

## **Notice to Law Students of Disclosures Required by Federal Law – 2020**

This notice is being provided to you as required by the Higher Education Act and its various amendments. Villanova University annually makes information and various statistics available to the University community, including information which is required to be disclosed by federal law. The following information is currently available either on the University's website at the links listed below, on the University's [Higher Education Act \(HEA\) Information web page](#) or in hard copy. For those reports available online, the University will provide you with a hard copy upon request to the particular department.

1. A student who has been convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance for conduct that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving any grant, loan, or work assistance under federal law, shall not be eligible to receive any federal grant, loan, or work assistance during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified on the following table:

### **If convicted of an offense involving:**

#### **The possession of a controlled substance:**

First offense  
Second offense  
Third offense

#### **Aid ineligibility period is:**

1 year  
2 years  
Indefinite

#### **The sale of a controlled substance:**

First offense  
Second offense

2 years  
Indefinite

A student whose eligibility has been suspended under the above paragraph may resume eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period determined under such paragraph if – (a) the student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that – (i) complies with such criteria as prescribed by regulations, and (ii) includes two unannounced drug tests; (b) the student successfully passes two unannounced drug tests conducted by a drug rehabilitation program that complies with such criteria as prescribed by regulations; or (c) the conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise removed from the student's record. See [Eligibility Criteria](#) for more information.

2. Villanova University's Student Records Policy is published annually in [the Law School's Student Handbook](#), on page 60. The Handbook explains the rights of students and University procedures with respect to educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

3. Various general information concerning the Law School, including:

- [academic programs](#)
- [mission information](#)
- [transfer information](#)

is available with the Admissions Office (610) 519-7010, and can be accessed on the [Law School website](#).

Current law school tuition, fees and other estimated costs, as well as financial assistance programs and policies, including refund policies, can be found on the [Financial Aid web page](#).

Withdrawal information and other Law School student policies including the transfer of credits are contained in the [student handbook](#).

4. Information regarding student financial assistance programs, including the type and availability of financial assistance and policies, procedures and required forms for applying and qualifying for such programs, is available through the Office of Financial Aid (OFA), (610) 519-7015. This information can be accessed on the [OFA web site](#).

5. Villanova University's Department of Athletics' annual report under the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act provides data on the University's intercollegiate athletic programs. The report can be accessed via the U.S. Department of Education [Equity in Athletics Data Analysis website](#). It is also available upon request through Villanova's Athletic Department, 610-519-5305.

6. Information concerning special facilities and services available to students with disabilities is available through the Office of Academic Success Programs, (610) 519-7136 or the Student Affairs Office, (610) 519-5228. The information is listed on the website under [Academic Accommodations](#).

7. Students are reminded that the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, such as through peer-to-peer networks, is illegal and violates University policy. Information concerning unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing is available in the [Copyright Infringement and Illegal File Sharing Policy](#). Copyright Infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code,

Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the [U.S. Copyright Office website](#), along with their [Copyright FAQ document](#).

8. Information regarding the employment of Villanova Law School graduates can be found on the [Employment Data web page](#).

9. The Law School maintains affiliation agreements with Stonehill College, King's College, Muhlenberg University, and University of Scranton.

10. The University is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The University's School of Law is accredited by the [American Bar Association](#). In order to obtain or review documents describing accreditation, approval or licensing see the "Institutional Accreditation Information" section on the [HEA Information web page](#).

11. Textbook information is available on the [University Bookstore web site](#).

12. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity. Sexual harassment, which includes sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination. As a recipient of federal funds, Villanova University complies with Title IX and has appointed Ryan Rost as its Title IX Coordinator with overall responsibility for Title IX compliance. Ms. Rost can be reached at 204 Tolentine Hall, (610) 519-8805, [ryan.rost@villanova.edu](mailto:ryan.rost@villanova.edu). For more information on filing a claim under Title IX see [Title IX Explained](#) on the Student Life Health Promotion web page.

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