

SPRING 2026 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

New Student Orientation 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 new students. **All events are for students only, unless otherwise noted.**

Any changes to the event schedule will be shared at vu.edu/orientationupdates and via Instagram @ResColleges. You are strongly encouraged to visit the website frequently for updates. For questions about the schedule, contact commons@vanderbilt.edu.



Check out the welcome website for more information at vanderbilt.edu/welcome.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4: Preparing to be a Student at Vanderbilt		
8:30 a.m.-8:50 a.m.	Breakfast Available Arrive early to pickup breakfast and meet other new students.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
8:50 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Orientation Welcome (Mandatory) Residential Colleges will open the day with welcome remarks and introductions.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Community Commitments (Mandatory) Join Student Accountability, Community Standards, and Academic Integrity to review the expectations of the Honor Code, <i>the Student Handbook</i> , and the Community Creed.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Campus Resources for Preventing and Responding to Sexual Misconduct (Mandatory) Join the Project Safe Center and Title IX to learn more about Vanderbilt's resources designed to prevent and address sexual violence and how you can get involved to help.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Tools for Success (Mandatory) Residential Colleges staff will provide information on how to navigate the key resources to help students succeed academically at Vanderbilt.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
CONCURRENT SESSIONS & LUNCH		
EXCHANGE STUDENTS		
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	The Vanderbilt Experience (Mandatory) International Orientation Leaders will share information about the Vanderbilt experience and what students can expect from life on campus.	Moore College A117 Seminar Room
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS		
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Introduction to the First-Year Experience & Academic Resources (Mandatory) Dean Melissa Gresalfi provides an overview of the opportunities available to students to connect with faculty and other students to develop habits of academic inquiry and bolster community. At this time students will also be updated on their house affiliations and information on how to get involved with the house throughout the semester.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room

TRANSFER STUDENTS

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Immersion Vanderbilt Overview (Mandatory) The Office of Immersion Vanderbilt will present information on this unique opportunity to explore their passions outside the classroom through the Immersion Vanderbilt degree requirement.	Kissam Center, Room 216
RETURN TO KISSAM CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM BY 12:30 P.M.		
12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Connecting with Orientation Leaders (Mandatory) A panel of upper-division student leaders will offer new students their insights on what to expect in the first semester at Vanderbilt and answer questions from the group.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Vanderbilt Resources Overview (Mandatory) All students will participate an interactive game to showcase campus resources.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Community of Care: Alcohol Awareness and Community Responsibility Training (Mandatory) In this interactive presentation, representatives from the Student Care Network will discuss how to 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 non-judgmental, science-based education on healthy habits.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Living on Campus (Mandatory) Housing & Residential Experience discuss rules and regulations for living in university housing.	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Closing Address (Mandatory)	Kissam Center, Multipurpose Room
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Campus Tour (Optional) Students who wish to visit their class locations for Monday can join orientation leaders for a tailored tour.	Various Locations