

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

By-laws and Course of Study.

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BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

1. The general government of Vanderbilt University is vested in its Board of Trust.
2. The Executive Committee has the power that is delegated to it by the Board of Trust.
3. The immediate government is committed to the Chancellor and Deans, and to the Professors not exempted by the Board of Trust. The government of the Medical Department is distinct.

CHAPTER II.

THE FACULTY.

1. The Faculty shall meet at such times as they may appoint, or at the call of the Chancellor or presiding officer. It shall be the duty of the Chancellor to call a meeting at the written request of any three members of the Faculty.
2. The Chancellor is *ex-officio* Chairman of the Faculty. He is also to preside on public academic occasions, confer the Degrees at Commencement, and at every annual meeting of the Board of Trust to acquaint that body with the state, interests, and wants of the University.
3. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Dean of the Theological Faculty shall discharge the executive functions; and in the absence of the latter, the senior member of the Faculty.

4. Every matter brought before the Faculty shall be decided by vote, and it shall be the additional privilege of the presiding officer to give a casting vote when otherwise there would be a tie.

5. The opinion or vote of any member of the Faculty shall not be made known directly or indirectly to any one who is not a member of the body, except when express order shall be given to that effect by a unanimous decision of the Faculty.

6. The Secretary of the Faculty shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be laid before the Board of Trust when required by them.

7. No officer shall be absent from his duties at any time during the session, without the permission of the Faculty or of the Chancellor.

8. The Faculty, by and with the consent of the Board of Trust, shall have the power of conferring Degrees, or marks of literary distinction, when the conditions prescribed in the several Departments and Schools are fulfilled. None of the Regular Degrees of the University shall be conferred as Honorary Degrees, nor shall any Honorary Degrees be conferred by the University except with the concurrence of the Board of Trust and of the Faculty.

CHAPTER III.

ADMISSION.

1. All candidates for admission must be of good moral character, and sixteen years of age; but, in case an applicant be accompanied by an elder brother or other near relative, the Faculty may, at its discretion, waive the requirement in respect to age. If the applicant has been a student at any other university or college, or incorporated seminary of learning, he must produce a certificate from such institution, or other satisfactory evidence of honorable dismission.

2. The Professors in the several Schools shall examine all applicants, and judge of their qualifications for admission into their respective Schools.

3. Every applicant, before admission, shall pay to the Treasurer the University dues for the Term in advance. When a student is withdrawn before the middle of a Term, one-half the Term fees may be refunded; but after that time no fees shall be refunded.

4. If any person whose object it is to become a student shall fail to report himself to the Chancellor on the first day after his arrival, he shall be excluded, if his reasons for delay be deemed invalid.

5. Every student, in matriculating, shall be required to write in the Matriculation Book his own name in full, his age, the name and place of abode of his parent or guardian, and also make his subscription to the Laws and Rules of the University; and no one shall be admitted to any Class previous to such registration and subscription.

6. Students are allowed to select their own homes, in families ap-

proved by the Faculty or the Chancellor. On selecting or changing his boarding-house, it shall be the duty of the student to notify the Chancellor without delay.

CHAPTER IV.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

1. The University is organized with four distinct Departments, as follows:

- I. *The Department of Philosophy, Science, and Literature.*
- II. *The Biblical Department.*
- III. *The Law Department.*
- IV. *The Medical Department.*

Each of these Departments has its Faculty of Instruction, charged with its special management.

2. A student shall not be permitted, after the expiration of two weeks, to make any alterations in the studies which he has undertaken to prosecute in any Term, until the Term shall expire.

3. Students are held responsible for regular and punctual attendance upon recitations, lectures, and examinations. Absences will be reported to the Faculty, to be dealt with at discretion.

4. Commodious halls are provided in the University buildings for two Literary Societies. These are regarded as supplemental to the University Course, and will be encouraged accordingly.

5. No student will be allowed, during his connection with the University, to join any of those fraternities known in American colleges as "Secret Societies," or to attend their meetings.

CHAPTER V.

SESSION.

1. The Session will be divided into two Terms. At the close of each Term there shall be an examination of the students, when Reports on scholarship and deportment will be forwarded to parents or guardians.

2. During the Session no student shall be absent from the University without the permission of the Chancellor or presiding officer.

3. On Commencement Day, candidates for Degrees shall perform such exercises as may be assigned them, and no candidate shall decline this duty, under penalty of being refused his Diploma.

CHAPTER VI.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

1. It will be expected of the Faculty diligently to watch over the

morals of the students, and to recommend to them, by both precept and example, a virtuous and blameless life, and a devout attention to the duties of religion.

2. Students will be required to attend prayers on the morning of week-days, and also to be present on the afternoon of every Sunday at the delivery of a sermon in the Chapel of the University, at such hours as the Faculty may appoint.

3. The Dean of the Theological Faculty shall perform the duties of the pastoral office in the University, and officiate as Chaplain, or make arrangements to have his place supplied.

4. Students are required to keep the Lord's-day with becoming reverence, to abstain from their usual diversions and exercises, and from all behavior inconsistent with that sacred season.

CHAPTER VII.

DISCIPLINE.

1. The rewards and punishments of the University shall be addressed to the sense of duty and the principles of honor and shame.

2. The punishments shall be friendly warning and caution, admonition by the Chancellor or before the Faculty, probation, dismissal, and public expulsion by the Board.

3. Offenses are any acts, omissions, or habits unfavorable to the peculiar duties of a student, or inconsistent with the propriety, decorum, and courtesy which should always characterize the gentleman. As the end of the University is to train a body of gentlemen in knowledge, virtue, and religion, whatever has a tendency to defeat this end, or is inconsistent with it, shall be treated as an offense, whether expressly mentioned in the Laws or not. The sense of propriety and right which every honorable young man carries in his own bosom shall be taken as a sufficient means of knowing these things; and he who pleads ignorance of such matters is unfit to be a member of the University. The Government of this Institution expects and requires the students to maintain the character of refined and elevated Christian gentlemen. It would be ashamed of any who would excuse breaches of morality and decorum on the plea that the acts in question were not specifically condemned in the Code of Laws. It earnestly desires that the students may be influenced to good conduct and diligence in study by higher motives than the coercion of law; and it mainly relies for the success of the University as a place of liberal education on moral and religious principle, a sense of duty, and the generous feelings which belong to young men engaged in honorable pursuits.

4. The punishment of offenses to which no particular penalty is affixed is left to the discretion of the Faculty.

5. Whenever a student commits an offense which, in the judgment of the Faculty, ought to be visited with expulsion, they shall forthwith

order him from the Institution, and make a minute and particular report of the whole case to the Board of Trust, for final action at its next meeting.

6. The Chancellor, with the assent of the Faculty, may request any parent or guardian to remove from the Institution any student, his son or ward, who, in the opinion of the Faculty, is not fulfilling, or is not likely to fulfill, the purpose of his residence at the University, or who, in their opinion, is from any cause an unfit member of the Institution.

CHAPTER VIII.

LIBRARY.

1. There shall be annually appointed a Library Committee, to consist of six members—viz.: The President of the Board of Trust and two other Trustees elected by the Board, and the Chancellor and two Professors chosen by the Faculty. This Committee, subject to the Board of Trust, shall have the general control and supervision of the Library; shall authorize all new orders for books, and direct the mode of purchase; and shall provide Regulations concerning the use of books, visitors to the Library, and the full duties of the Librarian.

2. The Librarian shall make a full Catalogue of all the books, and keep it complete as the books accumulate; and shall perform the duties that naturally belong to the department of a librarian, according to the Regulations which may be prescribed by the Library Committee.

3. The following shall be fundamental Regulations for the Library: 1. No one but the Librarian shall have a key to the Library. 2. No person shall take books from the Library: provided, only, the officers of the University may take out books representing their respective departments of instruction. 3. Visitors shall not be permitted in the Library without the presence of the Librarian or an officer of the University.

FUNDS OF STUDENTS.

The following Regulation was ordered to be published with the Laws of the University:

"Parents and guardians will have the opportunity, when desired, of depositing with the Treasurer of the University the funds intended for the use of their sons or wards. In such cases, the Treasurer will disburse these funds as may be directed by the parent or guardian, and will render account thereof at stated times. A charge of one per cent. will be made on such disbursement, as compensation to the Treasurer."

COURSE OF STUDY.

1. THE number of hours assigned to each School per week shall be as follows:

	COLLEGE COURSE.		UNIVERSITY COURSE.	
	<i>First Year.</i>	<i>Second Year.</i>	<i>First Year.</i>	<i>Second Year.</i>
1. Latin.....	5	3	3	2
2. Greek	5	3	3	2
3. Modern Languages	{ French.....	3	3	2
	{ German.....	3	3	2
	{ English.....	3	2	2
4. History, Philosophy, and Criticism,		3	2	2
5. Moral Philosophy			3	2
6. { Mathematics	5	3	3	2
	{ Applied Mathematics		3	2
7. Physics and Astronomy.....			5	3
8. Chemistry			5	3
9. Geology and Mineralogy			3	2

The number of hours for Post-graduate Lectures is not included in the above.

The number of hours in the Theological, Law, and Medical Departments will be determined by the Faculties in these Departments.

2. The Regular Degrees of the University shall be as follows:

I. ACADEMIC—Bachelor of Philosophy (B.P.).
 Bachelor of Science (B.S.).
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.).
 Master of Arts (M.A.).

II. PROFESSIONAL—Civil Engineer (C.E.).
 Bachelor of Law (B.L.).
 Doctor of Medicine (M.D.).

3. The requirements for Academic Degrees shall be as follows:

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY.—*In College Course:* Mathematics (8), Modern Languages (12), English (5), History (3). *In University Course:* History (2), Moral Philosophy (5), Physics (5), Chemistry (5), Geology and Mineralogy (3).

The College Course in Latin may be substituted for the College Course in one Modern Language.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.—*In College Course:* Mathematics (8), Modern Languages (9), English (5). *In University Course:* Mathematics (3), Moral Philosophy (3), Physics and Astronomy (8), Chemistry (8), Geology and Mineralogy (5).

BACHELOR OF ARTS.—*In College Course:* Latin (8), Greek (8), English (5), Mathematics (8), History (3). *In University Course:* Latin (3), Greek (3), History (2), Moral Philosophy (5), Physics and Astronomy (8), Chemistry (5), Geology and Mineralogy (3).

MASTER OF ARTS.—*In College Course:* Latin (8), Greek (8), Modern Languages (6), English (5), Mathematics (8), History (3). *In University Course:* Latin (5), Greek (5), Mathematics (5), History (4), Physics and Astronomy (8), Chemistry (8), Geology and Mineralogy (3), Moral Philosophy (5), Modern Languages (2).

The College Course in two Modern Languages may be substituted for the entire Course in one Modern Language.

For each of the above Degrees there shall be required an Essay or Oration, which shall be read or delivered on Commencement Day, if so required by the Faculty.

CIVIL ENGINEER.—*In College Course:* Mathematics (8), English (3), Modern Languages (12). *In University Course:* Mathematics (5), Applied Mathematics (5), Physics and Astronomy (8), Chemistry (8), Geology and Mineralogy (5), Analytical Chemistry (2), Field Work and Drawing (5), together with Plans or Reports on assigned subjects.

BACHELOR OF LAW.—This Degree is conferred upon Graduates in the School of Law.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE.—This Degree is conferred upon Graduates in the School of Medicine.

4. Post-graduate Degrees, to be determined hereafter, will be conferred upon the completion of such post-graduate studies as the Faculty may require.

5. University Diplomas will be conferred upon students who fulfill the requirements for Degrees.

6. Certificates of Proficiency will be conferred upon students who complete the Baccalaureate studies in any School with a grade of sixty to eighty. Those who complete such studies with a grade of eighty to one hundred will receive a Certificate of Distinguished Proficiency. Those who complete the entire studies in a School with a grade of eighty to one hundred will be declared Graduates in such School.

7. For the Degree of Master of Arts, applicants must be Graduates in at least eight of the Schools required for this Degree. For the Baccalaureate Degrees, and the Degree of Civil Engineer, the applicant must attain proficiency in all the Schools required for these Degrees.

8. Certificates of Class Distinction will be conferred upon students who attain a grade of eighty in any Class for both Terms, without having completed the entire Course.

9. In estimating Class-standing, an equal value shall be given to the average of recitations, and to the examination mark; and, at the end of each Term, this result shall be reported to the Faculty, and recorded in a book kept for the purpose.

10. A student may be promoted from one Class to the next higher in any School upon a grade of fifty.