

Interesting in transferring to HOD or adding HOD as a 2nd major? Here are the FAQs!

I am a current Peabody student and I want to change my major to HOD or add HOD as a second major. How do I do that?

If you would like to add HOD as a second major, you can do that at any time by:

- downloading and filling in the [Major Declaration form](#)
- send it to vicki.scalf@vanderbilt.edu to be assigned a HOD advisor
- once you receive the completed form back, send it to the Peabody Office of Academic Services, peabodyacademicservices@vanderbilt.edu

If you are a Peabody student and would like to **change** from your current Peabody first major to HOD as your first major:

- **First year students:** you may complete the [Major Declaration form](#) in **March** of your first year or later. You may not change any earlier than this.
- **External transfers to Vanderbilt:** you may complete the Major Declaration form in **October** of your first semester or later. You may not change any earlier than this.

I am currently in the College of Arts & Science, Blair School of Music or the School of Engineering and I want to transfer to Peabody and the HOD major. How do I do that?

The process to transfer to HOD is very simple. You can apply to transfer by following the instructions on the Intra-University Transfer (IUT) [webpage](#). A user guide with detailed instructions is available [here](#). Applications are processed **after** the grades are posted each semester (fall, spring *and* summer). Once admitted to Peabody, you will be assigned a HOD faculty advisor. As long as you meet the minimum criteria to be considered for transfer you will be approved.

I have or am planning to submit my Intra-University Transfer application, but I know it will not be reviewed until after the grades are posted for the current semester. Can you enroll me in the HOD classes I need during registration since I will be a HOD major soon?

We are excited to have you join us! HOD has many students who plan to transfer to the major each semester. As a result, we cannot enroll some students in HOD courses without making that option available to everyone who wants to take a HOD course.

HOD 1250 and HOD 1300 will have some seats available to students who do not have HOD listed as a declared major. However, HOD 2100, 2400, 2500 and 2700 have all seats initially reserved for HOD majors. If you cannot enroll in the HOD classes you want to take, put your name on any open waitlists. The waitlists continue to run even after YES closes, so **if there are seats available when HOD becomes your major**, you will automatically be enrolled in the class.

Registration Hints:

- If you put your name on a waitlist for a class that is already full, you may have a difficult time getting enrolled in the class.

- Be sure to utilize the [drop-if-enrolled function](#) if necessary!

Why should I declare HOD as a 2nd major if I am planning to transfer?

Since most HOD courses give priority to students who have HOD declared as a major (1st or 2nd majors), it is beneficial to declare HOD as a 2nd major before registration for the next semester begins. This is true even if you are planning to transfer to Peabody College to make HOD your first major in the future.

Please check with your home college to see if you can declare HOD as a 2nd major at this time. **Once you are eligible to declare HOD as a 2nd major**, simply fill out the [Major Declaration form](#) and email it to vicki.scalf@vanderbilt.edu to be assigned a HOD major advisor. Once you receive the form back, submit it to your home college for processing. Below are the links to the websites with information for declaring a 2nd major if your primary college is the College of Arts & Science, the Blair School of Music or the School of Engineering. **Some first-year students may not be eligible to declare HOD as a second major at this time. Please consult with your home college.**

College of Arts & Science: <https://as.vanderbilt.edu/academics/declaring-major.php>

Blair School of Music: <https://blair.vanderbilt.edu/faqs/>

School of Engineering: <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/academic-services/AcademicAdvising/Forms.php>

Students in the College of Arts and Science should check the [Academic Calendar](#) or consult with the College to determine when the moratorium on new major declarations takes place.

Since I am not a HOD major yet, how do I know what courses to take?

To determine which requirements you have satisfied and which ones you still need to meet, you can use the “what-if” degree audit in YES with HOD as your first or second major. The new “what-if” degree audit for the Domain structure is also available by choosing the HOD degree with (new) beside it. If you have not fulfilled certain requirements, you can view the “possible courses” tab to find courses that will meet those requirements.

Example:

Statistics ✖ Not Satisfied

Description: Statistics (3 hours)
Units: 3 required, 0 taken, 3 needed
Courses: 1 required, 0 taken, 1 needed

Satisfying Courses
Possible Courses

Course	Title	Units	Typically Offered
ECON 1500	Economic Statistics	3.0	Fall and Spring
MATH 2810	Probability and Statistics for Engineering	3.0	Spring
MATH 2820	Introduction to Probability and Mathematical Statistics	3.0	Fall, Spring, Summer
PSY 2100	Quantitative Methods	3.0	Fall and Spring
PSY-PC 2110	Introduction to Statistical Analysis	3.0	Fall and Spring

It is recommended that students take at least two HOD courses and supplement their schedule with courses that fulfill the HOD Liberal Education Core or a second major/minor. Although HOD 1250 and/or 1300 are common starting courses, the courses in the HOD Core do not have prerequisites.

If you would like to discuss the HOD major, please email hodadvising@vanderbilt.edu.