



## International Undergraduate Student Orientation 2022 Schedule

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For questions about the International Undergraduate Student Orientation schedule, please contact [commons@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:commons@vanderbilt.edu). All sessions are mandatory unless otherwise indicated.

### Wednesday, August 17: Welcome to Campus

All Wednesday activities are open to students, parents, and families unless otherwise noted.

8:00 a.m.-Midnight	<b>International Undergraduate Student Move-In Day</b> All new undergraduate students (including first-year and transfer students) will check-in at The Commons Center to move into their residence halls. International Orientation Leaders (IOLs) and volunteers will assist you.	The Commons Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Atrium
1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	<b>Assigned check-ins with Student Health Center (Mandatory, if assigned)</b> Assigned check-in times will be emailed to you directly from Student Health.	Zerfoss Student Health Center
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	<b>Supply Shopping with IOLs (Optional)</b> Need supplies? Bring your computer and order supplies online. IOLs will be on hand to assist you in placing orders, though you will be responsible for purchasing your own supplies.	The Commons Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	<b>International Student Dinner and Game Night Social (For students only)</b> Get to know your peers over dinner and games!	The Commons Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor

### Thursday, August 18: Preparing to Be a Student at Vanderbilt

All Thursday activities are open to students, parents, and families unless otherwise noted.

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Available (Optional; for students only)</b> Stop by and pick up breakfast. Seating is not provided, as this is a grab and go event.	The Commons Center, Living Room
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	<b>Assigned check-ins with Student Health Center (Mandatory, if assigned)</b> Assigned check-in times will be emailed to you directly from Student Health.	Zerfoss Student Health Center

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	<b>International Orientation Group Meeting (For students only)</b> Meet your IOL and the rest of your group at The Commons Center before walking to the Student Life Center for orientation together.	The Commons Center, South Patio
10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome Address</b> Orientation will officially begin with opening remarks from university leaders.	Student Life Center Ballroom
11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	<b>Getting to Know Each Other</b> After a welcome from the Residential Colleges and International Student and Scholar Services staff, you will have a chance to get to know the other ISO participants.	Student Life Center Ballroom
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>International Orientation Group Lunch (For students only)</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	<b>Why Does My Professor Go by “Jim”?</b> International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will discuss U.S. culture and offer best practices for a smooth transition to Vanderbilt.	Student Life Center Ballroom
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	<b>Collegiate Academics in the U.S.</b> This session will cover aspects of academic culture that are unique to the U.S. and will offer an overview of the many resources available to students while they plan and prepare for a successful academic career. Facilitated by the English Language Center.	Student Life Center Ballroom
2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>International Orientation Group Meeting (For students only)</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>Academic Integrity</b> Each Commodore has a part to play in maintaining a culture of integrity on Vanderbilt’s campus. Join the Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards and Academic Integrity for a discussion on the Honor Code and other community standards.	Student Life Center Ballroom
4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	<b>Day 1 Closing Address</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	<b>Proud to be First! (optional)</b> First in your family to attend a four-year U.S. university? Come find resources to support you!	Student Life Center Ballroom

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	<b>Welcome Dinner for Undergraduates (For students only)</b> Join Dean of The Ingram Commons Melissa Gresalfi, faculty heads of house, admissions counselors, ISSS staff, and IOUs for dinner.	The Commons Center, South Patio/South Patio Lawn
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<b>Dessert and Game Night with Faculty Heads (For students only)</b>	Commons Lawn Tent
<b>Friday, August 19: Navigating Systems in the U.S.</b> <i>All Friday activities are open to students, parents, and families unless otherwise noted.</i>		
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Available (Optional; for students only)</b> Stop by and pick up breakfast. Seating is not provided, as this is a grab and go event.	The Commons Center, Living Room
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>Campus Tours</b> Tour campus under the direction of your IOL.	Tours depart from The Commons Center
11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	<b>Day 2 Welcome Address</b> Discuss the agenda for the day, followed by a group icebreaker facilitated by IOUs.	Student Life Center Ballroom
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Maintaining Your Status</b> Maintaining your legal student status in the U.S. is essential to your success at Vanderbilt. In this session, ISSS will guide you on requirements and considerations tied to your non-immigrant status.	Student Life Center Ballroom
12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	<b>International Orientation Group Lunch (For students only)</b> Join your group for an energizing lunch session and discuss your interests outside of the classroom.	Student Life Center Ballroom
1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	<b>Student Involvement Panel</b> Hear from a panel of IOUs about ways to get involved on campus.	Student Life Center Ballroom
2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	<b>Healthcare and Health Insurance in the U.S.</b> The healthcare system in the U.S. varies widely from other countries. Join representatives from the Student Health Center and the Office of Student Affairs in a discussion about seeking healthcare in the U.S. and utilizing the Student Health Insurance Plan.	Student Life Center Ballroom
2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	<b>Student Employment</b> Discover resources and eligibility requirements for on-campus student employment opportunities at Vanderbilt with ISSS.	Student Life Center Ballroom
3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	<b>International Orientation Group Meeting</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom

4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Address</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	<b>Supply Shopping with IOLs (optional)</b> Need supplies? Bring your computer and order supplies online. IOLs will be on hand to assist you in placing orders, though you will be responsible for purchasing your own supplies.	Student Life Center Ballroom
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	<b>ISO Closing Dinner (For students only)</b> Dinner for new students with IOLs, student VUceptors, & transfer student leaders (TSLs).	Commons Lawn Tent
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	<b>International Student Hangout with student VUceptors (For first-year students only)</b> Mingle with other international students and your student VUceptor. Dessert will be provided.	The Commons Center, South Patio
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with Transfer Student Leaders (For transfer students only)</b> Get to know your Transfer Student Leader and other members of the incoming transfer cohort at an informal dessert reception.	Student Life Center Ballroom

International Undergraduate Student Orientation officially concludes on Friday, August 19. Beginning on Saturday, August 20, students will commence either Transfer Student Orientation (for new transfer students) or CommonVU Orientation (for first-year students). **Please consult those schedules** for mandatory events and additional opportunities for optional engagement.