can also expect nights of conversation and camaraderie in the ten houses on The Ingram Commons. Each house is led by a faculty head of house, who opens his or her apartment for students to converse with visiting guests, discuss hot topics on campus, explore professional interests, relax at a Friday game night, or explore the challenging ideas found at a great university. Just as often, you may find the faculty head of house will be present in the house with family or co-workers. It is these spontaneous encounters that truly make The Ingram Commons an exceptional experience.

Crawford House: Faculty Head of House Catherine McTamaney is an award-winning teacher, senior lecturer, and director of undergraduate studies for the Department of Teaching and Learning. Professor McTamaney’s work focuses on the social and political context of public education and the integration of education and the arts. A three-time graduate of Peabody College, McTamaney is a nationally recognized speaker and teacher-educator as well as the author of two books on Montessori education and compassionate teaching, *The Tao of Montessori* and *A Delicate Task*. Her third book, *Pollock in the Preschool*, will be released in January of 2017. Crawford is host to the annual Crawford Lecture, celebrating the contributions of women in leadership. Professor McTamaney is joined in Crawford by her two children, Che and Timberlake, and their dogs, Meg and Squeak.

East House: Incoming Faculty Head of House Daniel Gervais is professor of law and professor of French, director of the Vanderbilt Intellectual Property Program and faculty director of the LL.M. Program at Vanderbilt Law School. He focuses on international intellectual property law, having spent 10 years addressing policy issues on behalf of the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization. His recent research focuses on the regulation of new technology (from Spotify to Uber to environmental technologies) and the protection of geographical indications—words like Champagne, Vidalia (onions) or Napa Valley (wines). He also works pro bono for songwriters and music creators to improve copyright and other laws. Professor Gervais is looking forward to nurturing a respectful, fun, and intellectually stimulating house culture that includes celebrating other cultures and languages.

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Gillette House: Faculty Head of House Frank Dobson studies race, gender, and class; he is currently working on a study of such black film pioneers as James Edwards and Woody Strode. Professor Dobson, whose imagination ranges beyond academic specialization, is a published playwright, novelist, and poet who still manages to fulfill his roles as associate dean of students and director of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. Gillette residents get together for discussion and socializing at Gillette Gelatos, faculty apartment dinners, and G-House Book Club discussions.

Hank Ingram House: Incoming Faculty Head of House Dr. Edwin Williamson is an assistant professor of psychiatry who specializes in child and family psychiatry. He has a particular interest in helping young adults navigate transitions. Dr. Williamson has trained and practiced at Duke, UCSF, and Yale and has worked for concentrated periods in China and in Sub-Saharan Africa. His passions, which he looks forward to sharing with his fellow Hank residents, include biking, film, and music. Dr. Williamson is married to native Nashvillian the Rev. Lissa Smith, and they have three boys who will join him in making Hank the perfect place to set off on the adventure that is your first year at Vanderbilt.

Memorial House: Faculty Head of House Kevin Leander is an associate professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning at Peabody College who brings his research on new literacies, social media, youth identities, and new geographies of learning to The Ingram Commons. Memorial has a distinctive small community feel that blends real relationships and fun with serious inquiry and scholarship. Events focus on internal community building and external community learning and service in Nashville. Professor Leander lives in Memorial with his wife, Professor Ana Christina Da Silva, who also teaches at Peabody and whose scholarship focuses on creating equitable learning opportunities for immigrants, and his son Mitchell, who loves video games, Scouts, playing drums, and talking just about everything.

Murray House: New Faculty Head of House Alyssa Hasty is a professor and the director of graduate studies in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics. Hasty earned her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University and completed postgraduate training at Tokyo University. Her research is focused on understanding how immune cells contribute to the obesity-associated risk of metabolic diseases such as diabetes. Joining her at Murray will be her husband Alan and their dachshunds, Kata and Kana. Their daughter and son-in-law Alyson and Chase—both of whom are Vanderbilt athletes/graduates—and their granddaughter Ava will visit occasionally. Professor Hasty looks forward to continuing and expanding on current Murray House traditions and is excited about mentoring residents and helping them realize their full potential.

North House: Faculty Head of House Gregory Melchor-Barz is an ethnomusicologist who specializes in the study of music, healing, and medicine in sub-Saharan Africa. Professor Melchor-Barz teaches at Blair with joint appointments in anthropology and the Divinity School. He recently produced a documentary on the role of music in post-genocide Rwanda and released a recording Singing for Life: Songs of Hope, Healing, and HIV/AIDS in Uganda that earned a Grammy nomination. He is author or editor of eight books, including The Culture of AIDS in Africa. As part of our
signature event, “Northern Exposure,” residents take a break from their studies to share food, fun, and fellowship. Professor Melchor-Barz lives in North with his husband, Wil, daughter Lucy, son Simon, and dog, Anchor.

Stambaugh House: Faculty Head of House and Vanderbilt Writer-in-Residence Alice Randall is a New York Times bestselling novelist, award-winning country songwriter, and food justice advocate who recently published a cookbook memoir, *Soul Food Love*, (co-authored with her daughter Caroline and largely written while Randall lived in Stambaugh). Stambaugh residents should expect a faculty apartment filled with important paintings, interesting guests from on and off campus, and exciting healthy food. Randall relishes translating her experience examining nontraditional texts—song lyrics, cookbooks, children’s pageant scripts—as literature to the lived Commons experience. Her husband, David Ewing (Vanderbilt Law School, ’92), a ninth generation Nashvillian lives with her in Stambaugh where he enjoys sharing his love and knowledge of Nashville history.

Sutherland House: Faculty Head of House Chalene Helmuth is a senior lecturer in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. She researches, teaches, and writes about Latin American narrative and identity, tourism and sustainability, and the development of cultural competencies. She also leads service-learning programs to Central America, where she grew up. Professor Helmuth enjoys the myriad opportunities life on The Ingram Commons provides for significant and serendipitous interactions with students. Sutherland’s signature event is the *Cafecito* with good food, friends, special guests, and stimulating conversation around Professor Helmuth's table. Sutherland residents help create a genuine sense of community and work together to make life in the house a powerful point of departure for their Vanderbilt experience. Professor Helmuth lives in Sutherland with her partner, Dr. Christy Halbert, their daughter Ella, and their dog, Chita.

West House: New Faculty Head of House Christoph Zeller is an award-winning teacher and scholar of German and European studies. His research focuses on literature, media, and culture and centers around philosophical concepts and their impact on society, including fiction and nonfiction, art and architecture, politics and people. His two current projects explore the nature of values and delve into the future of collecting in the digital age. At West House, students will be able to build relationships during fun activities, enjoy international food, and attend regular dinners, featuring faculty from across campus who will discuss contemporary issues and the role of academia. Professor Zeller, his wife Amy, who is a speech-language pathologist, their daughters Marlo and Eva, and their cat Bruce are excited to call West their new home.

Past House Signature Events

- Crawford House: Crawford Play Dates
- East House: East fEAST
- Gillette House: Gillette Gelato
- Hank Ingram House: Hank Hangout
- Memorial House: S'Memorial
- Murray House: Murray Munchies
- North House: Northern Exposure
- Stambaugh House: Stambaugh Soirees
- Sutherland House: Cafecito
- West House: Wild West Wednesdays

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Student Engagement on The Ingram Commons

Student input and collaboration in house and Commons programming is a key feature of The Ingram Commons experience.

Each house elects a House Advisory Council whose members also serve in Vanderbilt Student Government. The HAC is made up of a president, vice president, and public relations chair, all of whom are elected, as well as an appointed house service commissioner and floor representatives. The HAC meets regularly with the faculty head of house and head resident adviser to discuss programming and other aspects of house life. The house service commissioner coordinates service opportunities in the neighboring Edgehill community and throughout Nashville in support of The Ingram Commons’ commitment to service.

Members of the HAC are also part of the CommonDores Leadership Council, which works with student government and professional staff on the expenditure of a budget supplied by The Ingram Commons for inter-house, Commons-wide, and campus-wide living-and-learning initiatives.

In addition to these formal structures, all students are encouraged to bring their own ideas and initiatives to their faculty heads, house staff, or members of the Office of the Dean of The Ingram Commons.

Peer Mentorship on The Ingram Commons

In the Houses

In addition to faculty and professional staff resources for students, upperclass undergraduate mentors play active roles in your life as a first-year student. Resident advisers or head resident advisers of all houses are para-professional staff members who help build community within the house and provide supervision and support to ensure that all first-year students develop intellectually and socially in a stimulating living environment.

Beyond the Houses

You will also be assigned to a Vanderbilt Visions group that is jointly managed by an upperclass peer mentor and a faculty mentor (VUceptors) who help navigate campus life and provide support as you grow in your first year.
Vanderbilt Visions
commons.vanderbilt.edu/visions-and-vucept/overview

Vanderbilt Visions is a key component of the educational program on The Ingram Commons that encourages students to be empowered and responsible members of the Vanderbilt University community.

“Visions” is a fall-semester, university-core program that places small groups of first-year students with an experienced faculty member and an undergraduate peer mentor, known as faculty and student Vuceptors. Visions groups meet weekly until Thanksgiving break for hourlong discussions and activities that explore the transitions students are experiencing in their first semester. You will meet your Visions group for the first time on Sunday, August 21, the day after move-in.

Vanderbilt Visions will help you to:
• Create peer networks and meet friends that span all ten houses and all four undergraduate schools
• Build the habits that support academic and intellectual engagement at Vanderbilt
• Increase your knowledge of university norms and resources
• Strengthen connections outside the classroom to faculty members and their diverse perspectives

Look for a letter in early August from your student VUceptor! Check out the VUceptor blog over the summer at my.vanderbilt.edu/vucept. Read posts from current VUceptrs about the transition to Vanderbilt and what life will be like on The Ingram Commons.

VUcept also curates a collection of online essays written by current students and faculty to help you prepare for your Vanderbilt journey. These essays along with profiles of your VUceptrs are available at commons.vanderbilt.edu.

Make sure you have your VUceptor’s name and contact information, your group number, and the place and time of your first meeting handy when you arrive on campus. You can record this information on page 3.

Commons Seminars
commons.vanderbilt/majorprograms/seminars.php

Commons Seminars are optional, one-credit, spring-semester seminars open to first-year students from any of the four undergraduate colleges and schools. The seminars offer the opportunity to be in class with first-year students from other schools and with faculty you might not otherwise encounter.

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Vanderbilt Community Creed

The Community Creed is a student-initiated statement of the values to which the Vanderbilt community aspires. For years Vanderbilt has attracted students who are not only drawn to the academic rigors of the university but to a community that honors seven core principles found in the Community Creed. By fostering the creed’s principles, we preserve the university’s enduring tradition of excellence, united by a common set of values.

One component of the creed is “Celebration,” which is exemplified during your first days on campus as each house celebrates and investigates how the creed unites us. In addition to signing the Community Creed book, you may create a communal project that celebrates the creed or engage in discussions of the creed values and how they apply to an academic community like Vanderbilt.

### The Creed’s Principles

**SCHOLARSHIP** is the pursuit of knowledge in an environment of academic freedom. Members of our community engage in a partnership of learning in which the exploration of ideas is encouraged and protected.

**HONESTY** is a commitment to refrain from lying, cheating, and stealing. Recognizing that dishonesty undermines community trust, stifles the spirit of scholarship, and threatens a safe environment, we expect ourselves to be truthful in academic endeavors, in relationships with others, and in pursuit of personal development.

**CIVILITY** is the genuine respect for the rights of others. We value constructive disagreement and are mindful of the potential impact of our words and actions.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** is taking responsibility for our actions and their consequences. We accept the duty to actively participate in the decisions that affect our academic and personal lives, and we honor our commitments to ourselves and to others.

**CARING** is the concern for the well-being and dignity of others. We are dedicated to supporting one another within our community. We make a lifelong commitment to channeling service, knowledge, and experience toward the betterment of humanity.

**DISCOVERY** is the exploration of the wonders of self in relation to a larger world. We embrace the opportunity to take risks, challenge assumptions, and understand disparate experiences at Vanderbilt and beyond.

**CELEBRATION** is the active appreciation of Vanderbilt University’s tradition of excellence. We support the endeavors and recognize the achievements of our community members. In celebrating the expressions of our differences, we delight in the spirit that unites individuals throughout our community.

We pledge to foster the values set forth in the Vanderbilt Community Creed and confront behaviors that threaten the spirit of our community.
First-Year Student Meal Plan

campusdining.vanderbilt.edu/vu-meal-plans/first-year-student-meal-plans

The First-Year Meal Plan can be used for dining in The Commons Center and 22 other locations across campus. All first-year students are automatically enrolled in the First-Year Meal Plan, which includes the following:

**Meals**

You may choose three of the following meal periods (one meal per period):

- Period 1: Midnight–7:00 a.m.
- Period 2: 7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
- Period 3: 11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Period 4: 4:30 p.m.–11:45 p.m.

A “meal” is a combination of items from the menu, which may differ from one on-campus dining location to another, depending on the menu and type of service offered. At each location, signs will define the items that compose a meal at that particular venue.

**Flex Meals**

Use Flex Meals any time and any place on campus where Vanderbilt Meal Plans are accepted. Flex Meals can be used to get a meal for yourself or to treat a friend, guest, or family member.

**Meal Money**

Meal Money funds reside in your Commodore Card account and can be spent at all on-campus dining locations, including vending machines and campus markets. Meal Money can also be used off campus at participating Taste of Nashville locations.

**Taste of Nashville**

This program allows you to use your Commodore Card at local partner restaurants, just as you would a debit/credit card. Purchases at Taste of Nashville locations are debited from your Meal Money. “Meals” and “Flex Meals” cannot be used off campus. Visit campusdining.vanderbilt.edu/taste-of-nashville for the list of participating restaurants.

**Specific Dietary Needs**

Vanderbilt Campus Dining is equipped to serve students with food allergies and special diets. Several resources are available, including a registered staff dietitian, our online nutrition calculator, a certified executive chef, and more. Attend the Special Dietary Accommodations Meeting on August 19 at 4:00 p.m. (location TBD) if you have specific needs. Visit campusdining.vanderbilt.edu for more details.
Have you checked your VU Gmail lately?

Housing and Residential Education

(615) 322-2591 • vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/

The residential experience has been an integral part of Vanderbilt undergraduate education for more than fifty years. This commitment to residential education is clearly expressed in the university’s residential requirement:

“All unmarried undergraduate students must live in residence halls on campus during the academic year, May session, and summer sessions. Authorization to live elsewhere is granted at the discretion of the Director of Housing Assignments in special situations or when space is unavailable on campus.”

(Student Handbook)

The mission of OHARE is to provide safe, accessible, and healthy housing for our students. Educational programming builds residential communities in which your needs for belonging, friendship, recognition, respect, and dignity are met. These communities are intended to foster learning, personal development, academic achievement, and successful transitions for new students and graduates.

The residential staff of OHARE consists of upperclass undergraduate and graduate students who serve as resident advisers and head residents. Live-in area coordinators supervise RAs and HRs. In addition, an assistant director, director and senior director in residential education all work closely with The Ingram Commons.

Area coordinators are responsible for all the residence halls in their assigned areas. They are full-time, professional staff members who hold post-baccalaureate degrees. The ACs live on campus. An area coordinator, assistant director, director, or senior director are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition to supervising the resident advisers in each building, ACs are also available to:

- Respond to emergencies in the residence halls, Greek houses, and to students off campus
- Accompany sick and injured students to the emergency room
- Advise residence hall governments
- Counsel individual students
- Connect students to campus resources
- Promote and assist in the planning of residence hall programming
- Investigate and resolve student disciplinary matters

Floor meeting
Working with the director, the assistant director of residential education for The Ingram Commons is responsible for supervising the student and professional staff, and for working with the dean of The Ingram Commons, faculty heads of house, and staff to support the mission of The Ingram Commons.

All first-year houses are designated as substance-free areas. The consumption of tobacco products and the possession or consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited, even by students who are 21 or older. This policy and its rationale will be carefully explained to you in programs conducted at the beginning of the fall semester.

The programs will focus on health issues due to the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs; issues related to dating and human sexuality, including sexual coercion, acquaintance rape, and sexually transmitted diseases; and the value of diversity in a residential community. The purpose of these programs is to increase your awareness of the issues discussed and to encourage you to reflect critically on your own attitudes and behaviors.

OHARE also takes seriously its mission to provide a safe residential environment. A video surveillance system throughout the residence hall system covers all entrances, stairways, elevators, and most communal areas. Camera views are not live monitored, but all images are recorded for review when required. Vanderbilt University Police Department regularly patrols around residence halls and responds to emergencies. From 8 p.m. until 8 a.m., anyone entering a residence hall must present a Vanderbilt identification card to AlliedBarton security.

For more on safety, see page 64.
Transportation

Cars

First-year students are not allowed to have cars on campus. Long-term vehicle parking spaces are available in limited numbers to sophomores. Juniors and seniors are allowed to purchase parking permits and bring a vehicle to campus.

Car-Sharing Programs

Zipcar and Enterprise CarShare are membership-based car-sharing programs that allow Vanderbilt students 24/7 access to a fleet of cars located on campus. For information, visit the “Alternative Transportation” tab at vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking.

Bicycles

Bike racks are located outside all residence halls as well as many academic buildings. It is recommended that you bring a U-lock, as cable locks can be easily cut. For additional precaution, you may register your bike on the Vanderbilt University Police Department’s website at police.vanderbilt.edu.

You can either bring your own bicycle or rent one from VanderBIKES, a student-run business established in 2011. VanderBIKES offers rentals and maintenance. Bicycles ordered by August 14 will be ready for pick-up on Move-In Day. For details, visit studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbikes.

Nashville B-cycle allows you to purchase 24-hour passes and memberships, select your bike, and return it to any B-station location, including one within walking distance of The Ingram Commons at the corner of Wedgewood and 21st Ave. Visit nashville.bcycle.com for more locations and information.

Vandy Vans

Vandy Vans provide free rides to designated stops on campus each day from 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The vans follow three routes on campus with stops chosen based on location, the accessibility of a secure waiting area, and student input. Additional information about the routes can be found at vandyvans.com.

Walking Safety Escorts

VUPD also provides walking safety escorts 24 hours a day to students, faculty, staff, and guests traveling to and from any location on campus. Call (615) 421-8888 (off campus) or 1-8888 (on campus) to request assistance.

Public Transportation

Students can use their Commodore Cards to ride Nashville’s city buses (MTA) for free. Find routes, schedules, and trip planning info at nashville.mta.org.

Taxi Cabs

Students may use their Commodore Cards for cab fares as long as the cab has the CommodoreCabs logo on its door and/or is a cab from one of the following participating companies: Allied, Diamond, and Nashville Cabs. Fares may be split by two students.
Academic Resources
• **Academic Advising**
  - Blair School of Music
  - College of Arts and Science
  - Peabody College
  - School of Engineering
  - Health Professions Advisory Office
  - Pre-Nursing Advising
  - Pre-Architecture Advising
  - Pre-Law Advising

• **Honor Code**

• **Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, & Academic Integrity**

• **Other Academic Resources**
  - Undergraduate Catalog
  - YES Online Student Services
  - Blackboard Course Management System
  - Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries
  - The Writing Studio
  - Tutoring Services
  - English Language Center
  - Disability Services Program

• **Other Campus Resources**
  - Center for Student Professional Development
  - Global Education Office
  - Undergraduate Research
  - Office of Honor Scholarships
  - Computer Labs
  - Tech Hub
Academic Advising

The College of Arts and Science has an advising center in The Commons Center, while the dean’s offices of each school coordinate the advisers for Peabody College, Blair School of Music, and the School of Engineering. In late May to early June, you will receive a registration packet with detailed instructions about the registration process and academic advising. For more information, see “Course Registration” on page 17.

Blair School of Music

(615) 322-7684 • blair.vanderbilt.edu/academics

Professor Amy Jarman, head of academic advising, helps students choose courses for the first semester during the summer registration period. In August, first-year students will meet with their assigned academic and studio faculty advisers. Make sure to consult the Blair Student Handbook at blair.vanderbilt.edu/academics for complete information.

College of Arts and Science

Pre-major Academic Advising Resources Center (CASPAR)

(615) 343-0071 • as.vanderbilt.edu/advising/caspar

Located in Suite 225 of The Commons Center, CASPAR provides academic advice to students in the College of Arts and Science before they declare a major. You will begin working with your assigned pre-major adviser during the summer registration period. Your pre-major adviser will help you understand AP credit, interpret course requirements, select appropriate courses and develop a workable schedule each semester, and make long-term plans for your college career and beyond. She or he will also help you identify campus resources that will encourage your academic success at Vanderbilt.

To familiarize yourself with the course selection process, see On the Road with AXLE at as.vanderbilt.edu/docs/AXLE.pdf.
Students in the Peabody College of education and human development will be advised by a full-time faculty member associated with their major. During the summer registration period, you will work with a summer adviser to choose your courses for the first semester. In many cases the faculty member you work with in the summer will become your permanent academic adviser. When you arrive in August, you will meet with your permanent academic adviser to confirm your course selections. For initial registration advice and information for each Peabody major, go to peabody.vanderbilt.edu/admin-offices/oas/undergraduates/academic_advising.php.

School of Engineering
(615) 343-8061 • vu.edu/engineeringadvising

Students in the School of Engineering will have a full-time faculty member as adviser who will serve in this capacity throughout their four-year undergraduate career. During the summer registration period, you will work with Adam McKeever-Burgett, coordinator for academic advising, to choose your courses for the first semester. When you arrive in August, you will meet your academic adviser. Make sure to go to vu.edu/engineeringadvising and click on “Incoming Students” for complete academic information and the School of Engineering First-year Registration Booklet.

Health Professions Advisory Office
(615) 322-2446 • vanderbilt.edu/hpao

Located at 1801 Edgehill Ave. in Suite 106, the HPPO offers resources to students interested in medicine (both allopathic and osteopathic), dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, etc.

Pre-Nursing Advising
as.vanderbilt.edu/hpao/professions/nursing.php

Students interested in nursing should consult Assistant Dean Jana Lauderdale at (615) 343-2228 or email jana.lauderdale@vanderbilt.edu. For more information, see our website.

Pre-Architecture Advising
as.vanderbilt.edu/paa

Students interested in the study of architecture should contact pre-architecture advisers Professor Kevin D. Murphy at (615) 342-3657 or Professor Vesna Pavlović at (615) 343-7241 during the summer or email pre-architecture.advising@vanderbilt.edu.

Pre-Law Advising

Students interested in the study of law should consult Department of Political Science Professor Carrie A. Russell at (615) 322-5023 or via email at carrie.russell@vanderbilt.edu.
Honor Code

Each year before classes begin, all incoming students participate in the Honor Code signing ceremony, in which they sign the following pledge:

“I pledge to pursue all academic endeavors with honor and integrity. I understand the principles of the Honor System, and I promise to uphold these standards by adhering to the Honor Code in order to preserve the integrity of Vanderbilt University and its individual members.”

Ideally, a student’s personal integrity is presumed to be sufficient assurance that in academic matters one does one’s own work without unauthorized help from any other source. To preserve the integrity of the Honor Code at Vanderbilt University, the student-led Undergraduate Honor Council at Vanderbilt aims to secure justice for any student under suspicion of dishonesty, to vindicate his or her name if innocent, and, if guilty, to protect the honor and standing of the remaining students. The goal of the Honor System is to have all students leave Vanderbilt not only as graduates, but also as citizens of integrity.

The Student Handbook acquaints you with the specifics of the standards expected of you as a member of the university community. For more information and specific Honor Code policies and procedures, see Chapter Two of the Student Handbook. The policies and regulations delineated in the handbook apply to all students enrolled at Vanderbilt. The handbook is available online at vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook. It is your responsibility to become aware of the contents of the Student Handbook. Ignorance of a policy or regulation will not be considered an excuse for failure to observe it.

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The Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, and Academic Integrity promotes good citizenship and encourages honesty, accountability, responsibility, integrity, and respect among Vanderbilt students through education, compliance with community standards, and support of individual rights. This office is committed to:

- Working collaboratively with students, faculty, and staff to create an ethical and safe environment in which scholarship and academic integrity may flourish
- Promoting good citizenship among students and administering community standards using fair, consistent, and confidential procedures
- Disseminating and interpreting university policies and community standards to students, faculty, staff, parents, and the general community
- Serving as a resource and information agency for students, faculty, staff, parents, and others concerning student rights and community standards
- Guiding students toward a greater sense of personal responsibility and mature and ethical behavior that enhances the quality of the university and community environment
- Providing educational experiences and counseling referrals to assist students in making appropriate choices concerning behavior

Students and student organizations are expected to comply with all university policies, which are derived from tradition and evolve with contemporary practice. Grounds for corrective action cannot always be the subject of precise statement; however, when commonly held standards of conduct are broken, students must be held accountable if the university community is to be sustained.

Our goal in establishing policies and holding students accountable for them is to help students understand how their choices can affect not only themselves, but also the community as a whole.
Other Academic Resources

**Undergraduate Catalog**

vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/undergrad

The *Undergraduate Catalog* is the official publication of record for the requirements of the degree program; it includes both the course requirements and academic policies that will govern your degree. Students must meet the degree requirements stated in the catalog for the year they enter a degree program.

**YES Online Student Services**

eyes.vanderbilt.edu

You access the registration system from the YES (Your Enrollment Services) landing page when registering for fall classes. During the open enrollment and change periods for registration (see YES landing page for dates), you can access the registration system to make any necessary changes. Through YES, you can also:

- Access your academic record through the Access to Academic Information (AAI) application to view your enrollments, mid-term and final grade reports, test and transfer credit, test scores, and academic program information (major, GPA, etc.)
- View information on your classes posted by your instructors via Blackboard, Vanderbilt’s online class management system
- Access the Message Center to see important messages from advisers and administrators
- Plan your academic career at Vanderbilt through the catalog planner
- View, export, or send a copy of your schedule via email
- Find information on textbook ordering
- Update your address and provide your emergency contact information
• Become involved on campus and manage your experiences outside of the classroom through the AnchorLink application
• Learn about and connect to professional opportunities on and off campus through the Center for Student Professional Development’s DoreWays webpage
• Access the online billing portal to view or pay your eBill, enroll in and make payments on a Vandy Plan, and set up other payers for your account
• Check on the status of your financial aid
• Set up an account for direct deposit of refunds
• View the current activity on your student account
• Evaluate your degree progress using the degree audit program
• Order an official transcript

Blackboard Course Management System
blackboard.vanderbilt.edu

Blackboard is Vanderbilt’s primary course management system, providing a core set of digital tools designed to support teaching and learning across campus. Your instructors may use Blackboard to:
• Share a course syllabus or schedule,
• Provide information about assignments,
• Link to readings and other helpful resources, and
• Post grades to the Grade Center, so a student can track progress in class by clicking “My Grades.”

You may also be asked to use Blackboard to take tests, submit assignments, participate in online discussions, or contribute to a wiki or blog.

To log in to Blackboard, go to blackboard.vanderbilt.edu and enter your VUnetID and e-Password. You will see a list of your current and past courses. Click on a course name to enter the site for that course.

If you have questions about Blackboard, you are encouraged to reach out to your instructor. Blackboard support is also available by emailing blackboard@vanderbilt.edu.

Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries
library.vanderbilt.edu

The eight libraries in the Vanderbilt system offer comfortable, quiet spaces for individual study and group study rooms for working in teams.
The library’s 1.5 million electronic books and over 94,000 electronic databases and e-journals address the needs of twenty-first century students and scholars. When you are unsure where to start your research or have trouble with your footnote format, ask a librarian. You can ask questions online or make a personal appointment.

With food, friendly spaces, interactive exhibits, umbrellas and laptops for borrowing, guest speakers and programs, the library is much more than books.

The Writing Studio
(615) 343-2225 • vanderbilt.edu/writing

Trained consultants are available by appointment at the Writing Studio to talk one-to-one about your writing. You are welcome to discuss any piece of writing—from course assignments to extracurricular projects—at any stage in your writing process. Through these conversations, you can work on clarifying your ideas, strengthening your arguments, and devising strategies that you can apply to writing in many different fields and scenarios.

The Writing Studio has two locations—217 Commons Center and 1801 Edgehill—and is open six days a week during the daytime and evening. The Writing Studio also hosts special events and offers online resources, VUPrint, a reference library, and free coffee!

Tutoring and Help Desks

Tutoring Services
(615) 322-5218 • as.vanderbilt.edu/tutoring

Tutoring Services (1801 Edgehill, Academic Enrichment Suite) offers free, individual, appointment-based tutoring to undergraduates in biological sciences, chemistry, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics and some introductory foreign language courses (up to ten sessions per course per semester).

STEM Help Desks
(615) 343-8061
as.vanderbilt.edu/tutoring/helpdesk

In partnership with the College of Arts and Science, the School of Engineering offers help desks in The Commons Center and in Featheringill Hall for all first-year and sophomore students in engineering, science, and mathematics courses.

English Language Center
(615) 322-2277 • vanderbilt.edu/elc

Housed at 1208 18th Ave. South near The Ingram Commons, the ELC provides language instruction for students and scholars whose first language is not English. Courses focus on contextualizing advanced language use in the academic context of Vanderbilt University. Courses are offered in a friendly, supportive atmosphere, and program features include:

• One-to-one writing and speaking consultations
• Academic speaking and pronunciation courses
• writeELC Academy

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Disability Services Program
(615) 322-4705 • vanderbilt.edu/ead

EAD’s Disability Services Program assists with providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities; ensures that Vanderbilt programs and events are accessible to the Vanderbilt community and visitors; monitors the accessibility of university and medical center buildings, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; investigates disability discrimination complaints; and provides training on disability-related issues.

Decisions about reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities are made on an individual basis. **Please request disability accommodations through EAD by June 30.** For more information, see pages 12 and 18.

Other Campus Resources

Center for Student Professional Development
(615) 322-2750 • vanderbilt.edu/career

The center helps students develop their professional capabilities, define their identities, and build resilience to prepare them to engage in internships, jobs, and other opportunities. First-year students are encouraged to visit the center during walk-in hours to get acquainted with resources and begin exploring opportunities.

The center’s staff works with undergraduates based on their interest in industry clusters (related jobs) instead of their academic majors. This approach allows students to investigate opportunities they might not otherwise consider. Visit the center’s website to view walk-in times and locations.

An important way for students to explore and connect to internships and jobs is to attend center activities, including:

- Individual and group coaching
- Industry career days/career fairs
- Professional development workshops
- Campus recruiting events with targeted employers
- Networking events with VU alumni

Visit the center’s website to subscribe to weekly listserv emails with information about industry-specific activities and events.
Global Education Office  
(615) 343-3139 • vanderbilt.edu/geo

Vanderbilt encourages students from all four undergraduate schools to study abroad. The skills and perspectives you gain while abroad can help clarify your career goals and strengthen your resume, preparing you for innovative leadership in a global environment.

The Global Education Office (GEO), located in Suite 115 of the Student Life Center, offers more than 120 direct-credit programs on 6 continents. GEO provides a variety of options to fit your needs and interests, ranging from short-term programs that focus on a single subject to a full year at a partner institution.

GEO’s wide array of study abroad programs can accommodate students in all disciplines and majors. All GEO programs offer direct Vanderbilt credit, so your coursework will count toward your GPA. Your financial aid is available to you during the semester, and GEO administers scholarship programs for summer study. We recommend that you begin planning in your first year to ensure that a term abroad will fit into your course of study.

To help with your planning, GEO sponsors a Study Abroad Fair each semester. You can attend Study Abroad 101—a short informational session, held twice weekly, which provides an overview of the application process. GEO’s study abroad advisors and student peer advisors are also excellent resources to help you design your study abroad experience.

Check out the GEO website for information on our programs or to connect with an advisor. Follow us on facebook.com/vanderbiltgeo or twitter.com/geoVanderbilt for updates on events, application deadlines, and programs.

Discovering the Torres in Patagonia

Undergraduate Research  
research.vanderbilt.edu/undergrad-research

This website is your information portal for all things research. Vanderbilt offers research opportunities throughout the academic year as well as during the summer. The site provides tips on how to get started and lists opportunities by discipline.

Office of Honor Scholarships  
(615) 322-6329 • ohs.vanderbilt.edu

Housed next to The Ingram Commons at 1801 Edgehill, OHS supports current Vanderbilt students who have the potential to be competitive for national scholarships that support study, teaching, and research abroad. For more information, contact Lyn Fulton-John at ohs@vanderbilt.edu.
Computer Labs
Most computer labs are open to all students, including labs in Garland Hall, Hobbs Lab, Stevenson Center, Wilson Hall, Wyatt Center, and the Peabody Library. There are also many computer kiosks located conveniently around campus, including in The Commons Center. Computers are available in all Vanderbilt libraries, and several of the libraries offer laptops and iPads for checkout. Hours of operation and available software vary by location.

Tech Hub
(615) 343-9999 • it.vanderbilt.edu/techhub

Staffed by skilled Vanderbilt students, the Tech Hub provides technology assistance to students, faculty, and staff. Technical teams can assist with email, VUnetID and ePassword, virus and malware removal, network connectivity, and more. There are walk-up locations in the Hill Center (next to The Commons Center) and Heard Central Library.
• **Student Health and Wellness**
  - Center for Student Wellbeing
  - Student Health Center
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  - Private Health Information and HIPAA

• **Athletics and Recreation**
  - The Commons Center Exercise Room
  - Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center
    - Indoor Facilities and Amenities
    - Outdoor Facilities
    - Creating a Healthy Lifestyle
    - Outdoor Recreation Program
    - Intramural Sports
    - Sport Clubs

• **Campus Safety**
  - Vanderbilt University Police Department
    - AlertVU
    - SafeVU
    - Emergency Preparedness
    - Severe Weather Early Warnings
    - Operation ID
    - Emergency Phones
  - Project Safe Center for Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response
  - Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services
Student Health and Wellness

**Center for Student Wellbeing**
(615) 322-0480 • vanderbilt.edu/healthydores

The Center for Student Wellbeing promotes a community of care by fostering student wellbeing through an integrative and holistic framework. The center is a hub for wellness and prevention resources designed to help students develop and maintain positive mental and physical health practices that lead to enhanced resiliency. Through a variety of programs and support services, the center offers a comprehensive wellness program focused on emotional and intellectual development, enhancing the mind/body connection, and building community.

**Vanderbilt Recovery Support**
The Center for Student Wellbeing also oversees Vanderbilt Recovery Support, which provides caring and encouraging support services to students who are in recovery from substance use disorders and are working towards success in their academic, social, personal, and professional lives. Recovery housing is available for students who have six months of sobriety, who are seeking to live in a substance-free environment, and who are actively working on recovery.
The Student Health Center (SHC) is an on-campus health care facility where all registered, part-time and full-time Vanderbilt students may receive care. It provides primary care services similar to those that you would expect to find in a private physician's office.

If you have ongoing health problems or chronic health conditions, you should call (615) 322-2427 to schedule an appointment to be seen by one of our health care providers soon after your arrival. This allows you to have a primary care provider while at college so that continuity of medical care is assured.

Services available at the SHC include acute care, routine physical exams, chronic disease management, gynecological exams, birth control, emergency contraception, confidential HIV and STD testing, international travel consultations (including yellow fever vaccination), immunizations, and allergy shots. Specialty services include dietitians and sports medicine.

All incoming students must complete a health questionnaire, comply with immunization requirements, and make decisions regarding student health insurance during the summer. For deadlines and detailed information, see pages 10 and 22.

SHC Hours During Regular School Session:
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Saturday mornings, 8:30 a.m.–Noon (including Move-In Day)

Cost: There is no charge for office visits; however, charges may be incurred for in-house diagnostic testing (e.g., strep test), procedures (e.g., colposcopies), vaccines, medications, and supplies.

Prescriptions: The SHC stocks a number of commonly used medications that our providers prescribe. We purchase these items in bulk and therefore are able to provide these medications to students at costs that are
generally lower than retail pharmacies. However, our dispensary is not a pharmacy; therefore, we can only fill prescriptions written by providers within the SHC. Students who wish to fill prescriptions from outside providers may use local retail pharmacies.

Nearby Pharmacies:
- CVS Pharmacy
  426 21st Ave. S. • (615) 321-2590
- Vanderbilt Outpatient Pharmacy
  1301 22nd Ave. S. • (615) 322-6480

Psychological and Counseling Center
(615) 322-2571 • medschool.vanderbilt.edu/pcc

As part of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the PCC supports the mental health needs of all students in reaching their academic and personal goals. The highly skilled and multidisciplinary staff collaborates with students to provide evidence-based treatment plans tailored to each individual’s unique background and needs. The PCC also emphasizes prevention through outreach and consultation focused on the development of the skills and self-awareness needed to excel in a challenging educational environment.

The PCC’s psychologists, licensed counselors, and psychiatric medical providers are available to any Vanderbilt student and address a range of needs including stress management, crisis intervention, substance abuse counseling, management of medications, individual counseling, group counseling, biofeedback, emergency assessments, and psychiatric assessment and treatment. The PCC provides a team approach to the care of students with eating disorders, students who have experienced trauma, as well as students needing both counseling and medication management. There is an on-call provider after hours and on weekends for emergency calls.

The PCC provides screening and full assessment when indicated for ADHD and learning disorders. There is no charge for services with the exception of reduced fees for LD/ADHD screening and assessment.

Over the course of a year, approximately 20 percent of the Vanderbilt student population will seek the services of the PCC.
Throughout the year, PCC faculty and staff produce educational programs, thematic presentations, and special events, focused on education of the Vanderbilt community about mental health issues and resources. The student group LEAPS (Liaisons Educating & Advocating for Psychological Support) works with the PCC as peer educators to promote positive mental health and wellbeing on campus through outreach activities. The PCC also works with the Center for Student Wellbeing to provide trainings such as the MAPS (Mental Health Awareness and the Prevention of Suicide) program.

If you have a history of mental health care needs, we encourage you or your parents to contact the PCC prior to the start of the school year. This will help facilitate the transition of care and ensure that you are fully aware of our resources. Contact the PCC at (615) 322-2571 for more information.

What does HIPAA mean for you as a first-year student?

• HIPAA requires that you are aware of your rights. All patients seen in the Vanderbilt health care delivery system (including the Student Health Center, Emergency Department, other clinics, and hospital) must sign a HIPAA form stating that they are aware of the protections provided by HIPAA. At that time, a copy of the HIPAA summary is offered to each patient.

• HIPAA carefully dictates who has access to your health information. No person can have access to your records or have a conversation about your care without your explicit permission. This includes deans, parents, family physicians from home, and friends. This may take a little bit of patience on the part of parents, who are used to having full access to your health care information. The Student Health Center is always eager to include parents in your care, but under HIPAA guidelines, you must sign a Release of Information at the time of your visit in order for a health professional to speak to anybody else (including parents) about your care.

• There are exclusions in HIPAA for cases of emergency. If your health is in immediate danger and you are unable to grant permission for communication, HIPAA does allow health care providers to take action and notify a patient’s emergency contact.

Private Health Information and HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act protects all private health information. As consumers in any health care system, each one of us has the right to that privacy as mandated by HIPAA. The passage of HIPAA merely strengthened the strict confidentiality that already existed between a health care provider and patient.
Athletics and Recreation

The Commons Center
Exercise Room
Located on the second floor of The Commons Center, the exercise room is a convenient place for both cardiovascular and anaerobic exercise. Hours during academic periods are Monday–Sunday, 6:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m. The facility features:
• Treadmills
• Stationary bikes
• Elliptical trainers
• Free weights
• Weight machines
• Rowing machine
• Stairmaster
• Exercise and medicine balls
• Exercise mats

Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center
vanderbilt.edu/studentrec
This recently renovated facility includes 289,000 sq. ft. of indoor space and six acres of outdoor facility space. All classes and clinics are taught by qualified instructors and are open to students, faculty, staff, and the Nashville community. Classes include yoga, lifeguard training, rock climbing, weight training, spinning, kayaking, and countless more. Most of the classes and clinics are free, but some may include additional fees.

Indoor Facilities and Amenities
• 14,000-sq. ft. fitness center space
• Fieldhouse featuring turf field and 300-meter track
• 36-meter x 25-yard multipurpose pool
• Strength and aerobic conditioning room
• Three basketball/volleyball courts
• Auxiliary gym
• Four-lane bowling alley
• Six racquetball courts
• Two squash courts

• Ping pong table
• Handicap accessible machines, including an Ergometer and a Sci-Fit Total Body Stepper

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Outdoor Recreation Program
vanderbilt.edu/outrc

Nashville’s close proximity to gorgeous state parks and natural areas makes it an ideal location for weekend backpacking, spelunking, canoeing, and rafting trips. You can participate in an Outdoor Rec trip or rent gear here for your own trip. The resource library includes maps and guidebooks for local parks to make planning a trip on your own easier. Outdoor Rec is located on Children’s Way by the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center.

Creating a Healthy Lifestyle
Get started on the path to healthy living at Vanderbilt University’s Wellness Center inside the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center. The center offers a variety of free printed resources, online tools, fitness and lifestyle improvement programs and events, partnership and community outreach opportunities, personal training services, cooking demonstrations, and a variety of nutrition resources.

Outdoor Facilities
• Sand volleyball court
• Four multipurpose fields (three grass, one turf)
• Pool patio
• Track

Students on an Outdoor Rec adventure

• Indoor elevated track (9.2 laps/mile)
• 20x60-ft. climbing and bouldering wall
• Ten multipurpose activity rooms
• Demo kitchen
• Lounge with big-screen TV
• Ping pong tables
• Two conference rooms
• Billiards table
• Smoothie King

Have you checked your VU Gmail lately?
Intramural Sports
vanderbilt.edu/recreationandwellnesscenter/intramurals

The intramural program at Vanderbilt includes more than 40 sports ranging from basketball to inner tube water polo. Leagues are available in men's, women's, and co-recreational divisions. Competitive and recreation divisions are formed to meet the desired skill or interest level of the participants, and all registration is done through the Office of Campus Recreation. You can also get involved in intramurals through your house and participate in the Commons Cup.

Sport Clubs
anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/organization/ClubSports

Sport clubs are slightly more competitive than intramural sports, as clubs may represent the university in intercollegiate competition. Each sport club at Vanderbilt is organized and run by students, with membership open to all students. Many clubs have regular practice times and tournament play. The Office of Campus Recreation supervises Vanderbilt's Sport Club program, which is managed under the standards set by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).
Campus Safety

Vanderbilt University Police Department
(615) 343-9750 • police.vanderbilt.edu

The Vanderbilt University Police Department, through its community-oriented policing philosophy, plays a vital role in the lives of students learning and living on The Ingram Commons. The focus of community-oriented policing is to prevent crime and resolve community issues, not just to respond to crime. Officers work closely with other organizations and community groups to educate community members about potential hazards and how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

Our vision for policing on The Ingram Commons is to establish a partnership among students, faculty, staff, and the police department. This partnership helps develop and implement crime reduction strategies and educational programs working toward crime prevention.

AlertVU
vanderbilt.edu/alertvu

Vanderbilt University’s emergency mass notification system rapidly sends messages to the delivery points a subscriber chooses—cell phone (voice or text), land line (voice only), or email—in the event of an emergency that poses an imminent threat or danger to the Vanderbilt community. All Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff are automatically enrolled using their Vanderbilt email address.

Users may choose as many devices as they wish, and students may also enter a contact number for a parent if they wish for a parent to be notified of emergencies at Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt’s emergency mass notification tools also include campus crime alerts, mass emails, outdoor warning sirens, and more. For more information and to sign up, visit vanderbilt.edu/alertvu.
**SafeVU**

*police.vanderbilt.edu/services/safevu.php*

SafeVU is a mobile safety application for iOS and Android smartphones. The app allows users to connect directly from their cell phones to the Vanderbilt University Police Department. Additionally, users can submit non-emergency reports to VUPD with text, photos, or videos; access information about the Vandy Vans; and view the VUPD emergency guides. Best of all, SafeVU is FREE and available for anyone. Additional SafeVU information is available at *police.vanderbilt.edu/services/safevu.*

**Emergency Preparedness**

*emergency.vanderbilt.edu*

Disasters happen quickly, often with little or no warning. The VUPD Emergency Preparedness Division's website provides emergency guides, resources, and contacts that help you prepare for emergency situations ranging from severe weather and natural disasters to medical emergencies and law enforcement situations.

**Severe Weather Early Warnings**

As part of the emergency preparedness plan, Vanderbilt has taken several steps to prepare for severe weather. Accuweather, a commercial weather service, monitors for any severe weather approaching the Vanderbilt campus. If a tornado is detected within 15 minutes of campus, VUPD is notified, and the dispatcher on duty will activate the Severe Weather Early Warning System, which includes both outdoor sirens and AlertVU notifications. Additional severe weather safety information is available by clicking the Severe Weather Awareness button at *emergency.vanderbilt.edu.*

**Operation ID**

Theft of unsecured property is one of the most prevalent crimes on college campuses. Operation ID is a theft prevention program offered free of charge by VUPD. In an effort to deter theft and increase the ability of officers to return found or stolen property to its owners, VUPD offers online registration of bicycles and laptop computers.

To register online, visit *police.vanderbilt.edu/staff_student/registerpossessions.php.* Please have your brand, model, and serial number information ready when registering.

**Emergency Phones**

Each emergency phone across campus will automatically dial the VUPD Communications Center when the emergency button is pressed. An open line on any emergency phone will activate a priority response from an officer, who will be sent to check on the user of the phone, even if nothing is communicated to the dispatcher. Each phone is labeled “Emergency” and has a blue light at the top. An online map of emergency phone locations is available at *vanderbilt.edu/map.* Just click the Emergency Phones button at the top right.

For Vandy Vans and Walking Escorts, both services provided by VUPD, see page 42 under “Transportation.”
Project Safe Center for Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response
24-Hour Hotline (615) 322-SAFE (7233) • Office (615) 876-0660 • vanderbilt.edu/ProjectSafe

Located on West Side Row, the Project Safe Center provides education on sexual assault prevention and intimate partner violence, resource referral, and support services to those who have experienced power-based personal violence (sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, and stalking). Students may schedule an appointment or walk in to meet with a victim resource specialist between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Project Safe also offers a 24-hour hotline for students who need to speak with a victim resource specialist about an experience of violence, university and law enforcement reporting options, and the many resources available on and off campus. Project Safe offers bystander intervention training and events on consent, healthy relationships, safety planning, and how to support survivors.

Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department (EAD)
(615) 322-4705 • vanderbilt.edu/ead/ds_students.html

The EAD investigates allegations of prohibited discrimination, harassment, and retaliation involving members of the Vanderbilt community. This includes allegations of sexual misconduct and other forms of power-based personal violence. Vanderbilt’s Title IX coordinator is EAD Director Anita Jenious.

If you believe that a member of the Vanderbilt community has engaged in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, please contact the EAD. If the offense is criminal in nature, you may file a report with VUPD.

The EAD also facilitates interim accommodations for students impacted by sexual misconduct and power-based personal violence. Some examples of interim accommodations include stay away orders, adjusted course schedules, and housing changes. For additional information, refer to the Student Handbook at vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/university-policies-and-regulations/#equal-opportunity or vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/sexual-misconduct.
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• Office of Active Citizenship and Service
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  Important Dates for Spring 2017
Inclusion Initiatives and Cultural Competence

(615) 322-5089 • vanderbilt.edu/iicc

IICC promotes transformative learning and is committed to cultivating a community where the dignity of all people is respected. IICC provides educational programs and training to support cultural competence, reflection of cultural complexities that influence behavior, and the exploration and development of holistic identities.

The IICC staff serves as advisers to activist and cultural student organizations such as Asian American Student Association, Caribbean Student Association, Hidden Dores, Multicultural Leadership Council, Philippine Intercultural Student Organization, South Asian Cultural Exchange, Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students, and Vanderbilt Undergraduate Chinese Association.

Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

(615) 322-2524 • vanderbilt.edu/bcc

The BCC represents one of Vanderbilt University’s efforts at promoting diversity and tolerance as a sponsor of cultural programming on the African and African American experience. Dedicated in 1984, the center is named for the first African American student to graduate from Vanderbilt University, Joseph Johnson (BD’54, PhD’58). Programs at the Black Cultural Center include:

- **Cultural and Educational Programming:** Lectures, poetry and dramatic readings, musical performances, art exhibitions, films, and panel and book discussions. The BCC is also the home of the scholarly journal, *Afro-Hispanic Review*.
- **Student Support and Development:** The BCC provides meeting spaces for numerous student activities and co-sponsors various initiatives with students. The center is a

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haven for students and offers plenty of opportunities for fellowship, fun, and learning.

- **Community Outreach and Service:** The BCC hosts pre-collegiate groups for tours of the center and campus sites. Additionally, the BCC, in conjunction with Vanderbilt students and The Ingram Commons as part of the Edgehill Initiative, performs weekly tutoring and mentoring for Nashville youth. The center is also actively involved with numerous community agencies in the Nashville area.

**Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life**

(615) 322-2457 • vanderbilt.edu/religiouslife

The Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life seeks to serve the religious and spiritual needs of our students and to function in an educational and pastoral capacity. The OUCRL welcomes and supports students and student groups who are traditionally religious, as well as those who do not identify themselves in this way. Because the OUCRL affirms and embraces a plurality of religious, spiritual, and secular world views, we engage our campus by raising ethical questions and issues of value and character among the student body at large.

In addition to the university chaplain’s staff, affiliated chaplains representing several faiths on campus provide worship opportunities, counseling, study, retreats, and fellowship for their constituencies. The affiliated chaplains cooperate with the chaplain’s office in offering programs of ecumenical and interfaith interest to the Vanderbilt and broader community.

Much of the “life” in religious life flourishes through our numerous and diverse student religious organizations, each of which offers opportunities for expression and exploration of faith within a supportive community. With seven chapels and many quiet, reflective spaces available for use, Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff frequently gather for worship and meditation. Major programs offered by the OUCRL include the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Series, the Holocaust Lecture Series, Project Dialogue, the Chaplain’s Speakers Series, and the Interfaith Council.

**Vanderbilt Hillel**

(615) 322-8376 • vanderbilt.edu/hillel

Housed in the Schuman Center, Vanderbilt Hillel serves the religious, social, and educational needs of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students. Through a wide variety of programming, Vanderbilt Hillel empowers students to take responsibility for their Jewish identity and prides itself in offering them different ways to express their Jewishness, such as through creative holiday programs and cultural events. Vanderbilt faculty, staff, and students are encouraged and welcome to participate in activities. The Schuman Center is also home to Grins (pronounced “Greens”), a vegetarian kosher restaurant and favorite of the health conscious.
• **WOW: World On Wednesdays**, a weekly lunch gathering for presentations on topics of international interest. Students may discuss their international travels or work experiences, while faculty and staff share their international research projects and cultural insights.

• **IEW: International Education Week** promotes awareness and celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange.

**LGBTQI Life**

(615) 322-3330 • vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Life in the K.C. Potter Center at Vanderbilt is a place of affirmation for individuals of all identities and serves as a resource for information and support about gender and sexuality. LGBTQI programs include LGBTQI Welcome Week, National Coming Out Week, Trans* Awareness Days, Out in Front Undergraduate Leadership Retreat, and Lavender Graduation Celebration.

**International Student and Scholar Services**

(615) 322-2753 • vanderbilt.edu/iss

ISSS provides immigration services to students and scholars for immigration, cross-cultural, and personal matters. Sponsoring cultural festivals throughout the year and International Education Week in November, this office is dedicated to promoting a global perspective on our campus. Other activities include:

• **iLens: International Lens**, a series of films screened at Sarratt Cinema with a faculty member leading introductory and post-screening conversations.
Margaret Cuninggim
Women’s Center
(615) 322-4843 • vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter

Founded in 1978, the Women’s Center is located in the heart of West Side Row and is a resource for programming, support, and referrals related to gender equity topics such as sexual health, pregnancy, body image, disordered eating, healthy relationships, and women’s leadership. Home to the Kitchen Table Series and Let’s Talk About Sex, Vandy, as well as signature events including the Cuninggim Lecture and Women’s History Month, the Women’s Center welcomes everyone on campus.

Project Safe Center
for Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response
24-Hour Hotline: (615) 322-SAFE (7233) • (615) 876-0660 • vanderbilt.edu/ProjectSafe

The Project Safe Center provides sexual assault prevention education, resource referral, and support services for those who have experienced power-based personal violence (sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, and stalking). For more information, see page 66.

Office of Active Citizenship and Service
(615) 343-7878 • vanderbilt.edu/oacs

More than coordinating volunteer service activities, OACS helps students engage in community service and civic activism on campus, locally, nationally, and internationally. OACS staff members collaborate with classes and faculty from across the university to develop effective service-learning opportunities for students.

Highlighted OACS programs include:
• Global Service-Learning in Ecuador, South Africa, Morocco, and London challenges students to question their perspectives and roles in the shared human experience through pre-service curriculum, intensive in-country service, post-service skills application, and continuous reflection.
• VIEW (Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington) provides internships on Capitol Hill or in agencies around D.C., such as CNN, American Red Cross, the DNC/RNC, and the Kuwaiti Embassy.
• ASB (Alternative Spring Break) enables groups of twelve students to undertake service initiatives at 35 national and international locations. Alternative Winter Break is an option as well.
• Habitat for Humanity volunteers participate in house building in the Middle Tennessee area and across the country.
• Manna International provides international service opportunities during school breaks.
• **Pencil Project** sponsors tutoring and mentoring programs for local school children.

• **VSVS (Vanderbilt Students Volunteering for Science)** brings the cool side of science to junior high students with experiments such as making slime and ice cream.

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### Student/Alumni Programs of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association

(615) 322-2929 • vuconnect.com

The Vanderbilt Alumni Association connects you to your worldwide VU alumni network:

• Join vuconnect.com/students to connect with 6,000+ Alumni Career Advisers across the globe for advice about internships, jobs, and grad school!

• Apply for the Class of 2020 Student Alumni Board, which designs fun programs to connect with alumni and build class unity.

• Participate in events such as “Opening Dores” dinners and alumni panels, where you can gain valuable, real-world advice from alumni to help you make the best of your years at Vanderbilt and beyond.

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### Student Leadership Development

(615) 343-6200 • vanderbilt.edu/leadership

Student Leadership Development is designed to serve as a conduit for leadership programming and a resource hub for students, faculty, and staff. The office believes in developing visionary, goal-driven, and action-oriented student leaders. Students who participate in leadership programs will become proficient in the competencies of accountability, collaboration, communication, service-oriented leadership, ethical leading, and understanding the value of diversity and inclusion.

The office sponsors signature leadership programs during the year, but also works closely with all areas within the Office of the Dean of Students to ensure leadership programming occurs across all aspects of campus life.

### Arts and Campus Events

Program highlights include:

• Studio art co-curricular classes in pottery, photography, jewelry, painting, and drawing
• Co-curricular dance classes including ballet, hip-hop, funk, yoga, ballroom, and more
• The Vanderbilt Programming Board, which provides social, cultural, educational, recreational, and multicultural activities at Vanderbilt and is comprised of the six largest programming organizations on campus: Homecoming, Speakers Committee, CityVu, The Music Group, The VenUe, and Vandy Fanatics
• Vanderbilt Performing Arts Council, which represents over 20 student organizations
• ACE Design, a student-run design studio that creates marketing materials for Dean of Students programs and student organizations

Student Involvement and Organizations

In order to help foster a balanced educational experience, students are encouraged to be involved in co-curricular activities that enhance their overall Vanderbilt experience.

Student Organizations
vanderbilt.edu/studentorgs-anchorlink

Vanderbilt offers more than 500 student-led groups, organizations, and clubs on campus. Becoming involved in these organizations as a member or leader helps facilitate personal development and improve leadership skills. Student organizations fall into the following categories: academic, administrative, arts, cultural/international, Greek, honorary societies, media, programming, religious/spiritual, service, special interest, and sports. Many student organizations are supported by the offices listed on previous pages. Vanderbilt students may also start their own organizations.

Transition Programs
(615) 322-0307 • vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/residential-education/transition-programs

The Office of Transition Programs helps connect students to campus resources, provides social and academic support, and helps ensure that first-generation and transfer students—among others—are able to thrive as members of the Vanderbilt community.

Student Involvement Fair
During CommonVU, you will have multiple opportunities to get acquainted with the wide range of student organizations at Vanderbilt.
The comprehensive Student Involvement Fair features approximately 250 student organizations and departments. Attending this fair will help you learn what organizations may be the right fit for you and help you discover new interests that you would like to explore.

Anchor Link
vanderbilt.edu/anchorlink anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu

Learn about the various student organizations and co-curricular programs you can get involved with on campus through Anchor Link, Vanderbilt’s online student engagement platform. Anchor Link serves as the central event calendar for student life and has sites for every registered student organization, Commons house, and a variety of university programs and resources. Anchor Link helps students become involved on campus and manage their experiences outside the classroom. Make sure to log on to Anchor Link and create your profile today, so you can begin exploring opportunities to get involved at Vanderbilt.

My Vanderbilt Experience
vanderbilt.edu/experience facebook.com/myvanderbiltexperience

My Vanderbilt Experience is a yearlong program that provides students a virtual framework for intentional engagement outside the classroom. Managed through Anchor Link, My Vanderbilt Experience offers a menu of events and activities, allowing students to participate in different tracks connected to specific learning outcomes. Tracks are focused on topics that are important for holistic student development such as cultural awareness, service and civic engagement, leadership and personal development, and more.

Students who complete this program will gain critical skills and experiences that will benefit them when applying for campus leadership positions, internships, and professional jobs. In addition, they will be eligible for special privileges and prizes and will be recognized at the Magnolia Awards, which celebrate student leadership and service.

Vanderbilt Student Government
studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg • facebook.com/VanderbiltStudentGovernment • @vandystudentgov

VSG is a representative organization where student interests, concerns, and aspirations are actively voiced. One of the main goals of VSG is to maintain effective student representation and participation in the decision-making process of the university.

Student interests are addressed through both elected and appointed positions. Students may be involved in government as early as their first semester on campus as a representative of their house on The Ingram Commons. For more information, see page 36.
Greek Life
(615) 322-2048 • vanderbilt.edu/greek_life

Membership in the Greek community provides students the opportunity to be a part of a campus tradition dating back to the school’s founding. The 30+ Greek organizations are rooted in founding principles that foster academic achievement, student involvement, service within the community, and lifelong friendships. Approximately 43% of undergraduate students are members of the fraternity and sorority community. Chapters are looking for well-rounded men and women who will contribute to their organizations, the campus, and the Nashville community. Vanderbilt University observes a deferred joining process providing students an opportunity to become better acquainted with being a part of the Vanderbilt community before affiliating with a fraternity or sorority. It also allows students to attend a variety of information sessions and informal activities throughout the fall semester to learn more about the Greek community and explore whether or not they are interested in becoming a member. Students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority may do so during second semester, if they have completed 12 credit hours, are not on disciplinary probation, and meet the grade point average requirements.
Mail Services on Campus

Vanderbilt University Mail Services processes all incoming mail, outgoing mail, and inter-office mail for students, faculty, staff, and departments.

Mailing Instructions

All mail and packages, whether sent via the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, or any other carrier, must be sent to your PMB address at 2301 Vanderbilt Place, which is the Vanderbilt University Station B Post Office address. For the correct address format, see page 25.

Station B Post Office in Rand Hall

(615) 322-2934 • vanderbilt.edu/mailservices

Undergraduate students may retrieve their mail at the Station B Post Office, on the lower level of Rand Hall. Station B offers all USPS services with the exception of money orders and passports.

Post Office Window:
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Package Window:
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.*
*Open until 5:00 p.m. during the first four weeks of each semester

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–Noon*
*Package window only and during semester hours only

The Commons Center Post Office

(615) 322-8123 • vanderbilt.edu/mailservices

Located on the second floor of The Commons Center, this location offers all USPS services with the exception of money orders and passports.

Regular business hours for The Commons Center Post Office window and package window are Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Picking Up Mail and Packages

First-class mail is sorted and placed in student virtual mailboxes daily by 10:00 a.m. All other items (e.g., registered, USPS Express, certified, insured, priority, DHL, UPS, and FedEx) are inventoried and assigned a pickup location. Students are sent a package pickup notification email for each package received in their name.

For answers to questions about shipping, deliveries, or pickup, please call Vanderbilt Mail Services at (615) 322-2934 or visit vanderbilt.edu/mailservices.

For more information about package services on Move-In Day, please see page 25.

Special Deliveries

Flowers or other special deliveries for students residing on The Ingram Commons must be sent to:

Hank Ingram Front Desk
1401 18th Ave. S.
Nashville, TN 37203

Please make sure to provide the florist with your student’s cell phone number.

Care Packages

Parents and families love sending a personal message of support to their student at important times of the academic year. Pre-packaged options are available through carepackages.org.
Parents and Family Programs

(615) 343-7370 • vanderbilt.edu/families

Parent Helpline: (877) 887-2736 • parents@vanderbilt.edu

The Parents and Family Programs office is an important resource for all families of incoming and current students, as well as host to the Parents and Family Association. The Parents and Family Association actively links the university and the parents of undergraduate students through our parent “helpline” and parent publications aimed to keep you up to date on the latest campus happenings and important dates and deadlines.

Parents can participate in the life of their Vanderbilt students and interact with and support other parents by way of the many available volunteer opportunities. Parents or guardians of undergraduate students are automatically members of the Parents and Family Association. The office also hosts Family Weekend, a Vanderbilt tradition that will be held September 23–25, 2016.

For more information about the Parents and Family Programs office or Family Weekend, visit vanderbilt.edu/families.

The Parents and Family Programs office coordinates a variety of communications throughout the summer with parents of first-year students:

- Regular e-newsletter (Parent PreVU) with upcoming dates, deadlines, and topics of interest to first-year parents. **Please make sure to sign up at vanderbilt.edu/families to receive the e-newsletter and other electronic communication.**
- Parent Calendar with important dates and contact information (mailed mid-June domestically and internationally)
- Welcome Letter with “important numbers” magnet from Parent Board Chairs (mailed mid-July domestically and internationally)
- Family Weekend brochure and registration information (mailed early August domestically and internationally)
Getting Around:
The Ingram Commons
Planning Ahead

Before you book your flights for breaks, confirm your class and final exam schedules, both of which you will know at the end of the first week of classes.

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Your Commencement in 2020: May 6–8
Undergraduate Academics

College of Arts and Science ...........................................(615) 322-2844
Blair School of Music ..................................................(615) 322-7651
School of Engineering .................................................(615) 343-3773
Peabody College ........................................................(615) 322-7444

University Resources/Administrative Offices

Office of Housing and Residential Education .............(615) 322-2591
Office of Student Financial Aid ...................................(615) 322-3591
Office of the Dean of Students ...................................(615) 322-6400
Office of the Dean of The Ingram Commons .............(615) 322-4948
Office of the University Registrar ...............................(615) 322-7701
Office of Undergraduate Admissions ..........................(615) 322-2561
(800) 288-0432
Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center .............(615) 322-2524
Commodore Card Office ............................................(615) 322-2273
Inclusion Initiatives & Cultural Competence ................(615) 322-5089
Jean and Alexander Heard Library ..............................(615) 322-7100
LGBTQI Life ...............................................................(615) 322-3330
Psychological and Counseling Center .........................(615) 322-2571
Schulman Center for Jewish Life .................................(615) 322-8376
Student Accountability ...............................................(615) 322-7868
Student Health Center Appointments .........................(615) 322-2427
Insurance Representative ...........................................(615) 343-4688
Transition Programs ................................................... (615) 322-0307
University Chaplain and Religious Life ......................(615) 322-2457
Vanderbilt Dining .......................................................(615) 322-2999
Vanderbilt Police (Non-Emergency) ............................(615) 322-2745
Vanderbilt Police (Emergency) ....................................(615) 421-1911
Vanderbilt Police (Lost and Found) .............................(615) 343-5371
Vanderbilt Ticket Office (Athletics) ............................(615) 322-GOLD (4653)
(877) 44-VANDY
VUIT Help Desk ..........................................................(615) 343-9999

New Student Hotline: (615) 322-4948
Parent Helpline: (877) 887-2736
vu.edu/classof2020