



VANDERBILT
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Pre-Arrival Information



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Time Zones

Nashville, Tennessee goes by the Central Standard Time (CST). Please note that New York and Washington, D.C. are in Eastern Standard Time (EST), one hour ahead of Nashville time.

Arrival Information

You will arrive at Nashville International Airport (BNA). There are several ways to travel from the Nashville International Airport to your destination. Below is a list of some of the most common options. All transportation options listed depart from the Ground Transportation Center on Level 1 of Terminal Garage 2. To get to the center, exit the main terminal on Level 1 of the airport. Turn right and follow the signs that say: "Ground Transportation."

Ride Share Apps
(Uber, Lyft)

Public Bus system
is WeGO

Shuttles
Services

Taxis

As a medium-size city, Nashville does not have the same highly developed mass transit system available in many of our larger cities. Nashville has WeGo, the public transit system.

Documentation if coming from outside of the US

- U.S. Visa, Passport, and any documents that prove the purpose of your visit (ex. Invitation letters, etc.)

Money

- Most places accept cash, but you will need an international credit or debit card to use in most apps like Uber, Lyft and for booking into your hotel. Many establishments also require card payments only.

Health Information

- Please check with your insurance provider or employer to know more about travel insurance and coverage. Vanderbilt University will not be responsible for health insurance.

Weather

In the United States, we measure temperature in Fahrenheit. When looking into the climate in Nashville, please adjust for this discrepancy.



Summer

The weather in Nashville during the summer (June to September) is **very hot and humid**. When you arrive, please note the temperatures will be 90 to 100F (32 to 37C) with very high levels of humidity. Most indoor public spaces have air conditioning and it is kept at about 70 – 75F; we have found that layering thin or cotton clothing can help you adjust to the differentials in temperature each day.

Fall – GEDF timing

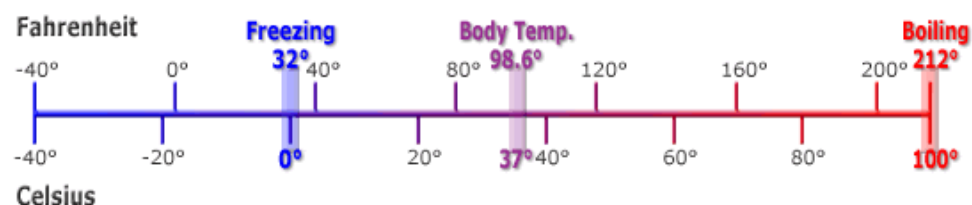
During early fall (September to December), daily high temperatures will be cooler. Fall is a celebrated time throughout Tennessee. Visitors come from all over to see the annual changing of the leaves in mid-October. Temperatures range from 30 to 85F (0 to 30C) in the Fall. Most Fellows usually dress in layers with a warm coat. Rain boots and an umbrella are frequently required as well! During the Fall, many Fellows and Nashvillians have allergies because of the changing of the leaves.

Winter

In the winter (December to March), temperatures are cold. Small amounts of snowfall occur in Tennessee. On average, Nashville gets 7-10 days of snow each year, amounting to 9.1 inches. When it does snow, it usually melts away within a day or two. The temperatures range from 0 to 40F (-17 to 4C) in the winter, with many of the days below 32F (0C), so Fellows usually dress in layers with a very warm coat, hat, gloves, and warm shoes/boots.

Spring

The weather during the spring months (March to June) varies greatly. However, this is a beautiful time to be in Nashville with the flowers and trees blooming. Nashville can be very cold but also very warm. Temperatures range from 30 to 85F (0 to 30C). Additionally, we frequently get a lot of rain! Again, during the spring, many Fellows and Nashvillians have allergies because of the change of the pollen.



[Nashville Weather Underground](#)

Clothing & Attire

For the Global Education Deans Forum (GEDF), we recommend business casual dress to ensure a comfortable and professional atmosphere.

Dress Suggestions:

- For Men: Collared shirts, dress slacks, and closed-toe shoes are appropriate. Blazers or sport coats are optional.
- For Women: Blouses or dress shirts paired with slacks or skirts are suitable. Dresses are also a good option.

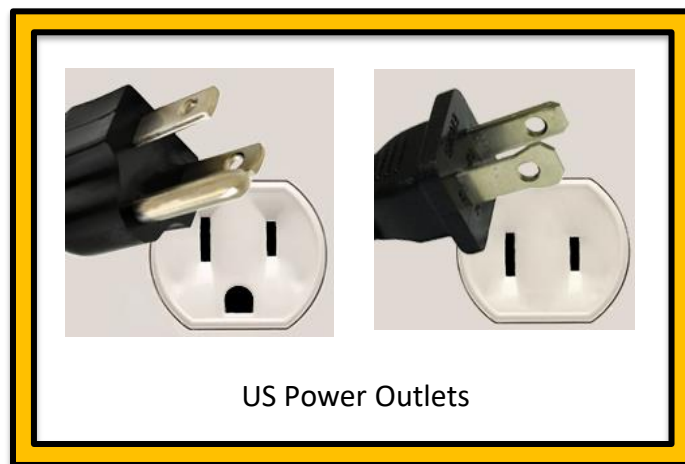
General Tips:

- Comfort: Since there will be various sessions and discussions, choose attire that allows for ease of movement and comfort throughout the day. Comfortable walking shoes will be important.
- Layers: Consider bringing a light jacket or sweater, as rooms and buildings can vary in temperature.
- Rain layers: During October that is a chance of rain so a rain coat or umbrella is helpful to have.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their business casual attire, fostering a professional yet relaxed environment for our discussions and networking.

Technology

To charge any electronics you bring from home, please note that you may need to bring a plug adaptor for US power outlets. Electrical adaptors are not commonly found in Nashville stores and typically need to be ordered online. For this reason, we recommend you bring these adaptors from home so you're not waiting on a delivery after your arrival. Please also check voltage compatibility to make sure your electronics will not be damaged.



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Vanderbilt University

Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt had a vision of a place that would “contribute to strengthening the ties that should exist between all sections of our common country” when he gave one million dollars to create a university in 1873. Today, that vision has been realized in Vanderbilt, an internationally recognized research university in Nashville, Tennessee with strong partnerships with neighboring institutions and the community.



The university is comprised of 10 college and schools with students from all 50 states and over 110 countries. The colleges include the:

1. College of Arts and Science
2. Blair School of Music
3. Divinity School
4. School of Engineering
5. Graduate School
6. Law School
7. School of Medicine
8. School of Nursing
9. Owen Graduate School of Management
10. Peabody College of Education and Human Development

The combination of cutting-edge research, a liberal arts curriculum, and a distinguished medical center creates an invigorating atmosphere where students tailor their education to meet their goals and researchers collaborate to solve complex problems affecting our health, culture, and society. The faculty are leaders in their fields.

Vanderbilt provides a gateway to greatness, drawing the best and brightest students from across the nation and around the world. Vanderbilt alumni can be found in Congress, on the judicial bench, heading corporations, conducting innovative medical research, writing for and appearing on the stage

and screen, and playing in the National Football League.

For more information about Vanderbilt, see its website at www.vanderbilt.edu

- [Vanderbilt Academic Calendar](#)
- [Vanderbilt International Student & Scholar Services](#), on-campus support for the international community
- [Vanderbilt Student Recreation Center Website](#)

Vanderbilt's Peabody College of Education and Human Development

Peabody College of Education and Human Development was founded in 1875 when the University of Nashville, located in Nashville, Tennessee, split into two separate educational institutions. The preparatory school, University School of Nashville, separated from the college, which was originally called Peabody Normal School, but soon became known as the George Peabody College for Teachers. Peabody merged with Vanderbilt University in 1979. Since 2005, the U.S. News & World Report rankings have continually ranked Peabody as a top graduate school of education in the nation.



At Peabody, faculty and students build close relationships, whether they are undergraduates, doctoral candidates, or returning professionals. The curriculum is based on studying real-world problems and developing solutions. As a result, whether in schools, policy-making settings, social-service agencies, or Fortune 500 companies, graduates are pragmatic and change-oriented. Every day, Peabody graduates change the lives of untold thousands for the better.

[Peabody's five academic departments](#) are home to a world-class faculty of scholars with expertise across the social sciences and a focus on human flourishing.

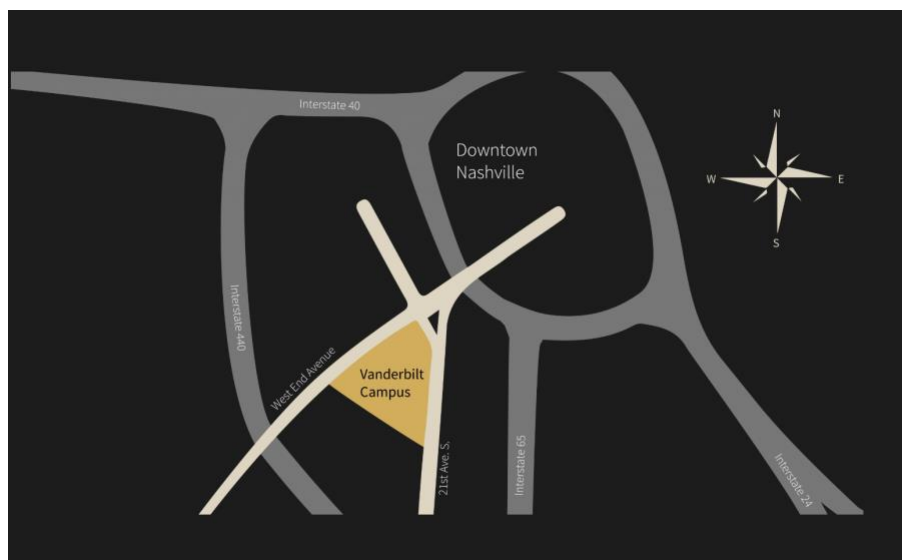
1. Human and Organizational Development - The Department of Human and Organizational Development (HOD) offers interdisciplinary programs that share a focus on communities, organizations and the people within them. HOD offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.
2. Leadership, Policy and Organizations - The Department of Leadership, Policy and Organizations (LPO) is among an elite few academic departments in the nation offering opportunities to study with internationally renowned faculty in K-12 and higher education administration, educational leadership and policy, and organizational leadership. LPO offers bachelor's, master's, Ed.D., and Ph.D. degrees.

3. Psychology and Human Development - Scholars in the Department of Psychology and Human Development (Psych&HD) work together to increase understanding of basic psychological functioning and cognitive processes in children and family members, school and other social contexts that influence development. The department offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.
4. Special Education - The Department of Special Education (SPED) has long been a pioneer in both research and practice. A leader in equipping special educators to deliver high-quality educational experiences for students with disabilities, SPED ranks first in scholarly production. The department offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.
5. Teaching and Learning - The Department of Teaching and Learning (DTL) offers degree programs at the graduate, professional, and undergraduate levels whose alumni positively affect the lives of learners of all ages. The department offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Working across a breadth of disciplines, Peabody's faculty successfully addresses pressing social problems in local, national, and international contexts. [Click here for is a list of Peabody's Research Centers and Initiatives.](#)

Peabody's Mission in Education and Human Development is to create knowledge through research, train the next generation of leaders, support current practitioners and engage with the community.

For more information about Peabody, visit peabody.vanderbilt.edu



ALL ABOUT NASHVILLE

All About Nashville

Nashville, Tennessee

Vanderbilt is in Nashville, Tennessee. Nashville is a vibrant, progressive, and modern city that is also known as “Music City, USA” or “the Athens of the South,” thanks in part to its historically strong music and education sectors. However, for those coming to Nashville for the first time, it is important to know that Nashville has much more to offer.

Nashville has been named one of Fortune magazine's Best Places to Live and has been named the United States' Friendliest City for several consecutive years. With a metropolitan population of over 2 million, numerous cultural and civic events, many parks and recreation areas, a variety of resources are available to assist in the transition to life in Nashville.

- [Official Nashville Visitor and Tourism Website](#)
- [Now Playing Nashville](#), cultural activities around town
- [Nashville Scene](#), news, dining, special events, music, and more around Nashville
- [Nashville Maps](#), maps for different parts of the city
- [Official Website for the Tennessee Titans](#), Tennessee's professional football team
- [Official Site for the Nashville Predators](#), the city's National Hockey League team
- [Official Site for the Nashville Sounds](#), the city's Minor League Baseball team
- [Official Site for Nashville SC](#), the city's Major League Soccer team



A few suggested activities around Nashville*

Check out [Nashville Gure](#) for special events happening this week in Nashville.

Museums	Parks & Nature Centers	Music	Other Universities & Colleges
Frist Art Museum	Centennial Park	Ryman Auditorium	Belmont University
National Museum of African American Music	Percy Warner Park	Blue Bird Café	Fisk University
Country Music Hall of Fame & Hatch show prints	Radnor Lake	Music at Arrington Vineyards	Lipscomb University
Belmont Mansion	Shelby Park	Musicians Corner at Centennial Park	Nashville State Community College
Belle Meade Mansion	Dragon Park	Nashville Symphony Schermerhorn Symphony Center	Tennessee State University
Nashville Parthenon	Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park	Tennessee Center for the Performing Arts (TPAC)	+ at least 16 others
Cheekwood Estate and Garden	Cumberland Park	And all the Honky Tonks on Broadway...	

*all hyper linked



“Iconic” food to try in Nashville:

1. Biscuits
2. Hot Chicken
3. Meat and Three
4. Goo Goo Clusters
5. Fruit Tea (cold)
6. Sweet Tea (cold)
7. Fried Catfish
8. Southern Barbecue
9. Fried Pickles
10. Mac and Cheese
11. Banana Pudding
12. Chicken and Waffles
13. Moon Pie
14. [And all the best coffee shops...](#)

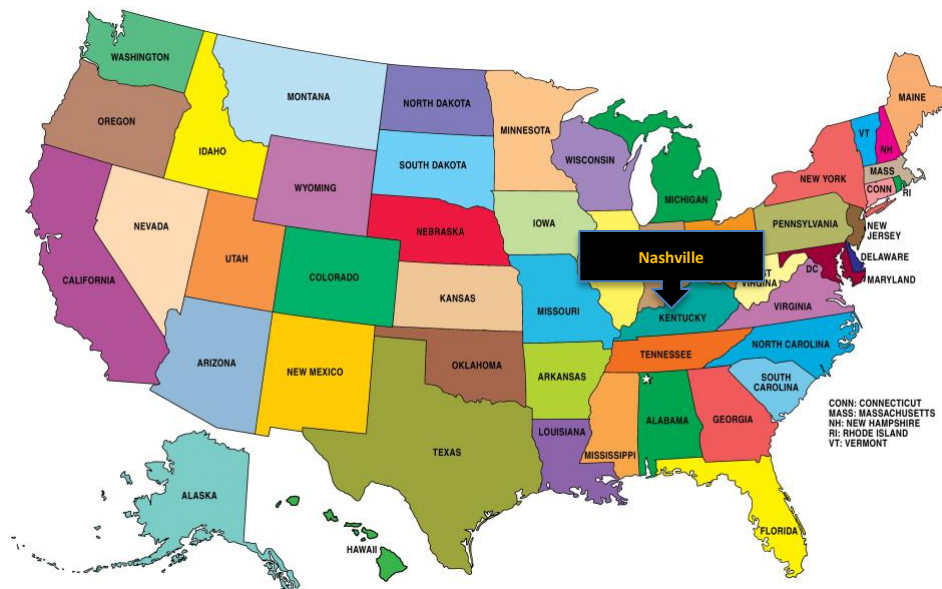
Recommended Halal restaurants:

Close to campus:

- [Inchin’s Bamboo Garden](#)
- [Thai Satay](#) (ask for the halal supplement)
- [Uzbekim Halal Restaurant](#)
- [Nawabi Hyderabad House - Biryani Place Nashville](#)
- [Only chicken](#)

A car ride away:

- [Edessa Restaurant Turkish and Kurdish Cuisine](#)
- [Jerusalem Reebur Restaurant](#)
- [615 Chutney](#)
- [House of Kabob](#)
- [Baam Burger](#)
- [Smokin Chicken](#) (American)



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