

VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL RESOURCE GUIDE

**A Handbook for Vanderbilt University
and
Nashville**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Vanderbilt Divinity School and Nashville!

This guide contains information to help you adjust to your new life as a student and resident of Nashville. Our goal is to make your transition smoother, so we've included information on leisure opportunities awaiting you on campus and throughout the city. Although we couldn't include everything, we are providing you with what we think is a useful reference guide to Vanderbilt University and Nashville.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND INSURANCE

The Student Health Center is located in the Zerfoss building behind Medical Center, North, adjacent to the round wing. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 – 4:30, and Saturday, 8:30 – 12:00 (during fall and spring semesters only). The number for Student Health is 615-322-2427.

Basic medical care and routine lab work are provided at no cost. Commonly used medications are very inexpensive. Routine or annual examinations are provided on a fee for service basis. When the Center is closed, you can go to the Vanderbilt emergency Room, but you will be charged. You must bring your Vanderbilt ID, insurance card and Vanderbilt clinic Card, if you have one.

Clinics for eye and dental care on the VU and Meharry Medical School campuses are VU Ophthalmology Outpatient Services, 615-322-3466; VU Dentistry Outpatient services, 615-322-2193; and Meharry Dental Clinic, 615-327-6669.

STUDENT SERVICES

Vanderbilt Psychological and Counseling Center is located at 2015 Terrace Place, 615-322-2571. The Psychological and Counseling Center provides individual counseling for personal, social, academic, and emotional problems; couples counseling; career assessment and counseling. Group programs are offered for issues such as personal growth, self-improvement, awareness, and support as well as assertiveness training, relaxation techniques, stress management, and communication skills. The Center also provides counseling for eating disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, grief, and sexual abuse.

Other services include a Reading and Study Skills program that addresses study related concerns. Classes and individual assistance are provided for reading skills, test taking, study and paper-writing techniques, and time-management. A Career Counseling program is also available to assist students with educational and vocational decisions. Career counselors are able to provide vocational interest and career related personality-testing interpretation.

The Center is also a site for application materials and administration at the University for over 40 national standardized tests such as the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and LSAT. Standardized language exams and other testing requirements for University programs are also administered by the center. All services and testing results are confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The Divinity School Writing Tutor has an office within the Divinity School, and can be reached by calling 615-343-5749. The Divinity School employs an advanced doctoral student with prior experience in writing instruction. The Writing Tutor is available for individual consultation by appointment.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

The Office of Religious Life exists to serve the religious needs of Vanderbilt students. This office is located in the Tarpley Building at 2417 West End Avenue and can be reached by calling 615-322-2457. The following people share its offices:

Mark Forrester, University United Methodist Chaplain
Ari Dubin, Director of Jewish Affairs
Becca Stevens, University Episcopal Chaplain
John Sims Baker, University Catholic Chaplain
Thom Thornton, University Baptist Chaplain
Rabbi Shlomo Rothstein, University Chabad Chaplain
Jennifer Fouse, University Presbyterian Chaplain
Rev. William Croft, Director of Reformed Union Fellowship

Over twenty different religious organizations exist on the Vanderbilt University Campus, including: Black Seminarians; Campus Crusade for Christ; Christian Legal Society; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Graduate Christian Fellowship; Muslim Students Association; The Navigators; Orthodox Christian Fellowship; Vanderbilt Baha'i Student Association; Vanderbilt Hillel.

WORSHIP

The Divinity School holds a worship service every Wednesday morning at 10:10 AM in All-Faith Chapel.

We are not, however, a congregation. The Divinity School's primary function is educational, so you should affiliate with a local congregation as your home for worship and service. The following page lists congregations where faculty, staff and former students have worshipped or worked in Field Education. This list is by no means exhaustive!

Bethel AME Church, 1300 South Street, 615-256-1509
Lee Chapel AME Church, 1732 Scovel Street, 615-320-0260
Payne Chapel AME Church, 212 Neill Avenue, 615-262-3675
St. John AME Church, 1822 Formosa, 615-320-1026
15th Avenue Baptist Church, 1203 9th Avenue North, 615-256-3426
Bass Street Baptist Church, 2005 12th Avenue, South, 615-298-4622
First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, 625 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard, 615-255-8757
First Baptist Church, 7th and Broadway, 615-664-6000
Jefferson Street Baptist Church, 2708 Jefferson Street, 615-329-2990
Korean Baptist Church of Nashville, 240 Tusculum Road, 615-781-4949
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 7594 Old Hickory Boulevard, 615-254-7296
Temple Baptist Church, 3810 Kings Lane, 615-876-4084
Glendale Baptist Church, 1021 Glendale Lane, 615-269-0926
Immanuel Baptist Church, 222 Belle Meade Boulevard, 615-297-5356
Woodmont Baptist Church, 2100 Woodmont Boulevard, 615-297-5303
Cathedral of the Incarnation (Catholic), 2015 West End Avenue, 615-327-2330
Christ the King Church (Catholic), 3001 Belmont Boulevard, 615-292-2884
St. Henry's Church (Catholic), 6401 Harding Pike, 615-352-2259
Bellevue Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), 7201 Old Harding Road, 615-646-4894
Eastwood Christian Church (DOC), 1601 Eastland Avenue, 615-227-2285
New Covenant Christian Church (DOC), 2201 Osage Street, 615-320-1590
Vine St. Christian Church (DOC), 4101 Harding Pike, 615-269-5614
Woodmont Christian Church (DOC), 3601 Hillsboro Pike, 615-297-8563
West Nashville Church of God of Prophecy, 1105 51st Avenue No., 615-383-4207
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, General Information, 615-331-2755
Ray of Hope Community Church, 901 Meridian Street, 615-227-4110
Brookemeade Congregational Church, UCC, 700 Bresslyn Rd., 615-352-4702
Christ Episcopal Church, 900 Broadway, 615-255-7729
St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 419 Woodland, 615-254-3534
St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel, 200 24th Avenue, South, 615-322-4783
St. David's Episcopal Church, 6501 Pennywell Drive, 615-352-0293
St. George's Episcopal Church, 4715 Harding Pike, 615-385-2150
First Lutheran Church-ELCA, 113 8th Avenue, South, 615-256-7580
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-ELCA, 525 Sneed Road, 615-673-6289
St. Paul's Lutheran Church-ELCA, 1628 Rosa L Parks Boulevard, 615-242-3156
Dalewood Methodist Church, 2300 Ridgecrest Drive, 615- 226-6316
Capers Memorial CME Church, 319 15th Avenue, North, 615-329-2082
Blakemore Church of Nazarene, 2800 Belcourt Avenue, 297-5722
First Church of the Nazarene, 510 Woodland Street, 615-255-1289
Downtown Presbyterian Church-PCUSA, 154 5th Avenue, North, 615-254-7584
Glen Leven Presbyterian Church-PCUSA, 3906 Franklin Pike, 615-298-5549
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church-PCUSA, 949 TS Jackson Avenue, North, 615-320-7696
Second Presbyterian Church-PCUSA, 3511 Belmont Boulevard, 615-292-3343
Trinity Presbyterian Church-PCUSA, 3201 Hillsboro Pike, 615-297-6513
Westminster Presbyterian Church-PCUSA, 3900 West End Avenue, 615-292-5526

First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Woodmont Boulevard, 615-383-5760
Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist Church, 374 Hicks Road, 615-673-7699
First United Church, UCC, 3410 Granny White Pike, 615-297-8196
Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Avenue, 615-383-0886
Blakemore United Methodist Church, 3601 West End Avenue, 615-297-6519
Calvary United Methodist Church, 3701 Hillsboro Pike, 615-297-7562
Edgehill United Methodist Church, 1502 Edgehill Avenue, 615-254-7628
Forest Hills United Methodist Church, 1250 Old Hickory Boulevard, 615-373-3131
Glendale United Methodist Church, 900 Glendale Lane, 615-297-6233
Nancy Webb Kelly United Methodist Church, 511 South 8th Street, 615-262-0912
St. John United Methodist Church, 6300 Charlotte Pike, 615-356-1840
Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church, 1116 1st Avenue, South, 615-254-7544
West End United Methodist Church, 2200 West End Avenue, 615-321-8500
al-Mahdi Islamic Center, 404 Wingrove Avenue, 615-256-2434
al-Farooq Mosque, 1421 4th Avenue South, 615-313-8844
Congregation Micah, 2001 Old Hickory Boulevard, 615-377-9799
The Temple, (Reformed), 5105 Harding Road, 615-352-7620
West End Synagogue, (Conservative), 3814 West End Avenue, 615-269-4592

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Vanderbilt's Office of Active Citizenship and Service (OACS) is home to over thirty student service groups and a professional staff engaged in solutions to local, national, and international problems through direct, hands-on volunteer service.

OACS is located in the Community Partnership House at 401 24th Avenue South, between Branscomb Quadrangle and McTyeire International House. Hours of operation are from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Mark Dalhouse, OACS Director, may be contacted at 615-322-3127 or log onto <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs/>.

Other opportunities:

Amnesty International – 615-787-7149

(www.amnesty.org)

Buddies of Nashville, under Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Nashville– 615-329-9191

(<http://www.bbbsmt.org>)

Campus for Human Development, 615-251-9791

(<http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/socialjustice/housing.htm>)

Dismas House – 615-297-9287

(<http://www.dismas.org/>)

Habitat for Humanity 615-254-4663

(www.habitatnashville.org/)

Nashville CARES 615-259-4866

(www.nashvillecares.org)

Nashville Peace and Justice Center 615-321-9066

(www.nashvillepeacejustice.org)
MANNA, Inc. 615-329-0222
(<http://www.mannanashville.org>)
Rape and Sexual Abuse Center 615-259-9055
(<http://www.rasac.org>)
Recycle! Nashville 615-320-7959
(www.recyclenashville.org)
Room in the Inn 615-254-7666
(www.roomintheinn.org)
Second Harvest Food Bank 615-329-3491
(www.secondharvestnashville.org)
Tying Nashville Together (TNT) 615-327-2625
(<http://www.tyingnashvillettogether.org>)
Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, 615-322-8505
(www.vanderbilt.edu/VIPPS/)

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Since 1978, the Margaret Cunnigim Women's Center has served as a forum for women's issues and an advocate for sexual equality at Vanderbilt. Located in the Franklin Building on West Side Row, the Women's Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00. Students may use the Women's Center library, browse through journals or just relax. Monthly book discussion group and other noontime functions occur 2-3 times a semester. The Center is also the co-sponsor of events throughout the year. Telephone: 615-322-4843. Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter>.

BISHOP JOHNSON BLACK CULTURAL CENTER

The Black Cultural Center operates as a source of education resources, special events and advocacy for persons of African decent. BJJBC offers lecture series, Black History Month activities, Knowledge at Noon, First and Third Fridays, and the Black Graduates' Recognition Ceremony. "The house", as it is affectionately called, is newly renovated and located at 288 Benson Avenue (in the lane to the left of Rand Terrace). Telephone: 615-322-2524. Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/bcc/>

BEN SCHULMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

The Ben Schulman Center serves as a focus for Jewish life at Vanderbilt. It provides an opportunity to introduce aspects of Jewish culture and religion to other members of the campus community. Located at the corner of Vanderbilt Place and 25th Avenue South, it includes a sanctuary/multi-purpose room for lectures, films, chamber concerts, seminars and poetry reading; a dining area that can open to the sanctuary for special religious holiday services or other special events; two seminar rooms and an open lobby/gallery that provides exhibition or meeting space; a student lounge and recreation room; library/reading room; a

courtyard and café for light meals and desserts; and an institutional kosher kitchen.
Telephone: 615-322-8376. Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/hillel/>

POLICE AND SECURITY

The Vanderbilt University Police Department can be reached at 615-322-2745. (Please call 911 for emergencies - or 1-1911 on campus). Blue emergency phones are strategically located throughout campus & an escort service is available to students at night for a ride or walk to your vehicle. Call 421-8888 or 1-8888 when on campus. Campus wide security is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Police Department is located at 2800 Vanderbilt Place (near the Stadium).

TRAFFIC & PARKING

All vehicles parked on campus must be registered with the Office of Traffic and Parking. The general parking permit costs \$216 a year, and can be obtained at the Wesley Place Parking Garage, 2043 Scarritt Place. Have your vehicle registration and student ID available when you register. Call 615-322-2554 for information regarding assigned parking areas. Website: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking

VANDERBILT LIBRARIES

Since you will probably be spending much of your waking life for the next few years in one or more of these information centers, we recommend the various library orientation sessions offered early in the semester. Keep in mind that the hours of operation will change during the year, especially during holidays and the ends of semesters and that each library maintains its own schedule.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Location and Phone</u>
Arts	8 th floor of the Central Library, 615-322-2800
Central	Immediately south of the Divinity School Chapel on 21 st Avenue, 615-322-2800
Divinity	The first Two floors of the Central Library, 615-322-2865
Education	On the main lawn of Peabody campus, east of 21 st Avenue, 615-322-8098
Law	Inside the School of Law, Division Street and 21 st Avenue, 615-322-2568
Management	Inside the Owen Graduate School of Management, 21 st Avenue, 615-343-3340
Medical	Inside the Medical Center Complex next to Light Hall and Medical Center North, 615-936-1404
Music	Inside the Blair School of Music, corner of Blakemore Avenue and 25 th Avenue, 615-322-7695

Science Ground floor of the Stevenson Center, below the Molecular
Biology building, 615-322-2775

All holdings of the library are pooled in an electronic catalog (ACORN) that can be accessed through library terminals or your home computer. The library participates in Project Athena, a consortium of Nashville area libraries, allowing for catalog access and quick delivery of materials in a number of other institutions. The library also belongs to the OCLC system, a nationwide cooperative network, which allows material not in our libraries to be acquired from other libraries, generally at no cost.

The library subscribes to a number of electronic databases and many journal articles are available on line. Bibliographers in the Divinity Library provide web resources by subject area (Homelitics, Hebrew Bible, etc.) and it is well worth investigating the Subject Resource link on the Divinity Library home page. Of course, some indexed information is still on microfiche and film as well as in conventional paper form. As a whole, the research/resource librarians are very helpful; get to know them!

Photocopying is often necessary, but time-consuming, especially later in the semester when copiers are heavily used. Methods of payments vary among libraries. While some take change, other only use a special encoded card (Venda-Card). In some cases (the medical library being one of them) copies may be charged to your department, with permission, or purchased with coupons issued through a professor.

Fax service is also available at some of the libraries, usually during regular business hours.

Check-out periods vary from 2 weeks (leisure reading) to 3 months (graduate students). With the ACORN system you can see a listing of your currently checked-out books and renew them from your home computer. Website: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu>

COMPUTER FACILITIES/ACCESS

Computer classrooms are available for student use during their posted hours of operation (as long as formal classes are not in session). Locations are as follows:

Garland Hall - Room 119D

Stevenson Center - Room 2200

Wilson Hall - Room 120

Branscomb - Room 1010

ACIS provides a Help Desk for general computing questions, a Research Support Desk and the campus network with email services. For more extensive information, go to <http://its.vanderbilt.edu/helpdesk/> or call 343-9999.

BOOKSTORE

The Vanderbilt University Bookstore, located on the corner of West End Avenue and 25th Avenue, offers textbooks, books for leisure reading, magazines, software, clothing and gifts. Its hours of operation are 8AM – 6PM, Monday – Thursday; 8AM – 5PM, Friday; 10AM – 4PM, Saturday; 12PM – 5PM, Sunday. Bookstore hours vary when classes are not in session. For more information call 615-322-2994 or visit <http://www.bookstore.vanderbilt.edu>

SARRATT STUDENT CENTER

The Madison Sarratt Student Center offers a wide variety of activities for students, faculty, and staff. Programs include exhibits in the Sarratt Gallery; nightly films in Sarratt Cinema; art studios; a dark room; the Overcup Oak restaurant, coffeehouse and pub; and conference and meeting rooms available by reservation.

The building is accessible 24/7 for students through VUcard access. Otherwise, the Welcome Desk is open from 8 a.m. - midnight each day and administrative offices are open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. (During semester breaks and holidays, the building hours are 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sarratt is closed on weekends during holidays.)

The main desk serves as a box office for most of the University's student and cultural events and is a TICKETMASTER outlet (10 AM – 8PM, Monday –Friday). Tickets to most events sponsored by Sarratt and the events in Langford are significantly discounted for undergraduate and graduate students. (\$3 and \$5 for most tickets makes a social life almost feasible.) Call 615-322-2525 for a 24-hour message about upcoming events.

ART. The Fine Arts Gallery in the historic Old Gym on West End Avenue 615-322-0605 presents eight exhibits each year, and houses the Vanderbilt Art Collection. Showings of student art and local artists are on display in Sarratt Student Center's lobby throughout the year. Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gallery>

LECTURES. The University and the various schools sponsor a number of lectures and lecture series each year. The IMPACT Symposium, in early spring, invites prominent speakers to discuss topics of current national concern. Every other year is Project Dialogue. The Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies (VIPPS) is an inter-disciplinary faculty forum for dialogue and research, offering seminars open to the public at no charge. Watch bulletin boards and the *Register* for the Chancellor's Lecture, Holocaust Lecture Series, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lectures, the Malcolm X Lecture Series, Margaret Cunninggim Women's Center talks on gender issues, Vanderbilt Art Association Lectures, the Cole Lectures (Divinity), the Steine Lectures (Arts and Sciences), the Antionette Brown Lectures (Divinity), the Flexner Lectures (Medicine), and many others.

MUSIC. Many University ensembles are open to graduate students by audition, including the Blair Chorale. Faculty and student ensembles, including the prestigious Blair Quartet, offer public recitals throughout the year at little or no cost to students. Watch the calendar in the *Vanderbilt Register* or check <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/blair>

OBSERVATORIES. From March to November, both the Dyer Observatory and the Campus Observatory offer monthly viewing nights, during which you may use certain telescopes and enjoy lectures. Viewing nights are free, but reservations are required.

SPORTS

Vanderbilt has a variety of athletic organizations, and facilities available to graduate students. Intramural and club sports are fun and usually not too time-consuming, and teams often include both graduates and undergraduates. These can be a great way to meet people and get more involved in campus life.

FACILITIES. There is a \$12 million student recreation center on campus that houses a vast array of equipment and facilities: three indoor (and one outdoor) basketball courts, two squash courts, six racquetball courts, two hung dance/aerobics rooms, 7,000 square feet of weight room, a 2.5x Olympic pool, indoor and outdoor running tracks, an indoor climbing wall, game areas, and a health food snack bar. There are nutritionists and exercise physiologists who will do evaluations and design a personal plan for you. Hours are 7 AM – 11 PM, M – F; 10AM – 6 PM Saturday; 12AM – 8 PM Sunday. Summer hours are shorter. Telephone number is 615-343-6627. Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/CampusRecreation/>

If you are taking four hours of class and living within a fifty-mile radius of Nashville you are required to pay a recreation center fee, most of which goes towards this facility. The graduate student recreation center fee (1/2 of the undergraduate recreation center fee, approximately \$125 Fall/\$95 Spring/\$47 Summer) entitles paying graduate students to unlimited use of the recreation center for half the number of days the facility is open during a semester. The fees for full access are around \$205 Fall/\$205 Spring/\$47 Summer. During the summer semester, facility usage is unlimited both with regard to times and number of days.

Peabody Gym on the Peabody campus has both a basketball court and an exercise room. Hours vary and are more limited than at Memorial.

Memorial Gym and the McGugin Center have additional facilities for the varsity athlete. At present there is some talk of student usage of parts of these facilities for intramural.

Tennis courts are located on Jess Neeley Drive. Next to these nine courts in a tennis center with five indoor courts and changing rooms. A fee is charged for indoor courts. Fannie May Dees Park on 24th Avenue has old but serviceable public courts, and several others operated by the city are located within biking distance.

On 25th Avenue are softball fields as well as a field for soccer, ultimate Frisbee, football, or other sports. These need to be reserved by calling the Student Recreation Center at 615-322-PLAY. Nearby is a cushioned running track that is open to the public as long as varsity sports are not practicing or competing.

CLUB SPORTS. Some teams included are: Cricket (men only), Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Field Hockey (women only), Handball, Ice Hockey, Judo, Kung fu, Lacrosse, Parachuting, Rifle, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Ski and Outing, Squash and Racquet, Swimming, Tae Kwon Do, Track, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Ultimate Frisbee. For a full listing, visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/campusrecreation/clubs/join.html>

INTRAMURAL. Available throughout the year, in both single-sex and co-ed leagues. Call 615-322-PLAY, log onto www.vanderbilt.edu/CampusRecreation/intramurals/index.html or go by the student recreation center for more information and the sign-up schedules. The Divinity School usually fields a softball team and occasionally musters up a soccer, volleyball and basketball team, as well.

VARSITY SPORTS. Graduate and professional students can attend varsity football and basketball games for a nominal fee. You are required to have your ID validated at the McGugin Center. Validation gives you coupons which are exchanged for actual tickets the week of the game (total costs for a season's worth of games is \$25.00). Football tickets are relatively easy to obtain, but student ticket allotments for basketball games may be scarce for big games.

CAMPUS COMMUNICATIONS

THE HUSTLER. The undergraduate newspaper is available almost everywhere on campus on Tuesday and Friday. Although its articles primarily concern undergraduates, it will keep you informed of university issues and contains an infrequent column from the Graduate Student Council. Local restaurants often advertise specials and provide coupons. Classified ads can be placed by calling 615-322-7347. Website: <http://www.vanderbilthustler.com>

RADIO. WRVU is a non-commercial, student-operated FM station that specializes in alternative rock, but also provides late-night jazz, blues, bluegrass, classical, soul, and even international music on weekends. It broadcasts at 91.1 MHz and accepts requests. Undergraduates and graduate students are encouraged to participate in its operation. Website: <http://www.wrvu.org>

VANDERBILT DIRECTORY. Known generically as the Campus Phone Book, it contains names and addresses of Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff, departments, and offices. The directories may be purchased at the bookstores in Rand or Light Hall for \$3.95.

VANDERBILT REGISTER. Published every Tuesday, this circular lists university activities and seminars for the coming week, including a pullout weekly calendar and campus map. It also

lists campus employment opportunities if you are in search of jobs for partners, spouses, or friends. As an Official University publication, it provides interesting, but never controversial articles about the academic community at large. Copies are available at the Central Library, Sarratt main desk, Station B Post Office, the Medical Bookstore, and elsewhere. To place a notice, call the Office of News and Public Affairs, 615-322-2706. Entries must be submitted by noon on the pre-ceding Monday. Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/register>

WOMEN'S VU. A monthly newsletter published during the academic year by the Women's Center. Call 615-322-4843 or write the Women's Center, Box 1513, Station B, to be added to their mailing list free of charge.

DIVINITY LISTSERV. An electronic, in-house Divinity School resource. Announcements about special events, job opportunities, community news, forums and worship are included. See the Student Portal for listserv information.

THE SPIRE. A Divinity School publication issued during the academic year. Victor Judge, Editor, can be contacted at 615-343-3964.

PEOPLE IDENTIFICATION

PEOPLE FINDER. The University People Finder can assist in locating persons in the entire university community. Login is required to obtain most information. Website: <https://phonedirectory.vanderbilt.edu/>

VDS DIRECTORY "The Facebook". Available through the Student Portal using your VU netID and password, the directory includes photographs, telephone numbers, home and email addresses for Divinity and Graduate Department of Religion students.

FACTS FOR NEWCOMERS TO NASHVILLE

Emissions Testing: Before you can get a Tennessee license plate, you must take your car for emissions testing. You must pay \$10 in cash and have your car title on hand. Call 1-866-623-8378 or visit the website at www.nashvillevip.org for the emissions testing station nearest you.

Car Title and Registration: If you plan to establish Tennessee residence, you need to have your car titled and registered in TN. Students living off-campus and working full time are required to purchase a "Metro Sticker" for their car, valid for one year. A Metro Sticker costs \$55 and registration is \$24. http://www.dcclerkonline.com/motor_renewal.php

Driver's Licenses: If you are a full-time student, you may keep your out-of-state license. However, if you earn money from a job not connected with your graduate work—even part-

time- you are considered a legal resident of Tennessee and must get a Tennessee driver's license within 30 days of moving here.

If you currently hold an out-of-state license you will be required to surrender your old license, present an original social security card or passport, and pass a vision test. A written exam (fee is assessed) and road test will be required only if your previous license has expired. The fee for a new license varies from \$15.00 to \$30.00, depending on your age and the expiration date of your current license.

Cashing Checks: An in-state license is usually not required to cash checks, since most nearby merchants will accept a VU ID. Students may cash checks on campus at Rand Hall or the payroll Department at Medical Center North.

Lodging: There are a variety of hotels within walking distance. Those most frequently used by students include:

Marriott Vanderbilt	2555 West End Avenue (37203)	615-321-1300
Loews Vanderbilt Plaza	2100 West End Avenue (37203)	615-320-1700
Hampton Inn Vanderbilt	1919 West End Avenue (37203)	615-329-1144
Holiday Inn Select	2613 West End Avenue (37203)	615-327-4707

Taxes: Sales tax in Nashville is 9.25% (groceries/drugs are taxable). Information on property taxes is available from the Assessor of Property at 615-862-6080.

Voter Registration: You must register at least 30 days before the election and have proof of age and 20-days residence. If you want to vote in your home district, consult your local Board of Election Commissioners to obtain an absentee ballot. This usually requires advance planning. Voter registration can be considered evidence of Tennessee residence.
<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/registration.htm>

SCHOOLS

The Metro Communications and Community Relations Office of the Metropolitan Public School helps families who are relocating to register for school. The office number is 615-259-4636. For information on determining school boundaries, you may contact the Zoning Office 615-259-8520.

The Admissions Office, Room 118, keeps a copy of Metro Schools Today on hand. This book describes in detail each special program and individual school in the public system. Should you consider enrolling your children in one of Nashville's many private schools, log onto <http://nashvillelife.com/education/page5.html>.

CHILD CARE

Parents in Nashville want affordable quality childcare, so there will be lots of competition for spots in the best child care programs. Vanderbilt has marvelous childcare available for graduate students, but the waiting list is lengthy, so call 615-322-8076 as soon as possible. Many persons also use in-home sitters recruited from career planning offices:
Belmont University 615-460-6490
Vanderbilt University 615-322-2750
Vanderbilt International Students 615-322-2753

TRANSPORTATION

AIR: The Nashville Metropolitan Airport is on Donelson Pike (I-40 east from VU). Log onto <http://www.nashintl.com> for reservations and information on airlines servicing Nashville.

BUS: Greyhound or Trailways, located at 200 8th Avenue, South, 615-255-3556.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA): Schedules can be obtained at 60 Peabody Street, by calling 615-242-4433, or in the Rand Post Office. Swiping your Vanderbilt student ID allows you free fare for the entire year. About 34 routes operate locally, but service is usually more limited on weekends. Website: <http://www.nashvillemta.org>

TAXIS: Cab fare from VU to the airport is about the same as long-term airport parking for four days. For a complete listing of taxi services available in the Nashville area, log onto <http://www.nashvillelife.com/travel/page10.html>.

SHUTTLE SERVICE GRAYLINE: Grayline Airport Express operates a shuttle service to and from the airport. The fee is \$12 each way, or \$18 round-trip, and the shuttle operates approximately every half hour between 5AM and 11PM. Reservations not required. Pickup/drop-off locations: Holiday Inn Select, Lowes Vanderbilt Plaza, Days Inn Vanderbilt and Medical Center, North.

CITY SERVICES

Utilities & Services: Check to see what utilities are included in your rent. We provide below a list of the utility companies and information about establishing service.

Nashville Electric Service: A new customer can call NES to apply for service. If you do not have satisfactory credit, you will need to pay a refundable security deposit. Transferring service from the previous tenant will cost only \$15; however, the new service connection fee is \$30 with the option of same day connection for \$45. (615-736-6900)
www.nespower.com

Water: Metro Water Services, 1700 3rd Avenue, North, Hours: M-F 8 AM to 5PM; 615-862-4600. You may also set up your account at their branch office located at Nashville Electric Company (corner of Church St. and 13th Ave.) Deposit: Resident deposit is approximately \$25, but may vary according to your estimated usage. Deposit is credited to your account after 1 year of perfect payment record. Website: <http://www.nashville.org/water/index.htm>

Piedmont Natural Gas: You will need two forms of ID. For new customers there is a \$180 service connection fee. If connection has not been established they may need to visit your home to set up service. 800-752-7504, <http://www.piedmontng.com/>

Garbage: Garbage is collected once a week at curbside for no charge or anywhere on the premises for \$5/month within the city. Elsewhere, private disposal is available.

Hospitals and Physicians: Nashville has many general and specialty hospitals. Almost all the large ones offer referrals to their staff physicians, and the Nashville Academy of Medicine can be contacted at 615-327-1236 for further referrals. Most routine primary care is free through Student Health, and your insurance may not cover services provided elsewhere.

Nashville Scene: For a more casual news source, look for free copies of the NS every Thursday at Rand, the Sarratt ticket desk, local restaurants, grocery stores, etc. NS includes commentaries on Nashville life, entertainment schedules, and fun-to-read personal ads. Website: <http://www.nashvillescene.com>

Newspapers: Nashville has *The Tennessean* as well as a local edition of *USA Today*. Call 615-254-5661 for *The Tennessean* subscription information. The *New York Times* is available in vending machines in the main entrance area of Medical Center North, at Rand Terrace and on 21st Avenue near the Nursing School bus stop. For Sunday papers, try Davis-Kidd at Green Hills Mall.

Pets: For rabies control, leash laws, and local animal ordinances, call the Metro Health Department, Animal Control at 615-862-7928. Veterinarians can provide immunization schedules.

Phone: Bell South, 712 Church Street, 888-757-6500. Office hours are M-F 8-7, Sat 8-5. Payment of a deposit depends on prior service and credit check run by the company. Website: <http://www.bellsouth.com>

Recycling: The closest drop-off to campus is at Harris-Hillman School, 26th and Blakemore Avenue, on Saturday mornings from 8:00AM – 12:00PM. Some neighborhoods have curbside recycling. To find out if your neighborhood offers this service and/or to obtain a recycling bin call Division of Waste Services at 615-880-1000. For on campus info, contact: Recycle! Nashville Vanderbilt at Box 7094 Station B. Recycling stations and bins within the Divinity School are clearly marked.

Express Service Centers: Nashville/Downtown – 615-253-2062, M-F 8:30-2:30

Comcast Cable Service: 660 Main Stream Drive, 615-244-5900 or 1-800-COMCAST. Orders can be placed between the hours of 8AM-8PM, Monday - Friday and Saturday 9-5:30. Also provides high-speed internet service. Website: <http://www.comcast.com>

ATT: Website will provide information to get phone service started in Nashville. A \$75 deposit may be waived if you have had phone service in your name before or have a favorable credit check. You can have the connection fee waived if you sign up on their website. Be prepared to pay extra if they have to send a technician out for any reason. For those with a roommate, you can get two separate long-distance carriers. All prices are on the website. Once you have service, you can also pay your bills online. 615-557-6500, www.att.com

Earthlink (DSL): Earthlink offers DSL and satellite internet services. Check website for pricing and availability. Access varies depending on where you live in Nashville. You must have a local phone number; Earthlink provides phone service as well. www.earthlink.com

Other Options:

Direct TV – 185 2nd Avenue North, 615-259-0553 Website: <http://www.directv.com>

Dish Network - 715 Poplar Avenue, 615-254-7808 Website: <http://www.dishnetwork.com>

SHOPPING AREAS

100 OAKS: Thompson Lane exit on I-65 South. Outlets like CompUSA, Burlington Coat Factory, TJMaxx, Ross, PetSmart, etc.

BELLE MEADE LION'S HEAD: West End Avenue/Harding Road & White Bridge Road approximately two miles west of campus. Kroger and Publix's supermarkets, Stein Mart, Office stores, Target, and several ethnic restaurants.

DOWNTOWN: Second Avenue features a variety of specialty shops, restaurants and a good bookstore. The Hard Rock Café and Wild Horse Saloon are the latest additions to the area. Great way to see downtown Nashville.

THE MALL AT GREEN HILLS: Hillsboro Road/Abbot Martin Road about three miles south of campus. Department Stores: Dillard's, Macy's, Nordstrom's; also lots of boutique stores.

HICKORY HOLLOW MALL: Take I-40 East, then I-24 East to Bell Road. Department stores: Sears, Dillard's, Hecht's and JCPenney.

HILLSBORO VILLAGE: Closest shopping area to campus on 21st Avenue. Small shops sell specialty clothing, gourmet foods, cookery, ice cream, books, music, beer and more.

RIVERGATE MALL: Fifteen miles away in Goodlettsville. Take I-40 east, then 65 - North to Rivergate Parkway. Department Stores: Dillard's, Hecht's, JCPenny and Sears.

COOL SPRINGS GALLERIA: I-40 east to 65 South at Moore's Lane/Galleria Blvd.

MOVIE THEATERS

OPRY MILLS IMAX 570 Opry Mills Drive, 514-4629

OPRY MILLS 20 2828 Opryland Drive, 514-3456

HOLLYWOOD 27 719 Thompson Lane, 298-3445

HICKORY 8 901 Bell Road, 731-0039

BELLEVUE 8-CARMIKE CINEMAS INC 120 Belle Forest Circle, 662-2669

RIVERGATE 8-CARMIKE CINEMAS INC 800 Two Mile Parkway, 859-3092

GREEN HILLS 16 3815 Green Hills Village Drive, 269-5772

GROCERIES

KROGER: The local super chain has an in-store deli, bakery, cheese shop, seafood shop, and butcher. Produce is varied and fresh, and selection is usually excellent. Personal checks accepted with a Vanderbilt ID for up to \$30 (more at some branches) over the amount purchased. Kroger almost never closes. Some have pharmacies.

-Harding Road in Belle Meade Plaza

-Abbott Martin Road in Green Hills

FOOD LAND: Open 7AM – 11PM; personal checks accepted with a Vanderbilt ID, cash over purchase amount given with prior approval.

-2900 West End Avenue

HARRIS TEETER: Hours of operation are 6AM – 11PM daily.

-2201 21st Avenue S

TRADER JOE'S: Hours of operation are 8AM - 9PM daily.

-3909 Hillsboro Pike

PUBLIX: Mon.-Sat, 8AM – 8PM; personal checks accepted.

-4340 Harding Road, Belle Meade

PRODUCE PLACE: One of the best places for produce in town and at great prices. 4000 Murphy Road, 383-2664.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET AND RESTAURANT: Imported condiments, cudos, clothing, and cookery from throughout Asia, with an emphasis on Indo-Chinese products. 2010 Belmont Boulevard.

FARMER'S MARKET: Fresh produce daily with a variety of fish and meat markets in including ethnic foods and a large variety of plants for gardening. Located at 8th Avenue, North and James Robertson Parkway.

RESTAURANTS

BRUEGGER'S BAGELS: 21st Avenue, South, 615-327-0055.

AMERIGO'S: 1920 West End Avenue, 615-320-1740.

BLACKSTONE BREWERY: 1918 West End Avenue. 615-327-9969.

BOSCO'S: 1805 21st Avenue, South, 615-385-0050.

BREAD & COMPANY: 4105 Hillsboro Pike, 615-292-7323

BROWN'S DINER: 2102 Blair Boulevard, 615-269-5509.

CALYPSO CAFÉ: 2424 Elliston Place, 615-321-3878.

CHIPOTLE: 400 21st Avenue, South, 327-0220

CHILI'S: 2322 West End Avenue, 615-327-1588.

COPPER KETTLE: 4004 Granny White Pike, 615-383-7242

DALT'S: 38 White Bridge Road, 615-352-8121.

ELLISTON PLACE SODA SHOP: 2111 Elliston Place, 615-327-1090.

GOLD RUSH: 2205 Elliston Place, 327-2809.

GOTEN JAPANESE STEAK AND SUSHI BAR: 1719 West End Avenue, 615-321-4537.

HARD ROCK CAFÉ: 100 Broadway, 615-742-9900.

KEN'S SUSHI & JAPANESE RESTAURANT: 2007 Division Street, 615-321-2444

KOBE STEAKS: 210 25th Avenue, North, 615-327-9081.

MAMBU: 1808 Hayes Street, 615-329-1293.

MERCHANT'S: 401 Broadway, 615-254-1892.

MIDTOWN CAFÉ: 102 19th Avenue, South, 615-320-7176.

MONELL'S: 1235 6TH Avenue, North, 615-248-4747.

NOSHVILLE DELICATESSEN: 1918 Broadway, 615-329-6674.

OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY: 160 2nd Avenue, North, 615-254-9010.

PF CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO: 2525 West End Avenue, 615-329-8901

PANCAKE PANTRY: 1724 21st Avenue, South, 615-383-9333.

PANERA BREAD: 406 21st Avenue, South, 615-320-1500

QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL: 2019 West End Avenue, 615-340-2822.

ROTIER'S: 2413 Elliston Place, 615-327-9892.

SAN ANTONIO TACO CO.: 416 21st Avenue, South, 615-327-4322.

SIAM CAFÉ: 316 McCall Street, 615-834-3181.

SITAR INDIAN RESTAURANT: 116 21ST Avenue, North, 615-321-8889.

SOUTH STREET: 907 20th Avenue, South, 615-320-5555.

SWETT'S: 2725 Clifton Avenue, 615-329-4418.

TIN ANGEL: 3201 West End Avenue, 615-298-3444

MOSTLY ICE CREAM

BEN & JERRY'S: 416 21st Avenue, South, 615-321-2478

MAGGIE MOO'S: 2817 West End Avenue, 615-329-8020

JENI'S: 1892 Eastland Avenue, 615-262-8611

PINKBERRY: 2306 West End Avenue, 615-679-9789

SWEET CECE'S: 4031 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 905, 615-750-5523

MOSTLY PIZZA

MAFIAOZA'S: 2400 12th Avenue, South, 615-269-4646

OBIE'S: 2217 Elliston Place, 615-327-4772.

PAPA JOHN'S: 2316 West End Avenue, 615-321-4000

PIZZA PERFECT: 1602 21st Avenue, 615-329-2757

MELLOW MUSHROOM: 212 21st Avenue, South, 615-342-0044

MICHAELANGELO'S: 205 22nd Avenue, North, 615-329-2979

MOSTLY COFFEE

BONGO JAVA: 2007 Belmont Boulevard, 615-385-5282.

FIDO'S COFFEE HOUSE: 1812 21st Avenue, South, 615-385-7959

FROTHY MONKEY: 2509 12th Avenue, South, 615-292-1808

STARBUCKS: 402 21st Avenue, South, 615-340-9627

ENTERTAINMENT

They don't call it Music City for nothing! Below is a list of some of the more popular or interesting ones. Check the *Tennessean's* Thursday Entertainment Section for an up-to-date guide to performances.

BB KING'S: 152 2nd Avenue, North, 615-256-2727. Live music every night!
<http://nashville.bbkingclubs.com>

BLUEBIRD CAFÉ: 4104 Hillsboro Road, 615-383-1461. Live music nightly. Make a reservation. Writer's Night on Sunday is free and features top songwriters plus talented less-published songwriters. <http://www.bluebirdcafe.com>

THE CANNERY: 811 Palmer Place, 615-726-1374. A wide variety of musical events. Home of many benefit concerts. <http://www.mercylounge.com>

DOUGLAS CORNER: 2106-A 8th Avenue, South. 615-292-1688. Writers nights and other local talent. <http://www.douglascorner.com>

EXIT/IN: 2208 Elliston Place, 615-321-4400. Features lots of up-and-coming rock bands. <http://www.exitin.com>

GRAND OLE' OPRY: 2804 Opryland Drive, 615-871-6779. Showcases the best in country, bluegrass, and more. <http://www.opry.com>

OPRYLAND HOTEL: 2800 Opryland Drive 615-889-1000. A variety of lounges featuring harpists and laser light water shows, pickers, pianists, and bands.

STATION INN: 402 12th Avenue, South. 615-255-3307. A variety of local talents performing a mix of folk and bluegrass tunes. <http://www.stationinn.com>

12TH AND PORTER: 114 12th Avenue, North 615-254-7236. Bands or artists perform Wednesday through Sunday. <http://www.12thandporter.net>

THE VILLAGER TAVERN: 1719 21st Avenue, South, Hillsboro Village 615-298-3020. A real neighborhood pub.

OTHER THINGS TO DO

ARENA DOWNTOWN: Inside football, championship ice skating and hockey. Located on Broadway and 4th. Call for the schedule of events.

BROADWAY DINNER TRAIN: 1st and Broadway 615-254-8000. The train takes you on a scenic 2 ½ hour trip north of Nashville and back again while you enjoy a full course meal. Make reservations at least two weeks in advance. Evening trips and a Sunday afternoon trip.

FRIST CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS: 919 Broadway, 615-244-3340.
<http://www.fristcenter.org>

GRAND OLE' OPRY: 615-889-3060. Weekday matinee shows plus weekend shows during the summer. Website: <http://www.opry.com>

NASHVILLE PREDATORS: Nashville's very own NHL team plays at the Gaylord Entertainment Center downtown. For ticket info and season schedule call 615-770-PUCK (7825) or log onto <http://www.nashvillepredators.com>

NASHVILLE SOUNDS: The city's minor league club is associated with the Chicago White Sox farm system. Greer Stadium is on Edgehill Avenue. Website: <http://www.nashvillesounds.com>

PARTHENON: Full scale replica of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. Located in Centennial Park on West End Ave., the Parthenon houses the city's permanent art collection. Also, see the largest indoor sculpture in the world, Athena Parthenos. Website: <http://www.parthenon.org>

RYMAN AUDITORIUM: Newly and nicely restored with busy event schedule. Downtown-116 15th Avenue, North. Website: <http://www.ryman.com>

THE TENNESSEE TITANS: Newly acquired Tennessee franchise formerly known as the Houston Oilers. Games are held at Adelphia Coliseum, 888-775-7328.