New Student Orientation Program
Welcome to Vanderbilt!

I am glad to welcome you to Vanderbilt’s diverse community of scholars, visionaries, and educators. I hope that your experience will prove challenging and rewarding as you find your place among your classmates and future colleagues to collaboratively enrich the intellectual vitality on campus. We also look forward to your exceptionally promising contributions to your respective fields.

This program contains supplemental information to help orient you to Vanderbilt, its opportunities, and its programs. More detailed information will be provided by your department regarding specific resources and requirements for your degree program. Vanderbilt’s campus provides a wide array of resources and opportunities, and I invite you to seek those that meet your own unique needs.

Warm regards,

Mark T. Wallace, PhD
Dean of Vanderbilt Graduate School
Louise B. McGavock Endowed Chair
Professor of Hearing & Speech Sciences, Psychology, and Psychiatry

Upcoming Events of Interest

**Graduate Student Council (GSC) Welcome Back Social**
Friday, August 24, 8:00 PM to midnight
Alumni Hall

**Reception for New Graduate School Students and Student Organization Fair**
Thursday, September 6, 4:00 to 6:00 PM
Alumni Hall Lounge (Room 100) and Joe C. Davis Memorial Hall (Room 202)

**The Dean’s Readings**
First gathering in October, date to be determined, 4:00 to 6:00 PM
Alumni Hall Lounge (Room 100)

Join Dean Wallace for the Graduate Students Dean’s Readings. This year’s book is *The Invention of Nature, Alexander von Humboldt’s New World*, by Andrea Wulf. New graduate students may pick up their copy at Alumni Hall on Orientation Day during lunch and the orientation fair. We will welcome Andrea Wulf to campus on April 29, 2019 and hope you will attend her presentation.
### Orientation Schedule, Monday, August 20, 2018

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**Lunch and Orientation Fair at Alumni Hall**

- Visit Orientation Fair booths, Alumni Hall Lounge (Room 100) and Joe C. Davis Memorial Hall (Room 202)
- Lunch served in Room 206
- Pick up Dean’s Reading Book and Chancellor’s Gift on first floor
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Vanderbilt prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct and harassment. The University will take prompt and effective action to address all allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment. All forms of sexual and gender-based harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual violence, and stalking are prohibited.

Vanderbilt’s Title IX Coordinator is the Director of the Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Disability Services Office. Title IX staff are responsible for the review, investigation, and resolution of reports of sexual harassment and sexual misconduct under the applicable processes.

Campus location: Baker Building, Suite 975

Contact Information

Phone: 615-322-4705
Website: vanderbilt.edu/title-ix/

The University is committed to taking prompt and effective action when allegations of sexual harassment or misconduct are made. Vanderbilt encourages anyone who has witnessed, experienced, or has information about possible sexual harassment and/or sexual misconduct to take reasonable actions to prevent or stop such actions.
The Office of Student Care Coordination fosters wellbeing and success by identifying concerns and coordinating support for students facing life events that may interfere with their academic and personal goals using a proactive, collaborative, and student-centered approach. The Office of Student Care Coordination strives to empower students to take an active role in their wellbeing and to promote a culture of care within the Vanderbilt community.

The Office of Student Care Coordination at Vanderbilt is the central and first point of contact for any undergraduate, graduate, or professional student who may have an academic, personal, emotional, medical, and/or other concern. Student Care Coordinators individually assess each student’s needs and explore resources within Vanderbilt’s Student Care Network and/or the Nashville community to facilitate connections to the most appropriate supports. Because a successful plan may include multiple resources, Student Care Coordinators can provide continuity of care and accountability through supportive follow-up meetings with students to evaluate successes, barriers, and/or gaps in support. Our goal is for students to have the right support, in the right place, at the right time.

Campus address:  Sarratt Student Center, 100

Contact Information

Email: studentcare@vanderbilt.edu
Website: vanderbilt.edu/carecoordination
Phone: 615-343-WELL
The Center for Student Wellbeing is a space dedicated to helping students cultivate lifelong wellbeing practices. The staff, which includes Student Wellbeing Coordinators and an Academic Skills Coach, is available for individual coaching appointments to help students develop and maintain skills that will contribute to personal and academic success. Students are invited to utilize the meditation room for yoga, meditation, and mindfulness classes, or for self-guided practice. Workshops are available on a variety of topics as well, including resiliency, time management and healthy living. Vanderbilt Recovery Support is a program of the CSW, providing support services to students recovering from substance use issues.

Campus address: 1211 Stevenson Lane, across from the Student Health Center

Contact Information

Email: healthydores@vanderbilt.edu
Website: vanderbilt.edu/healthydores
Facebook: facebook.com/vandy.wellbeing
Twitter: @vandywellbeing

The Center for Student Wellbeing at Vanderbilt University serves to create a culture that supports the personal development and academic success of students using an integrative, holistic framework. Through inclusive and collaborative programming, support services, and campus initiatives, the Center cultivates engagement in lifelong wellbeing practices that enhance students’ ability to thrive within the Vanderbilt community and beyond.
The University Counseling Center supports the mental health needs of all Vanderbilt students to help them reach their educational goals. Our highly skilled and multi-disciplinary staff collaborates with students, our campus partners, and community providers to provide evidence-based treatment plans tailored to each individual’s unique background and needs.

Academic success is integrally related to emotional well-being. Higher education occurs at Vanderbilt within a complex and vibrant educational and residential community designed to encourage emotional and academic growth and success. Our professional staff is dedicated to promoting the mental health of all Vanderbilt University students. Our goal is to provide services in a caring, compassionate, and culturally competent environment. Service options are integrated based upon unique clinical needs of the students. The following services are offered to students:

- Individual Therapy
- Psychological Consultation (tailored to graduate students)
- Psychiatric Medication
- Group Therapy and Workshops
- Alcohol and other Drug Services
- LD/ADHD Assessment
- Biofeedback
- Crisis Care

Campus address: 2016 Terrace Place, Nashville, TN 37203

Contact Information

📞 Phone: 615-322-2571
🌐 Website: vanderbilt.edu/ucc
The Zerfoss Student Health Center is here to serve the primary care needs of the Vanderbilt student community. All of our physicians and nurse practitioners have chosen college health as their area of expertise and interest, and are dedicated to meeting the unique health care needs of the student population. Whether you are sick or injured, managing a chronic health problem, or working to develop a healthier lifestyle, the VU SHC is here to help. There are no office co-pays for routine visits, and all registered students are eligible for care, regardless of insurance coverage.

Campus address: 1210 Stevenson Center Lane, Nashville, TN 37232-8710. The Student Health Center (SHC) is housed on the third (street level) floor and fourth floor of the Zerfoss Building, and is connected to the back of Medical Center North. We are adjacent to Stevenson Center and across the street from McTyiere Hall.

Contact Information

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Website: vumc.org/student-health
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Instagram: @vandystudenthealth
The mission of the Project Safe Center is to provide the University community with information, support, and prevention education about intimate partner violence (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), consent, and healthy relationships. Project Safe serves as a central resource for those impacted by violence and assists with navigating our resource and support network.

The Project Safe Center provides Green Dot bystander intervention training, warning signs, education and risk reduction strategies, safety planning, effective consent workshops, and programs for friends and organizations who wish to better support survivors. Project Safe Center’s victim resource specialists are available to accompany and assist those impacted by violence as they seek medical treatment, consult with law enforcement, participate in University and/or criminal investigations and proceedings, and/or explore academic accommodations or other interim measures, as appropriate. Project Safe offers a 24-hour crisis hotline: 615-322-SAFE (7233).

Campus address: 304 West Side Row, Cumberland House

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- Twitter: @VUProjectSafe
- Instagram: @vuprojectsafe
The Vanderbilt University Police Department comes under the charge of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for the Division of Administration. As one of Tennessee’s larger law enforcement agencies, Vanderbilt University Public Safety provides comprehensive law enforcement and security services to all components of Vanderbilt University, including the Vanderbilt University Campus, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Vanderbilt Health at One Hundred Oaks, and a variety of University-owned facilities throughout the Metropolitan Nashville area.

Vanderbilt University Public Safety (VUPS) provides safety and security services to the Vanderbilt community through the Vanderbilt University Police Department (VUPD), Parking Services, and the Office of Emergency Preparedness, Fire and Workplace Safety. VUPS is committed to service and is dedicated to the protection and security of the entire Vanderbilt community.

Campus address: 111 28th Avenue S., Nashville, TN 37212

Contact Information

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Website: publicsafety.vanderbilt.edu

Twitter: @VUsafety
The mission of the Parking Services is to provide access to University programs and services through the management of the University’s parking resources.

Parking Services provides and maintains parking lots and garages to facilitate the daily activities of the campus. The office provides permit registration, special event coordination, manages the Vandy Van safety program, and provides access to alternative transportation programs like Zipcar, Enterprise, Carshare, MTA ride to work, discounted bus and train tickets, and carpooling link.

Graduate students who elect to park on campus may pay for their parking in full or visit the Parking Services office to make arrangements to pay in monthly installations.

Campus address: 2800 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37212

Contact Information

✉ Email: parking@vanderbilt.edu
🌐 Website: vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking
The Graduate Life Coach position was created to support students through individual coaching and group programming around effective time and stress management, resilience, conflict resolution, navigating academic relationships, and juggling work/life responsibilities.

The Graduate Life Coach provides a starting point for students who have questions about resources and processes available to them on campus to support their academic, physical and psychological well-being, in addition to serving as an advocate for graduate student needs within the university’s organizational structures. The Graduate Life Coach works closely with the leadership of the Graduate Student Council (GSC), including the Student Life Liaison.

Consider contacting the Graduate Life Coach if you need someone to listen to your concerns, help you work through an issue with a colleague or advisor, provide assistance accessing campus resources, clarify policies, teach you conflict resolution skills and more.

Contact Information

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Twitter: @VUGradLife
The Graduate School Career Development office serves the unique career development needs of Graduate School students and postdocs.

Providing resources and events covering careers in academia, business, policy, government, and more. Check out our website for examples of CVs and resumes, and watch for our career emails that highlight career and professional development events throughout the school year.

For individual career advice, schedule an appointment with Assistant Dean Ruth Schemmer by calling 615-343-0844, or visit during walk-in hours, Monday, 4-6pm in Alumni Hall 010.

Campus address: Alumni Hall 010

Contact Information

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Twitter: @VUGradCareer
International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides advice, counseling, and advocacy regarding immigration, cross-cultural, and personal matters. ISSS supports an environment conducive to international education and intercultural awareness via educational, social, and cross-cultural programs. ISSS centers its educational, social and immigration-related co-curricular programs around its four pillars: Immigration Support & Compliance; Student, Scholar & Family Engagement; Support Services; and Advocacy.

ISSS advising staff are available via email, telephone, in-person walk-in or advanced appointments, Monday through Friday.

Campus address: Student Life Center, Suite 109. Fresh water and hot tea are available (for free) in the lobby, Monday through Friday during office hours.

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/twitter: @ISSSVandy

International Student & Scholar Services fosters the education and development of non-immigrant students, scholars and families to enable them to achieve their academic and professional goals and objectives.
The Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center activities focus on providing student support and development, campus enrichment, and community engagement.

As part of the Office of the Dean of Students, the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center (BCC) provides educational and cultural programming designed to highlight the history and cultural experiences of African Americans. Initially referred to as “the Afro House,” in 1984, the Center was named in honor of the first African American student admitted to Vanderbilt University in 1953, Bishop Joseph Johnson (B.D., ’54, PhD. ’58). What happens at the BCC is a celebration of diversity - African and African American life, culture and contributions, by Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and the community.

Campus address: the BCC is located right next to Rand Hall across from the post-office and is adjacent to Buttrick Hall.

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Facebook: facebook.com/Bishop-Joseph-Johnson-Vanderbilt-BCC-852546878186103/

Twitter: @bishopjbcc7
The Office for Inclusive Excellence (IE) was created in recognition that Vanderbilt’s success as an institution is inextricably linked to our ability to nurture a community that is inclusive and respectful of all differences. By cultivating relationships across campus, conducting analyses to better understand student and faculty needs and collaborating to launch new initiatives, the IE team aims to attract and retain top students and faculty talent from around the globe, while advancing initiatives that ensure equitable access to resources, opportunities and support. The IE office also focuses on creating initiatives that foster an increasing sense of belonging and affirmation for all students and faculty. The IE team is committed to every effort that continues to make Vanderbilt a place where all feel welcome and can thrive! Please come see us, we’re here to help you succeed!

Contact Information

Email: officeforinclusiveexcellence@vanderbilt.edu
Website: vanderbilt.edu/inclusive-excellence
Twitter: @Inclusive_Vandy
The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) Life serves all members of the Vanderbilt community - students, faculty, staff, and alumni - by creating educational, cultural, and social opportunities. The office also supports and advises LGBTQI-related campus groups and activities, including all of the school affiliated graduate student groups.

From affinity group leadership to event participation, there are endless ways for graduate students to be involved in LGBTQI Life at Vanderbilt. The best way to find out about all of our events and programming is to sign up for our newsletter (link on the main page of our website) or to check us out on social media. You can also come by the K.C. Potter Center on September 5th, 3:00 to 5:00 PM for our Graduate Student Social. We hope to see you there.

Campus address: K.C. Potter Center, 312 West Side Row

**Contact Information**

- Email: [lgbtqilife@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lgbtqilife@vanderbilt.edu)
- Website: [vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi](http://vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/33228686032/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/33228686032/)
- Twitter: [@VULGBTQILIFE](https://twitter.com/VULGBTQILIFE)
The Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center is an affirming space for women and for all members of the Vanderbilt community that actively resists sexism and all forms of oppression by providing resources and educational programming.

The Women’s Center works toward gender equity through its varied programming and resources. The Women in the Academy series offers Ph.D. students a chance to reflect on the ways that gender affects their experience in their professional academic lives. The Work-Life workshops cover a blend of self-care and professional development topics such as navigating organizational politics, stress management, and mindfulness. AAUW Smart Salary Negotiation workshops teach students how to negotiate a salary and benefits package. Each spring as part of the celebration of Women’s History Month, the Women’s Center hosts a national speaker for the Cuninggim Lecture of Women in Culture and Society.

The Women’s Center provides safer sex supplies, menstrual products, pregnancy tests, a multi-user breast pump, and a lactation space. There is no charge for any of these.

Campus address: 316 West Side Row, Franklin House

Contact Information

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Website: vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter
Facebook: facebook.com/vanderbiltwomenscenter
Instagram: @vuwomenscenter
The Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life supports the spiritual and religious growth of all Vanderbilt community members while encouraging the ongoing development of interfaith literacy and dialogue. We develop spiritually thoughtful leaders equipped to positively influence a religiously pluralistic world.

The OUCRL is under the Office of the Dean of Students cluster of offices dedicated to Social Justice and Identity (SJI). We serve our campus community as advocates for justice, equity and inclusivity in both programmatic and pastoral ways.

Our four legacy programs that engage students regardless of any stated religious or spiritual preference are: The Holocaust Lecture Series; The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Commemoration; Project Dialogue; The Chaplain’s Speakers Series. We also serve as the host site for Vanderbilt Interfaith Council, a student organization that offers programs every other Thursday at 5:30 as well as special events throughout the year. We also recruit students in the fall to accompany us on our annual Interfaith Spring Break in Washington, D.C.

The pastoral needs of our campus (counseling, leadership development and vocational discernment) are met through OUCRL staff and a range of affiliated chaplains located on our home page.

Contact Information

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The Warren Center, housed in a beautifully restored building in the central part of campus, is a hub of intellectual activity. Its annual programming includes a theme-based faculty fellows program; a dissertation completion fellows program for advanced graduate students; the Harry C. Howard, Jr. Lecture; several conferences and public programs; dozens of visiting speakers; and twelve to fifteen regularly-meeting seminars and reading groups representing an extraordinary range of topics. The Warren Center’s great success is a reflection of the high caliber of humanistic inquiry underway at Vanderbilt University. The rich and varied programs supported by the Warren Center provide tremendous opportunities for our faculty members and graduate students to engage with each other across the disciplines, thus promoting excellence and creativity in humanistic scholarship on our campus and beyond.

Campus address: Vaughn Home on the Vanderbilt University Campus.

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- **Website:** vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/RobertPennWarrenCenter/
- **Twitter:** @RPWCenter
A national leader in outreach efforts, the Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach (CSO) is committed to elevating pre-collegiate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) expertise and literacy. Opportunities for graduate student volunteers are available in the on-campus middle school program Day of Discovery (DoD), the on-campus high school program the School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt (SSMV), and other CSO programs that bring scientists to Nashville area schools. The DoD and SSMV benefit from grad students’ contributions to in-classroom programs through lectures and hands-on activities as well as being mentors in labs where SSMV students do research. In addition, the Scientist-in-the-Classroom Partnership program (SCP) formally pairs graduate students with Metro Nashville Public School science teachers one day a week to co-teach hands-on science, apply for a paid SCP fellowship each spring.

Campus address: 064 Wyatt Center on Peabody Campus.

Contact Information

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/facebook: facebook.com/ScienceOutreach/
The Center for Teaching (CFT) offerings are available to all graduate students, including those teaching at Vanderbilt as teaching assistants (TAs) and instructors of record, as well as those who anticipate that teaching will be a part of their future careers. Programs for graduate students include the Teaching Assistant Organization, the Certificate in College Teaching, the Blended and Online Learning Design (BOLD) Fellows program and the Certificate in Humanities Teaching and Learning. The CFT also offers professional development workshops on a variety of topics and a range of confidential consultation services for instructors interested in reflecting on their teaching experiences.

Campus address: 1114 19th Avenue South

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The mission of the Center for Teaching is to promote university teaching that leads to meaningful student learning. By helping members of the Vanderbilt community become more effective teachers, the Center for Teaching supports the educational mission of the university and enhances the learning experiences of its students.
Our role is to help you achieve the most from your Vanderbilt experience by providing quality, individualized English-language instruction.

The Vanderbilt English Language Center (ELC) provides English-language support for individuals who have a first language other than English and who are enrolled or working at Vanderbilt University.

Campus address: 1208 18th Avenue South (near the corner of 18th and Edgehill)

Contact Information

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Vanderbilt Libraries

Vanderbilt University’s libraries are among the top research libraries in the nation, home to more than nine million items. The libraries provide electronic access to tens of thousands of full-text journals, more than 1.5 million e-books, data and information resources accessible via the campus network. The website provides a portal to premium and valuable content, information about library services, workshops, programs, exhibits, research guides and librarian subject expertise, who provide help in their discipline. Students can connect with a librarian in person, or ask questions through the library website.

The Vanderbilt Libraries also provide a number of targeted workshops on specialized research topics, including using citation management software, selecting open source digital research tools, managing copyright in publishing, and more. For more information, visit library.vanderbilt.edu/scholarly/workshops.php

If you have a question, ask a librarian by visiting library.vanderbilt.edu/ask-librarian.php

Contact Information

Website: library.vanderbilt.edu
Facebook: facebook.com/vulibrary/
Twitter: @VandyLibraries
The Writing Studio fosters conversation, collaboration, and critical reflection on writing. Open to all members of Vanderbilt’s scholarly community, the Studio provides opportunities to receive constructive feedback from trained consultants and to develop strategies for all stages of the writing process.

The Writing Studio provides free, confidential, one-on-one consultations that offer graduate students the opportunity to work with a trained consultant on any piece of writing, from course papers, articles, and grant proposal to dissertations and other longer projects. Writing consultants are trained to be attentive generalist readers, capable of responding to projects across the disciplines and ready to assist writers at any stage of the writing process. The focus of a consultation varies according to the individual writer and project; for example, consultant and writer may discuss strategies for clarifying and developing an argument, or they might address issues regarding organization, audience, or the integration of quantities data. The Studio’s one-on-one services can help graduate students stay on schedule in pursuit of their academic goals. Graduate students can schedule up to three, 50-minute consultations per week.

The Writing Studio also offers extended sessions for students working on theses and dissertations, Writers’ Retreat three times a year and writing groups.

Contact Information

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The mission of the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center (VRWC) is to encourage lifelong learning, develop healthy lifestyles, foster leadership, instill an appreciation for diverse communities and enhance interpersonal relationships. This is accomplished by providing quality facilities, and by using intentional, educational, and enjoyable programming that focuses on Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and the greater

The Outdoor Recreation Program provides Vanderbilt students, graduate and professional students, faculty, staff, medical staff, VRWC members and alumni the opportunity to explore the outdoor world. This is accomplished through adventure trips, outdoor equipment rentals, a climbing/bouldering wall, kayak roll workshops, and a resource center. The climbing wall and kayak workshops are located in the VRWC and the rest originates from the Outdoor Recreation Center. Our web is the place to go for current program info and specific info on gear rental.

Campus address: 2600 Children’s Way

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The Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee serves as an advocacy unit for graduate and professional issues related to diversity, inclusion, and power affecting marginalized populations on Vanderbilt’s campus.

The Goals of this Committee include (but are not limited to):

(1) Communicate information about diversity initiatives to graduate students; (2) collect information on graduate student experiences and perspectives related to issues of diversity and inclusion; (3) create alliances and collaborations with campus initiatives; (4) and, finally, represent student needs and concerns to the administration, faculty, and staff.

Some of the events we plan to sponsor include:

- Conversations about diminishing our reliance on the GRE as a reliable measure of ability due to high levels of racial and gender disparity in test scores
- Mini-symposia and workshops on diversity in Academia; Book Club Series on essential readings in Race, Gender, Power Structures, Academia, etc.

Contact Information

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Website: my.vanderbilt.edu/gdicommittee
Facebook: facebook.com/vugdicommittee/
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) has two primary goals: (1) to coordinate a range of academic, service, and social activities for the graduate community; and (2) to ascertain and represent graduate student opinions and concerns by facilitating communication between graduate students, faculty, and administration. We strive to promote community amongst graduate students, as well as graduate student integration into the university community. All graduate students are welcome to attend and participate in GSC meetings, parties, and academic events.

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Facebook: facebook.com/VandyGSC/
Twitter: @VandyGSC
The Graduate Honor Council is a student-run organization tasked with educating students about the honor system, investigating violations, determining guilt and penalties.

2018-2019 Officers:

President
Michael Crouch

Vice President
Josiah McMillen

All Vanderbilt students and classes operate under the Honor Code. The Honor Council “seeks to protect the honor of all graduate students by vindicating those falsely suspected of dishonesty and penalizing those guilty of dishonest acts” by: (1) enforcing the Honor Code and informing students about the Honor System, (2) conducting investigations into any reported violations of the Honor Code, and (3) holding confidential hearings to determine innocence or penalties. Common examples of Honor Code violations include: inappropriate levels of collaboration on assignments, unauthorized usage of materials/sources, misunderstanding of course expectations, uncited work (plagiarism), and turning in work prepared in a prior course/venture for a current one without express authorization.

Interested in getting involved with the Honor Council? We are student-run and student-driven. Student volunteers help on a per case basis and may assist in gathering evidence and statements (~10 hours per case) or participate on panels to determine guilt and penalties (~2 hours per case).

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The Organization of Black Graduate & Professional Students (OBGAPS) aims to facilitate a positive experience for students across the spectrum of the graduate and professional community by providing academic and professional support, as well as opportunities for social networking, community service and cultural exchanges. We also look to promote the interests of our members by working to bring the problems, concerns and needs of the Black graduate and professional community to the attention of the university. Students of all cultures and disciplines are welcome to attend our monthly general body meetings as well as our social and community service events, retreats and professional development workshops.

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OGAPS seeks to enhance the quality of life for its students and unify its members through the facilitation of programs that strengthen the community of Black graduate and professional students across disciplines. We strive to encourage and advance the academic excellence of our members and promote positive social change.
The Vanderbilt University Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Chapter aims to provide the resources and support system for students to advance in their careers through professional development, insightful seminars through our Science Café, and hands-on science outreach activities. The mission of the VU SACNAS Chapter is to increase the number and success of minority and historically underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) higher education disciplines.

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The Turner Family Center for Social Ventures engages with graduate and professional students across the different graduate schools to provide an interdisciplinary opportunity to learn about poverty alleviation through business. The center hosts workshops, monthly events, social venture treks, case competitions, Annual Social Ventures Summit (February), Summer Fellowships, local Social Enterprise Consulting, and the spring-semester Project Pyramid course to provide graduate students hands-on experiences to develop as social impact leaders.

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Our mission is to foster interdisciplinary awareness and understanding of global health within the Vanderbilt community by 1) serving as a medium of communication between the Vanderbilt student body and Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health; 2) promoting global health service, research, and educational opportunities; and 3) actively facilitating collaboration and action in global health.

Graduate, professional, and undergraduate students are invited to join the Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health’s Student Advisory Council (SAC). This organization brings together students from across Vanderbilt to foster cross-disciplinary networking and collaboration in global health.

Through SAC and VIGH, there is an extensive collection of student resources: a global health opportunities database, Graduate Certificate in Global Health, career guidance, and a weekly global health events newsletter. SAC members host an annual Global Health Case Competition in February that brings together more than 100 students from all Vanderbilt schools to develop solutions for a global health challenge as well as a Global Health Symposium in the Fall that showcases students’ varied research and work in global health. There are also opportunities to publish your global health writings, research, and experience in the GlobalVU Global Health column. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these events and opportunities or would like more information, please visit our website.

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Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science (VSVS) is a one-of-a-kind service organization offered by the university. Students are given the equipment and lessons needed to help middle-school children visualize, experiment, and analyze material they may only have the opportunity to read about otherwise. It offers Nashville undergraduate and graduate students alike the opportunity to get involved with the community, practice presenting information, and go the extra mile for fellowship requirements.

Volunteers teach one-hour lessons four times a semester. Time-slots between 8 AM and 3 PM are available for students to sign-up with a group or individually. Everyone will be placed in a group of three to four other students when teaching a lesson. It is not necessary to be experienced in science to volunteer. All volunteers have enough information and support to teach any of the many lessons offered with confidence! If you are looking for more flexible times, students have the option to sign-up for one day events, where we always need volunteers. One example of an event is Halloween (Oct. 31) at the local Adventure Science Center, where hands-on demonstrations are available for students whom often come in the best costumes!

Our goal is to make science accessible and fun for the next generation of Nashville middle-school students. We just happen to do that with glow sticks and explosives!

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VUADCC is a student-run organization of advanced degree candidates (PhD, MD, JD) interested in careers in consulting. Our club is dedicated to education and preparing advanced degree candidates for careers in consulting. We aim to create a community of future consultants and business leaders as well as provide opportunities for information exchange and networking.

The Vanderbilt University Advanced Degree Consulting Club (VUADCC) has three primary goals:

1. Educate advanced degree candidates about careers in consulting through workshops and pro-bono consulting opportunities
2. Prepare advanced degree candidates for the unique and rigorous consulting interview process through fit and case interview practice
3. Connect club member with recruiters and consultants from local and global consulting firms

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VU-Women in Science and Engineering

Vanderbilt University Women in Science and Engineering (VU-WiSE) aims to develop a community of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at Vanderbilt University and their supporters. We work to support the personal and professional development of these women at all levels of their careers (student through faculty), through networking, mentorship, seminars, outreach, and other events focused on professional development. Membership is open to the entire Vanderbilt student body, staff, and faculty.

VU-WiSE is a community and support network for women in all STEM related fields at Vanderbilt University.

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## Important Resources & Contacts

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| Graduate School                                   | 117 Alumni Hall  
gradschool.vanderbilt.edu  
615-343-2727                                             |
| Graduate School Career Development                | 010 Alumni Hall  
my.vanderbilt.edu/gradcareer                               |
| Office of the University Registrar                 | registrar.vanderbilt.edu  
615-322-7701                                               |
| Student Health Center                              | Appointments: 615-322-2427  
Insurance Representative: 615-343-4688                      |
| University Counseling Center                       | vanderbilt.edu/ucc/                                       |
| Vanderbilt University Police Department            | Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 615-322-2745                                 |
| Parking Services                                   | 2800 Vanderbilt Place  
615-322-2554                                               |
| Card Services                                      | 184 Sarratt student Center  
vanderbilt.edu/cardservices  
615-322-2273                                               |
| Vanderbilt University Information Technology       | https://it.vanderbilt.edu/new-to-vu/                       |

## Campus Map: Student Life Center to Alumni Hall

![Campus Map](image-url)
2018 New Grad Student Orientation
VU Student Resources & Services Info Fair

1. Community Standards & Student Support
   Student Care Coordination
2. Center for Student Wellness
3. University Counseling Center
4. Student Health Center
5. Graduate School Services – Life Coach
6. Title IX & Student Discrimination
7. Vanderbilt Police Department
   Parking Services
8. Project Safe Center
9. The Writing Studio
10. Center for Teaching
11. University Library
12. Graduate Student Council
13. Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
14. Office of LGBTQI Life
15. Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center
16. Office of Religious Life
17. Student Recreation Center
   Outdoor Recreation Program
18. English Language Center
   International Student & Scholar Services

Alumni Hall Lounge (Rm 100)

Alumni Hall Memorial Hall (Rm 202)
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<td>September 5:</td>
<td>Fall registration on YES ends at 11:59 PM</td>
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<td>September 6:</td>
<td>Reception for New Graduate School Students</td>
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<td>October 8:</td>
<td>Spring 2019 Schedule available in YES</td>
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<td>No classes (Undergraduate Fall Break)</td>
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<td>October 31:</td>
<td>Spring 2019 Registration windows open</td>
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