

VANDERBILT  Blair School of Music

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Dear Blair First-Year Student,

Welcome to Blair and Vanderbilt University! We all look forward to working with you this summer as you prepare for the fall semester.

We are sending this first note to both your Vanderbilt and personal e-mail addresses so that we are sure you receive this important information. However, any correspondence after this **will only come to your Vanderbilt e-mail address**. Remember to check it daily; it's a good habit to get into since you will also need to check your VU mail daily after you arrive on campus. **Vanderbilt email will be our primary method of communicating with you now, and throughout your undergraduate career at Vanderbilt.**

The first important deadline to remember is for **immunization**. Please complete all immunization requirements by **May 15** so that your paperwork can be processed in time for you to register starting June 12. Complete information is at: <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/student-health/immunization-requirements>.

The Blair website (<http://blair.vanderbilt.edu/academics/freshmen-transfers.php>) is the source for information about course registration, ensembles, degree requirements, transfer credit, etc. Be sure to explore every link! One of the most important things you can do is **thoroughly read the Blair Student Handbook**, which is available on the website. This guide will answer many of your questions both now and during all your student years at Vanderbilt. In addition, the *Undergraduate Catalog*, which contains official degree requirements and academic policies, is available online in YES, and the *Enrollment Bulletin* is an excellent source of academic, registration, financial, and other important information (vanderbilt.edu/enrollmentbulletin).

Professor Amy Jarman, the Head of Academic Advising for Blair, will assist you in the course registration process. She may be reached at amy.jarman@vanderbilt.edu (or 615.322.7684). **Advising begins Monday, June 5th; course registration is June 12-30.** After you have thoroughly read the handbook and additional information on the Blair website, you should log into YES to choose courses and place them in your cart. Prof. Jarman will review your course selections and answer any questions you might have. Students may not enroll in courses without Professor Jarman's approval of a completed cart of selections.

All Blair students will enroll in music core courses, including Syntax of Music, Musicianship I, Music as Global Culture, performance class for your instrument, recital attendance, ensemble(s), Keyboard Harmony, Technology for Musicians, and performance instruction. Each student will also select a course or courses in the liberal arts, depending on their major and their other academic interests. Please note that your enrollment in MUTH 2100, *The Syntax of Music*, will be based on your theory placement exam. Professor Jarman will let you know which section to choose as you register (Accelerated/Regular). Please refer to pages 8-37 in the *Blair Student Handbook* for a sample curriculum plan for your specific major.

While course registration will be open through June 30, if you are planning to pursue the pre-med track or a 2nd major in a science, you should plan to enroll the first week. Please contact Prof. Jarman the week of June 5th so you can plan your schedule appropriately. Some lab courses conflict with Blair classes; enrolling early is important for finding lab classes that fit your schedule.

Once you arrive on campus in August, you will work with your assigned academic and studio advisers to plan your studies. Until then, it is our pleasure to help you with the course registration period in June and answer any additional questions you may have. Professor Jarman is your primary contact, and Mr. Tom Langmesser in the Blair Office of Academic Services (tom.langmesser@vanderbilt.edu, or 615-322-7655) is also available to answer questions about registration issues, AP credits, and other registrar-related matters.

Information about ensembles is also on the Blair website, in addition to the *Blair Student Handbook*. Please pay careful attention to the dress requirements for large choral and instrumental ensembles at Blair. **You must bring appropriate concert attire in August** because the first ensemble concerts occur early in the semester (women in choral ensembles will be ordering dresses after arrival on campus).

You will soon receive information about our SEGUE program. Each of you will be mentored by an experienced Blair student who will communicate with you this summer and will help you during orientation in August. Be sure to check your **Vanderbilt e-mail** for their messages.

I look forward to meeting all of you in August. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Have a fabulous and relaxing summer!

Best wishes,



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