When you study at Villanova University, you receive more than an excellent education. You also have access to the numerous resources of Villanova’s beautiful, mid-sized suburban campus. Study in Falvey Memorial Library’s state-of-the-art facilities, stay in shape at the Davis Center for Fitness, take a walk on the Villanova walking trail, listen to a lecture by a dynamic guest speaker, or take in a performance at the award-winning Villanova Theatre. On campus or nearby, there are an abundance of activities to suit every interest.

Beyond the Villanova Campus

Villanova is located less than 20 minutes from the recreational, historical and cultural attractions of Philadelphia, the fifth-largest city in the United States and the second-largest on the East Coast. Philadelphia offers something for everyone:

- World-class museums (Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Barnes Foundation, and the Franklin Institute Science Museum, to name just a few)
- Historic sites (Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Elfreth’s Alley)
- A vibrant and innovative restaurant scene
- Recreational attractions (Philadelphia Zoo, Adventure Aquarium, Longwood Gardens)
- Countless performing arts venues (Academy of Music, Walnut Street Theatre, the Mann Center)
- Proximity to New Jersey beaches (less than two hours away)
- Colorful neighborhoods and scenic walks (the Italian Market in South Philly, Valley Forge National Park)
- Festive parades (Mummers Parade, St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Puerto Rican Week Parade)
- Local professional sports teams (and you can always cheer on your Villanova Wildcats)

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Philadelphia is home to nearly 90 colleges, universities and other higher-education institutions, with a full-time student population of over 230,000. It also has the second-highest award rate in the nation (behind Boston) for Bachelor’s and first professional degrees. In addition, many major corporations are headquartered in and around Philadelphia, providing countless opportunities to grow your network and connect with future employers.

Did you know?
- Villanova University is easily accessible by train, plane, car or regional public transportation, with two train stations right on campus, and a bus that stops at the main campus entrance.
- Philadelphia enjoys a four season climate warmer than that of Boston and cooler than that of Washington, DC. Average high and low temperatures: 63.3 F/47.6 F.
- Home to the First Continental Congress, which convened in 1774, Philadelphia was the first capital of the United States.
- The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia.
- Philadelphia’s nicknames are “Philly” and the “City of Brotherly Love,” from philos (love) and adelphos (brother).
- Philly’s 9,200-acre Fairmount Park is the single largest municipal park in the United States.

For more information about the Villanova campus, surrounding area and graduate programs in Arts and Sciences, visit gradartsci.villanova.edu.