



Vanderbilt University Learning Exchange

Pilot Program Fall 2020

Description

Since November 2018, the Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG) Academic Affairs Committee has worked closely with the Office of Faculty Affairs, Center for Teaching, and departments across campus to begin the Vanderbilt University Learning Exchange. VSG saw a need to address the inequities that are created by private test banks such as ones restricted to members of certain student organizations. The VU Learning Exchange was established to create a more inclusive learning environment on campus. Therefore, the program focuses on providing all students access to these learning materials. The VU Learning Exchange will offer students additional tools to improve their mastery of the material in a course and allow them to make more informed decisions when selecting courses.

This semester (Fall 2020), the VU Learning Exchange will launch a pilot program. This pilot program will include popular introductory and test-heavy undergraduate courses in Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Physics, Economics, and Mathematics.

We would like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for those faculty members involved in this process in order to make this unique program possible.

Intellectual Property Rights and University Honor Code

Given a faculty member's intellectual property rights in course materials (including, but not limited to, exams, outlines, notes, and PowerPoint slides, to the extent they do not contain materials copyrighted by a third party), the VU Learning Exchange can only accept material submitted by faculty members. Faculty who choose to submit materials to the VU Learning Exchange agree that current Vanderbilt students may use the Learning Exchange materials for academic study, to make informed decisions when selecting courses, and to prepare for examinations.

To maintain appropriate control over the distribution of this material, students should individually access material through their personal Brightspace accounts. It is considered student misconduct to share or communicate VU Learning Exchange materials to others (within or outside the Vanderbilt community) verbally or in writing through other platforms, including, but not limited to, social media, email, text, direct message, etc. If the student is currently enrolled in a relevant course, and improperly shares VU Learning Exchange materials with others, it is an Honor Code violation. If the student is not enrolled in a relevant course, it is misconduct that will

be addressed by the Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, and Academic Integrity.

Additionally, faculty have the right to prohibit students' use of the VU Learning Exchange for particular courses. If a faculty member declares in the syllabus or other course/assignment instructions that students should not use any materials in the Learning Exchange for their class, students must adhere to that specific course policy and any unauthorized use of the VU Learning Exchange would potentially violate the Honor Code. Faculty are encouraged to provide explicit statements about the use of the VU Learning Exchange for their course to alleviate any additional confusion.

Sustainability and Strategic Growth

A main priority with the VU Learning Exchange is ensuring its sustainability and strategic growth. Throughout the semester, there will be frequent tracking and evaluation of the pilot program. Students and faculty may be asked to complete an assessment to evaluate the usefulness and effectiveness of the program, particularly following examination periods. Students and faculty are encouraged to provide feedback about the pilot program and ways to improve its processes as we build a more comprehensive program in the future. Only then, after evaluating and responding to the relevant feedback, can the VU Learning Exchange expand to include a wider range of courses and relevant course material.

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How to access the VU Learning Exchange

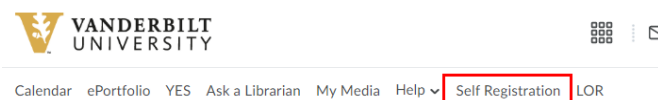
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Navigate to the Brightspace homepage



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In the navbar along the top of the page, select Self Registration



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Find the course titled Vanderbilt University Learning Exchange in the list and click on the course title

Self Registering Course Offerings			
Course Offering Code	Course Offering Name	Course Offering Cost	Enrollment Status
Brightspace.Community.Model.Course	Brightspace Community Model Course		Not Enrolled
ct_modelcourse	Brightspace Model Course		Not Enrolled
iDesign.Faculty.Resource.Hub	iDesign Faculty Resource Hub		Not Enrolled
NCC.Colloquium.Series	Colloquium Series		Not Enrolled
NCC.CSW.Modules	Center for Student Wellbeing		Not Enrolled
NCC.RPW	Robert Penn Warren Center		Not Enrolled
Self.Enroll.Communal.Learning.Materials.Bank Vanderbilt University Learning Exchange			
			Enrolled

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Select the Register button to begin the registration process

Registration Form

[Course Offering List](#) > [Course Offering Description](#) > Registration Form

Step 2: Enter Registration Information

Required fields are marked with a *

* First Name:

* Last Name:

* Email:

Org Defined ID:

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Your information will be automatically populated in the registration form. Select Submit

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Select Finish to complete the process

Once you've completed these steps, you'll have access to this course from the Brightspace homepage via the Self-Enroll Courses tab.



How to submit material as a faculty member

What is the VU Learning Exchange?

A collaborative effort among the Vanderbilt Student Government Academic Affairs Committee, the Office of Faculty Affairs in the Office of the Provost, the Center for Teaching and academic departments across campus, the Learning Exchange seeks to offer current undergraduate students additional tools to improve their mastery of course material and allow them to make more informed decisions when selecting courses.

How to submit material to the VU Learning Exchange

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Make sure exams are saved as pdf files. Documents should be properly titled with faculty member's last name, exam year, and course number.

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Send exam files to Ransford Pinto, Assistant Director for Graduate Programs at ransford.pinto@vanderbilt.edu.

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Exams will be uploaded onto the VU Learning Exchange Brightspace page within 48 hours of submission. All exams will include a cover page with important information about the course and student honor code.

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To view exams on Brightspace, faculty must self-enroll into the VU Learning Exchange course page. Directions on how to register can be found [here](#).