

# TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

The required Transfer Student Orientation program offers sessions that will help you learn more about your academic program, learn the norms and values of the Vanderbilt community, and get to know other members of the transfer cohort. Throughout orientation, you will meet with your Transfer Student Leader and Transfer Group. These meetings are an opportunity to reflect on the information shared during sessions and get to know others in your group. Please bring your Commodore Card to check-in to all sessions.

**Note: All orientation sessions and meetings are mandatory for new transfer students unless otherwise indicated.**

In the event of inclement weather or other unexpected circumstances, updates to the schedule will be posted on [vu.edu/orientationupdates](http://vu.edu/orientationupdates). For questions about the schedule, contact [transitions@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:transitions@vanderbilt.edu).



## Friday, August 18

1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.	<b>Transfer Student Move-in</b> Check in to receive your Commodore Card, room key, and Transfer Student Orientation materials. Refreshing treats will be provided by Parents and Family Programs.	Student Life Center Plaza
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	<b>Dietary Accommodations Meeting (Optional)</b> This meeting is for incoming first-year and transfer students to learn how Campus Dining accommodates food allergies, dietary restrictions, food preferences, and religious dietary restrictions	The Commons Center, 1st Floor Dining Room
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Transfer Student Parent and Family Reception (For parents and families only)</b> Parents and family members will be welcomed by university leaders during this reception. Refreshments will be served. Remarks begin at 8:15 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Parents and Family Programs.	Engineering and Science Building 1st Floor Lobby
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with Transfer Student Leaders (For students only)</b> Get to know your Transfer Student Leader and other members of the new transfer cohort by participating in fun activities at this reception. Refreshments will be served.	Student Life Center Ballroom

## Saturday, August 19 Meal plan starts

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<b>Campus Tours (Optional)</b> Students and families will learn about key campus locations during these tours which are led by Transfer Student Leaders.	Student Life Center Plaza
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Brunch with Your Transfer Group (Optional)</b> Students and families are invited to enjoy brunch with Transfer Student Leaders before walking together to the 'Welcome New Commodores' address.	E. Bronson Ingram Dining Hall
1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	<b>Welcome New Commodores</b> Students and families are invited to join university leaders for an official welcome to the university community.	Student Life Center Ballroom
1:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>Experiential Learning and Immersion Vanderbilt Overview</b> Experiential Learning and Immersion Resources (EL & IV) will share opportunities for students to explore their passions outside the classroom.	Student Life Center Ballroom
2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	<b>Safety on Campus</b> Representatives from Vanderbilt University Public Safety and Housing and Residential Experience will share resources and services available to help students make informed decisions about personal safety while at Vanderbilt.	Student Life Center Ballroom
2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	<b>Refreshments available</b>	Student Life Center Lobby
2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	<b>Student Care Network</b> Student Care Coordination will provide an overview of the Student Care Network at Vanderbilt and share how and when to seek support.	Student Life Center Ballroom

3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m.	<b>Transfer Student Orientation Game Show!</b> Show how much you learned during today's sessions by competing in this fun game. Winners will receive prizes!	Student Life Center Ballroom
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>University Resources and Services Fair</b> Representatives providing student services from across Vanderbilt will answer your questions one-on-one. This is a drop-in event. Stop by at your convenience.	Pavilion in front of Langford Auditorium
5:00 p.m.	<b>Family Farewells: At this point, parents and families are encouraged to say their goodbyes, as students prepare for a students-only event.</b>	
	<b>Parents and Family Orientation (For parents and families only)</b> Parking is available in the 25th Avenue Garage. Please <u>do not</u> park in VA Hospital parking.	Langford Auditorium
5:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome and Remarks from Chancellor Daniel Diermeier</b>	This session will also be livestreamed and recorded for those who wish to watch it virtually or at an alternate time.
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	<b>Health, Safety, and Wellness: Communicating with VU and Your Student</b> Representatives from Housing and Residential Experience, Student Affairs, Student Care Coordination, the University Counseling Center, and Vanderbilt University Public Safety will explain the roles their offices play.	
6:50 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Academics, Immersion, and Professional Development: Exploring the Student Experience</b> This panel will provide information regarding the experience of current students as well as the many resources on campus to support student success at Vanderbilt.	
7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	<b>Parents and Family Orientation Reception (For parents and family members Only)</b>	Langford Auditorium Lobby
<b>ALL EVENTS BELOW THIS LINE ARE FOR STUDENTS ONLY.</b>		
6:45 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Transfer Group Meeting</b>	Transfer Student Leader will share location
7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	<b>Transfer Student Social and Group Photo</b> Join your peers in the fall 2023 transfer cohort at the home of the VandyBoys to enjoy an evening of food trucks, music, give-aways, and fun! <b>All new transfer students will take a group photo wearing special t-shirts that will be distributed when students arrive at the social.</b> Coach Corbin will share remarks at 8:15 p.m.	Hawkins Field
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>		
10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	<b>Opening Address</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>You Belong at VU: Finding Your Commodore Community</b> Learn from Vanderbilt transfer students who came before you about how to find a sense of community and purpose through student involvement, leadership development, and experiential learning.	Student Life Center Ballroom
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<b>Campus Dining and Nutrition</b> Representatives from Campus Dining will provide an overview of the meal plan, dining options, and strategies for maintaining healthy nutrition on campus.	Student Life Center Ballroom
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch with Transfer Group</b>	Rand Dining Hall
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>Now is Not the Time to Panic: Reflecting on the Campus Reading</b> This interactive session on the Campus Reading will encourage you to reflect on how its themes apply to your college experience.	Student Life Center Ballroom
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Social Justice and Identity Workshop</b> This skills-based workshop on challenging implicit bias, practicing active listening, and communicating across differences will be presented by the Student Center for Social Justice and Identity.	Student Life Center Ballroom

3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.	<b>Transfer Group Meeting</b>	Transfer Student Leader will share location
5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Founders Walk Dinner For Transfer Students</b> Join us for an elegant dinner before going to Founders Walk.	E. Bronson Ingram Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	<b>Founders Walk</b> This event formally welcomes the new students into our community. New transfer students, first-year students in Next Steps, and the Class of 2027 will be greeted by students, staff, and faculty. Please dress up for this special occasion. Business casual attire is recommended.	Meet on Library Lawn
9:30 p.m.	<b>Founders Walk Dessert Social (Optional)</b>	Commons Lawn Tent
<b>Monday, August 21</b>		
9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	<b>Immersion Vanderbilt Advising (For juniors only)</b> Junior transfer students will learn more in-depth information about the Immersion Vanderbilt degree requirement and receive tailored guidance on selecting a project.	Student Life Center Board of Trust
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Academic Integrity</b> Join Student Accountability, Community Standards, and Academic Integrity for an overview of the expectations outlined in the Honor Code and the <i>Student Handbook</i> .	Sarratt Cinema
11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<b>Introduction to Libraries</b> Learn about your college or school's library and research resources from subject librarians.	Transfer Student Leader will share location
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch with LGBTQI Life (Optional)</b> All are invited to meet new people and have some fun in this safe space. Lunch will be provided.	K.C. Potter Center
1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	<b>Class Schedule Walkthroughs</b> Transfer Student Leaders will walk you to your class locations. Make sure to bring a copy of your class schedule that lists where your classes will meet.	Meet at Student Life Center Plaza
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Community Commitments Ceremony</b> Please dress up for this special Vanderbilt tradition, wherein you will pledge to uphold Vanderbilt's standard of academic integrity.	Student Life Center Ballroom
4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.	<b>Transfer Group Meeting</b>	Transfer Student Leader will share location
6:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner with Transfer Group</b> Meet your Transfer Group for a special meal in Rand Dining Hall.	Rand Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Junior Transfer Student Game Night (For juniors only; optional)</b> Come enjoy board games, card games, live games, music, and snacks with your fellow juniors.	E. Bronson Ingram College Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, August 22</b>		
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Blair School of Music Transfer Student Orientation (For Blair majors only)</b> Follow instructions from the Blair School of Music.	Blair School
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Peabody College Transfer Student Orientation (For Peabody majors only)</b> Follow instructions from Peabody College.	Peabody - 6 Magnolia Circle Room 101
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>School of Engineering Transfer Student Orientation (For VUSE majors only)</b> Follow instructions from the School of Engineering.	Featheringill Hall 138
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<b>Arts and Science Advising Meetings (For A&amp;S majors only)</b> Follow instructions from the College of Arts and Science.	Stevenson Hall 4309

	<p><b>Meal Plan Review and Lunch</b></p> <p>A representative from Campus Dining will walk students through exactly how to select meal-plan eligible items in retail dining locations (i.e., Rand Dining Hall and Munchie Mart). Then, students are invited to use their knowledge by having lunch in the Rand Dining Hall with their Transfer Groups.</p>	Rand 2301 Dining Hall
12:00p.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Transfer Groups 1-12</b>	
1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	<b>Transfer Groups 13-24</b>	
	<p><b>True Life Presentation and Discussion</b></p> <p>This program honestly examines questions of identity, social integration, and wellness. Afterward, Transfer Groups will reflect and discuss their shared responsibility to engage in strengthening our community.</p>	Langford Auditorium
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Transfer Groups 1-12</b>	
3:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	<b>Transfer Groups 13-24</b>	
	<p><b>Sophomore RECHARGE (For sophomores only)</b></p> <p>Come get CHARGED UP for your second year of college! Join the entire Class of 2026 for a festive celebration filled with giveaways, games, and frozen treats. This is sure to get you ENERGIZED for sophomore year! Remember to bring your Commodore Card for entry.</p>	Alumni Lawn
<b>Friday, August 25</b>		
3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Student Involvement Fair (Optional)</b></p> <p>Discover opportunities to get involved by connecting with over 300 student organizations and various university programs. Co-hosted by Student Organizations, Leadership, and Service and the David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center.</p>	David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center
6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<p><b>SPOTLIGHT 2023 (Optional)</b></p> <p>This extravaganza features performances from many of the diverse performing arts groups at Vandy. Free tickets available online, at the VPAC table at the Student Involvement Fair, and at the door.</p>	Langford Auditorium
9:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	<p><b>VPB Palooza (Optional)</b></p> <p>Vanderbilt Programming Board's signature welcome event will provide a night of activities, entertainment, giveaways, and free food.</p>	Student Life Center Ballroom
<b>Saturday, August 26</b>		
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Food Truck Brunch</b></p> <p>Grab brunch from one of Nashville's most popular food trucks. Then, feel free to eat in the Sarratt Cinema. Make sure to bring your Commodore Card to receive this meal at no charge.</p>	Sarratt Circle
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<p><b>Vanderbilt University Addresses Sexual Violence</b></p> <p>Representatives from Project Safe will share Vanderbilt's resources designed to prevent and address sexual violence, including stalking, dating violence, sexual harassment, and assault, and how you can get involved to help.</p>	Sarratt Cinema
12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	<p><b>Community of Care: Alcohol Awareness and Community Responsibility</b></p> <p>In this interactive presentation, representatives from the Student Care Network will discuss how we connect with one another as a community of care, debunk myths about alcohol and other drug use on Vanderbilt's campus, discuss the importance of utilizing campus resources, and provide nonjudgmental, science-based education on healthy habits. Students from Vanderbilt Recovery Support and peer guides will also share their personal experiences.</p>	Sarratt Cinema
1:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>Orientation Closing Address</b>	Sarratt Cinema

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2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Orientation Closing Reception (Optional)**

Celebrate the end of orientation while enjoying refreshments, a caricature artist, and beautiful art. Join local artist Amy Kuttab for a guided session of comics making, storytelling, and community building. Amy's sessions allow artists of all levels to produce comics panels. Students cartoon in the round, drawing one panel then passing the panel to the next person. Each multi-panel cartoon is the work of many makers and each panel prompts a response from the next artist. We'll all read the final cartoons and share favorites. Amy will explain the process and get us started and provide help. No drawing or cartooning experience required; all supplies provided. Refreshments will also be provided. This event is co-sponsored by the Vanderbilt University Libraries.

Vanderbilt Art Gallery  
Cohen Hall

**Sunday, August 27**

5:00 p.m.

**Commodore Kickoff and Soccer v. Belmont University (Optional)**

You've been welcomed to Vanderbilt as a new student, now Vanderbilt Athletics welcomes you as a new Vandy fan!

David Williams II Recreation and  
Wellness Center Fieldhouse