What is myNOVA?

myNOVA is Villanova University’s online web portal (gateway) that provides personalized access to web services (email, web, Banner, Blackboard, Novasis, etc.) with just the initial login to myNOVA. You can customize myNOVA so that the information and tools you need are available when you log in. Information you receive is targeted specifically to you.

Login to myNOVA

myNOVA is on the VU internal (logged in) homepage at: http://myNova.villanova.edu.

To securely login to myNOVA, use your LDAP/email User Name and Password.

Logout of myNOVA

For security reasons, it is important that you logout of myNOVA when your session is complete.

Getting Help

myNOVA has a help button in the upper right corner.

Contact the Help Desk at 610-519-7777 for other questions.

Browser Support

What browsers work with myNOVA?

Firefox, Netscape, IE, and Mozilla are supported. If you are using Internet Explorer version 6, you will need to upgrade to version 7 or higher from the Microsoft website: http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=9AE91EBE-3385-447C-8A30-081805B2F90B&displaylang=en.

To make myNOVA your browser’s home page:

You may want to change your home page to be the myNOVA page (http://mynova.villanova.edu) instead of the Villanova external website (www.villanova.edu).

- Open your Internet Explorer browser.
- Click Tools
- Click Internet Options
- In the Home Page field, type: http://mynova.villanova.edu
- Click OK.

Or:

From the myNOVA page:

- Click the drop down arrow next to the Home button on your browser
- Click Add or Change Home Page
- Click to select the first option: Use this home page as your only home page.
- Click Yes.
Navigating myNOVA

myNOVA has various areas you can access by clicking the tabs near the top left of myNOVA. Tabs may include Home, Work@VU, Library and My Tab. A tab may have several columns (left, middle and/or right).

The tabs contain multiple modules known as channels which contain grouped information. Channels may include Campus Announcements, Personal Announcements, VU Directory Search, VU News, Accuweather, etc.

Each channel can be maximized, minimized or closed. Different departments maintain the content in each channel.

Additionally, the top right side of myNOVA contains buttons for accessing your E-mail, accessing the external VU homepage, Logout, and Help.

Customizing Tabs

You can add, move, rename and remove tabs.

To Add a Tab:

You may want to add tabs for groups of items or to access a website, such as a type 2 email account or Outlook Webmail.
To Remove a Tab:

- Click the Content/Layout link on the upper left area.
- Click the tab’s name.
- Click the Delete this tab link.
- Click the Back to Home tab link at the top left to view your results.

Customizing Channels

A channel is a module on the myNOVA portal that contains related items, like the Accuweather channel. Channels may include: Campus Announcements, Personal Announcements, Bookmarks, VU Directory search, News, Links, and Campus Currents, etc.

You can maximize, minimize, or delete channels via buttons in the top right corner of the channel. You can add and move the location of some of the channels via the content/layout link.

Working with Channels:

- Click the channel’s maximize button to enlarge a channel full screen.
  - Click the Back to Home Tab to restore the size.
- Click the channel’s minimize button to temporarily remove the channel content.
  - Click the Expand Channel button to restore the size.
  - Click the Back to Home Tab to restore the size.
- Click the Back to Home Tab tab at the top left to return to the default view.
- Click channel close button to remove the channel.

NOTE: To get the channel back, see the instructions below.

To Subscribe to/Add a Channel:

If you have removed a channel and want it back or wish to add many additional channels which are available:

- Click the Content/Layout link at the top left.
- Click the Tab that you want to contain the channel.
- Click the Add Channel button at the location where you want the channel to appear.
- Select the channel category from the drop down list, then click Go.
- Click the channel name, then click Add Channel.
- Click the Back to Home Tab to view your results.
To Move a Channel:

You can re-arrange the channels in a tab to suit your preferences. You can move them between columns or up or down within the column.

- Click the Content/Layout link at the top left.
- Click the Select Channel button under the channel’s name to select the channel.
- Click the up and down arrow buttons to move the channel up or down.
- Click the left or right arrow buttons to move the channel across columns.
- Click the Back to Home Tab at the top left to view your results.

To Delete a Channel:

Some channels cannot be removed. For those that can be removed:

- Click the X in the upper right corner of the channel to be removed.
- When prompted to remove the channel, click OK.

NOTE: If you remove a channel by mistake, you can add it back. See instructions above.

To Reset All Channels to the Original Default Settings:

If you decide the format of your channels should be back to the original settings:

- Click the Content/Layout link at the top left.
- Click the Revert to default layout link.

Manage Content/Layout

Options for modifying Preferences:
- Tabs: To add a tab, click the "Add New Tab" button.
- Channels: To add a channel, click on the "Add Channel" colored bar. To remove a channel, click on the "Remove Channel" colored bar.
- Columns: To add a column, click on the "Add Column" colored bar. To remove a column, click on the "Remove Column" colored bar.
- Revert to default layout

- Click OK.

Bookmarks

In addition to adding favorites in your browser, you can add websites as a bookmark. Bookmarks are located on the Home tab near the bottom left side.

To Add a Bookmark:

On the Home tab:

- Scroll down the left side to display the Bookmarks channel. Two bookmarks were added for you.

- Click the first icon at the bottom of the channel: “add a bookmark.”
- In the first field, type the name of your bookmark, e.g., Outlook Webmail, Google, etc.
- In the second field, type or paste the URL of the website, e.g., http://webmail.villanova.edu.

- Click the “Add” button to add the bookmark to your Bookmarks list.
To Use a Bookmark:

In the Bookmarks channel:

- Click the **name of the bookmark**, e.g., Outlook Webmail.

  ![Bookmarks](image)

  - JA-SIG Homepage
  - Outlook Webmail
  - SunGard Higher Education Homepage

- The website will open.

**Action Plan**

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Type 2 Generic Email Accounts

To get your generic email accounts to show up in myNOVA:

1. Click **Content Layout** to the left of “Welcome, Your Name.”
2. Click the **Add Tab** button (It should be to the left of a button called Fragments.)
3. Name your tab, in this case it would be your Generic Email account name.
4. Under **Select the Type**, click the radio button next to **Framed – URL**.
5. Type in the URL:  
   https://webmail.villanova.edu/genericemailaccount@villanova.edu  
   (make sure it is https, not http, it already puts in http:// - you just need to add the “s” and then complete the URL.)
6. Select a position for the tab. You only have a choice between the left or right of the My Tab.
7. Click the **Submit** button.