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CONGRATULATIONS!
Welcome to Villanova!

This booklet will help you prepare for your arrival on campus in August.

In these pages, you will find everything you need to know about our New Student Orientation program, which will introduce you to all aspects of University life: academic, social and spiritual. Orientation at Villanova is special because it’s developed and delivered by students, for students. It’s their mission to welcome you to the Villanova community and make you feel at home on campus, just as they do.

This publication has information about the Office for Residence Life, on-campus housing and campus services. You can also get a taste of academic life at Villanova and learn more about campus activities.

Please keep this booklet handy for questions that may arise throughout the summer. Should you have any concerns, please contact us.

Office for Residence Life:
(610) 519-4154
residencelife@villanova.edu

New Student Orientation:
(610) 519-7208
orientation@villanova.edu

Office of Student Life:
(610) 519-4550
studentlife@villanova.edu
Dear New Student,

The summer months are here, and your arrival on campus draws ever closer. As you prepare to begin your college experience, it is my pleasure to welcome you into the Villanova community.

Your time at the University will begin with Orientation, a nationally-recognized program designed for students by students that will help you meet new people and become familiar with campus. The four days of Orientation represent the first steps on your journey as a Villanovan, and I encourage you to take advantage of the program’s opportunities to discover what the University has to offer.

While the first year of college represents a significant transition for many, Villanova’s faculty and staff are dedicated to providing a caring, personalized learning environment. They will provide guidance when you face challenges and share your joy when you achieve successes. The relationships you build inside and outside of the classroom will enrich your experience here and keep you connected to Villanova long after you graduate.

What sets Villanova apart is our Catholic, Augustinian intellectual tradition, which is the cornerstone of an academic community where students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others. Villanova prepares students to become ethical leaders who create positive change everywhere life takes them.

Your classes may be hard, and some days will be long, but I’m confident that your time on campus will create lasting memories and prepare you to be a force for positive change in the world.

Ignite Change. Go Nova.

Regards,

Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D. ’75
President
Villanova’s Orientation program introduces students to the broad concept of what it means to be a Villanovan both in and out of the classroom. The four-day program will have you participating in activities designed to familiarize you with both academic and student life, and address the different situations you may encounter as a new student—what to expect living on campus, the social atmosphere, and the academic challenges.

During Orientation, Academic Deans, Faculty, Student Life Administrators and upperclass students meet formally and informally with new students to answer questions, address concerns and highlight the wide variety of services and activities available at Villanova. These members of the Villanova community will serve as resources to you throughout your four years. The Orientation staff is known for its enthusiasm, sincerity and commitment to a common goal: providing new students with the information, resources and direction they will need to begin their Villanova college careers in an informed, relaxed and enjoyable fashion. An orientation counselor, commonly referred to an OC, is assigned to lead a group of 20 new students through the four-day program. There are also administrative assistants, or AAs, that help coordinate and facilitate the details of Orientation.

The night before I left the West Coast for college, I told myself I was crazy for picking a school so far from my house, friends, sisters and parents. I was scared to leave home, but now there’s nowhere else I’d rather be. My roommates, classmates and friends have turned into family and Villanova has become my home!

— Maria, Class of 2012

**Commuter Students**

Commuter students are expected to attend Orientation events from Saturday, August 20 through Tuesday, August 23. Orientation is a fun-filled busy schedule and making a connection with your OC is a great start to your own success at Villanova. Your OC will be bringing you to your academic presentations and campus resource sessions throughout the four-day program and will distribute your Wildcard. Please make arrangements to travel to and from campus during the early mornings and late evenings of Orientation, so you can enjoy both the educational and social aspects of the program.

Commuters are also invited to sign up for the Leadership Learning Community. As one student observed, “The Leadership Learning Community showed me that being a commuter was not a barrier to making the most out of the college experience; it allowed me to meet other students, and find our way together through the college experience.” More details about the Learning Communities are on page 12.

Commuting Students may choose any of the meal plans offered by Dining Services, including two plans specifically designed for commuters. You are able to use these meal plans in any of the 19 on-campus locations operated by Dining Services from 7:30 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily. Complete descriptions of the meal plans and dining locations are located on the Dining Services Web site ([www.villanova.edu/services/dining](http://www.villanova.edu/services/dining)). Once you have made your selection, log on to myNOVA to complete your meal plan contract online. Meals will be provided by the University during Orientation, beginning with dinner on Saturday, August 20, through dinner on Tuesday, August 23, so be sure to dine with your OC.
Parents of commuter students are also encouraged to attend the portions of Orientation that are specifically for parents to learn more about the University, its resources and the transitions facing new students.

Transfer Student Orientation
Our priority in working with transfers is to build your connection to the University and create a solid foundation of resources to help you succeed at Villanova. Participating in the Orientation program will give you an opportunity to meet other upperclassmen transfer students beginning their first year at Villanova, as well as find out how you can become involved on campus.

We recognize that as a transfer student you may have unique needs upon entering Villanova at a different stage in your college experience. More information about the options for Transfer students to participate fully in Orientation will be mailed to you in July.

Orientation for Family Members
Opening Day of Orientation includes activities for parents, as well as new students. Events include:

- University Welcome
  Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., and the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and Student Life
- Meetings with the Academic Deans and Orientation Counselors
- Opening Mass
- Family Picnic

The remainder of the Orientation program is specifically designed for the new students to experience with their Orientation groups.

Have a Question?
Contact New Student Orientation:
207 Dougherty Hall
(610) 519-7208
orientation@villanova.edu
www.orientation.villanova.edu

A detailed Opening Day Schedule with specific times and locations will be mailed in August.

Move-In Day: Friday, August 19: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
Please plan to have all of your belongings labeled with your name, building and room assignment prior to arriving at your residence hall. You will unload your things onto the sidewalk outside your residence hall and move your car immediately to the main parking lots directly across from the field house. Parents will not be allowed to park their cars and leave them unattended in front of residence halls as this causes major traffic congestion and lengthy delays. Orientation staff members will be available until 6 p.m. to help residents unload their cars and move their belongings to their rooms.

Shipping Move-In Items to Villanova University
If you plan to ship trunks or packages of your personal belongings to Villanova prior to your arrival, you should ship them after August 4, addressed to yourself with residence hall and room assignment clearly indicated on the mailing label. (You will receive this information from Residence Life in early August.)

All trunks and packages are delivered to the University Mail Services located in Kennedy Hall. Trunks and packages delivered to campus by Monday, August 15 will be delivered by the Orientation staff to a secure location in the vicinity of your residence hall.

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www.orientation.villanova.edu

MOVE-IN DAY:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
On Move-In Day, we anticipate that there will be an increased amount of traffic, as well as long waiting periods as we facilitate check-in for 1,600 new students. To expedite this process and ease the waiting, all new students are assigned an arrival time:

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We ask for your cooperation with your assigned arrival time. Students are welcome to arrive on campus any time AFTER their assigned times. Check-in resumes at 7 p.m. for those who cannot arrive during the day and on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m.–noon. More information about move-in can be found at www.orientation.villanova.edu
residence hall. The Residence Life staff will be able to direct you to the package pick-up location for your hall. Packages that arrive after August 15 must be picked up by the student personally from the student mailroom in Kennedy Hall. New students who are arriving early to campus for sports or music camps may not be able to have access to their shipped packages prior to the scheduled move-in on August 19.

More information on shipping packages to campus, including when to send them, will be on the mailroom Web page this summer at www.mailroom.villanova.edu.

Move-In Day Activities:
• Move-In Barbecue: Moving in is an exhausting experience, but meeting other Villanova family members is a great way to re-energize! Sponsored by the Villanova Parents Committee, the Move-In Barbecue is a great break during a hectic day and a wonderful opportunity to meet other students and parents. All parents and family members of the Class of 2015 are invited! Several locations will be set up on campus.

• Kick-Off Event for Students: After move-in, new students are invited to a night full of fun activities on campus sponsored by the Campus Activities Team. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and relax before New Student Orientation officially begins.

The August Orientation Newsletter will have more details about specific times and locations.

Villanova’s Office for Residence Life strives to create a welcoming residential community and to maintain a comfortable and safe environment for students residing in our residence halls. Our staff oversees on-campus housing assignments and manages the day-to-day operations of our residence halls.

Your RA
Your Resident Assistant (RA) is one of the first individuals you will meet when you arrive on campus. He or she is an upperclass student who lives on your floor and is someone that you can go to for just about anything. He or she is your link to the Villanova University administration, a good source of advice on everything about Villanova, and also the person who can help you work out whatever issues arise in the hall. Your RA will also help the students on your floor get to know each other and develop a sense of community.

Residence Hall Facts
• The Villanova University housing system consists of 26 buildings:
  - 18 traditional residence halls
  - 8 apartment-style halls (reserved for upperclassmen)
• Villanova University houses approximately 4,400 undergraduate students on campus.

• The residence halls are delineated geographically and consist of three areas:
  - Main Campus
  - South Campus
  - West Campus

• First-year students are housed in halls on all three areas of campus.
• Residence halls range in size from 30 to 540 residents. Rooms also vary in size and configuration.
• Freshman halls for the 2011–2012 school year are Delurey, O’Dwyer, Simpson, Moriarty, Stanford, St. Monica, Katharine, McGuire and Caughlin Halls. Good Counsel Hall and St. Mary's Hall may house a mix of both freshmen and upperclass residents.
• For residence hall descriptions, floor plans, pictures and room rates visit our web site at: www.reslife.villanova.edu.

Housing Assignments
If you have successfully completed your housing contract via myNOVA, you will receive the details of your housing assignment during the first full week of August. Your housing assignment and roommate information will be available via myNOVA system, and an e-mail will be sent to your Villanova account when this information is available.
Your Housing Assignment will contain the following information:

- building and room assignment
- roommate’s name, address, telephone number and e-mail
- VU mailbox number and combination

Once this information is available, take some time to e-mail or call your roommate or roommates. First, to get to know them a little bit, and second, to start thinking about more practical questions like which one of you is bringing items such as TV, refrigerator or microwave.

If you have NOT completed your housing contract, we can not secure a housing assignment for you on campus.

**Roommates**

New residents are assigned roommates on the basis of gender, date of admission deposit, involvement in designated learning communities and, where possible, preferences specified in a questionnaire that accompanies the housing contract. Residence Life will make a reasonable effort to accommodate requests to be assigned with a particular roommate, provided that interest in sharing a room is mutual, and each resident has designated the other as a preferred roommate when completing the housing contract. Sharing a room with a stranger, or even someone you already know, is a new experience for most college students. This can be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of your life. This is not the time to make snap-judgments about one another. While you may or may not be best friends with your roommate, you should at least be good acquaintances that can live effectively with one another. Practicing open communication and respecting each other are two of the most important ideas to keep in mind.

During the first few days on campus, your RA will help you complete a Roommate Living Agreement with your roommate to get things off to a good start. This agreement is designed to foster communication between roommates and iron out some common concerns and expectations before they become an issue.

**Converted Triple Rooms**

In order to honor the University’s three year housing guarantee, almost all incoming students reside in either a double room or a converted triple room (traditional double rooms with added furniture to accommodate three students). Students who reside in a converted triple room at the start of the semester will receive a discount of approximately $1000.00 on the cost of their room per semester. A small percentage of students will reside in single rooms or rooms designed to accommodate three or four students and are not eligible for a discount. Incoming students are assigned to converted triple rooms in reverse date of admission deposit order, beginning with the latest dates of deposit and working backwards. We anticipate that approximately half of the incoming class will reside in converted triple rooms.

While students may initially be anxious about residing in a converted triple room, we find that many of these residents choose to remain in their original rooms rather than leave their roommates if a double roomshould become available.

Students who wish to be considered for reassignment to a double room will need to complete a Room Change Request Card and bring it to the Residence Life Office located on the 2nd floor of Kennedy Hall. The room change request process begins on the first day of classes. You can get a Room Change Request Card from your RA or the Office for Residence Life. Restoring rooms to double occupancy is a priority for Residence Life, however we cannot predict when or if we may be able to offer students the opportunity to “de-triple.”

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Meal Plans
Villanova Dining Services offers six meal plans for first-year students residing on campus. You are able to use these meal plans in any of the 19 on-campus locations operated by Dining Services from 7:30 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily.

Students living on campus in traditional residence halls are required to select their meal plan online through myNOVA by June 30. Complete descriptions of the meal plans and dining locations are located on the Dining Services Web site www.villanova.edu/services/dining.

Once you have made your selection, log on to myNOVA to complete your meal plan contract online. Students who do not make a selection by June 30, will be automatically enrolled in the Unlimited Meal Plan.

Meals will be provided by the University during Orientation, beginning with dinner on Saturday, August 20, through dinner on Tuesday, August 23, so be sure to dine with your Orientation Counselor.

If you have a question regarding Dining Services or the meal plans at Villanova, please visit the Dining Services Web site www.villanova.edu/services/dining or call the Meal Plan Coordinator at (610) 519-7937.

Mail
Residents will receive an on-campus mailbox located on the ground floor of Kennedy Hall. Mailbox numbers and combinations will be available with your housing assignment in early August via myNOVA.

Care packages sent from family and friends to resident students are processed through and can be picked up at University Mail Services located in Kennedy hall. Resident students will receive an e-mail to their Villanova account notifying them of the parcel arrival. To assure packages are processed effectively, it is imperative the package is addressed correctly. All packages and letters to residents on South and Main campus should be addressed as follows:

STUDENT NAME
V.U. Box ###
Villanova University
Kennedy Hall
800 Lancaster Avenue
Villanova, PA 19085-1679

Telephone Service
There is no university-provided dial tone in any residence hall room. Emergency phones are located on each floor of each residence hall. These phones allow students to place on-campus emergency calls to Public Safety and the Health Center, as well as other University offices. Off-campus local and long distance calls can also be made with the use of a prepaid calling card or by dialing a toll-free number. The emergency phone does not receive incoming calls.

Cable Television
Each residence hall room on campus has a cable television jack, which provides 70 basic cable channels. The cost for basic cable television service is included in the room charge. Each room should be equipped with a small cable box (digital adapter) that is required to access all channels. In the event that this adapter was removed by a previous resident, Comcast will be on campus distributing new adapters free of charge during move-in. Resident students who opt for this upgraded package will contract directly with Comcast and will be responsible for all payments.

Refrigerator/ Microwave Rentals
While a student may choose to bring his or her own refrigerator and microwave, Microfridge units are available for rent for the academic year through an outside vendor. The Microfridge consists of a 3 cubic foot refrigerator/freezer and an attached .6 cubic foot microwave. This combined unit saves space and has one plug for all three components. Rental information will be sent to students during the summer months and is also available at: www.reslife.villanova.edu. Please note: Only one refrigerator and microwave are permitted per room!

Insurance for Personal Property
The University’s property insurance only covers property that is owned by the University and the University assumes

The thought of moving in to a dorm room was so daunting for me, but I was pleasantly surprised by how easy it was at Villanova. Everything from getting all of my stuff out of the car and into the building, to figuring out where to go to buy the last minute things we forgot was made easy by the Orientation staff and the Resident Assistants.

— Emily, Class of 2012
no legal obligation to pay for loss of or damage to items of students’ personal property occurring on campus or in its buildings or storage areas. As a result, it is highly recommended that students insure their own personal property via their parents’ homeowners insurance or a renters/tenants insurance policy. It is important for parents to confirm with their homeowner’s insurance carrier that student’s property (including computers and other electronics) will be fully covered for loss while housed outside of the family dwelling.

Residence Hall Policies and Procedures
The Student Handbook (commonly known as “The Blue Book”) is a comprehensive resource for all Villanova University students. It provides, among other things, a complete overview of the Student Code of Conduct, and Residence Hall Policies and Procedures. No student should come to campus without first reviewing the Student Handbook! Students are responsible for complying with all the provisions of the Code of Conduct and all Residence Life Policies.

The Student Handbook can be found at www.villanova.edu/studentlife/dean.

PACKING UP!

Suggested Items to Bring

- Alarm Clock
- Bed Linens (standard size twin sheets only) and Pillow
- Cleaning Supplies
- Desk Lamp (non-halogen)
- Desk Supplies
- First-Aid Supplies/Medications
- Floor Lamp (non-halogen)
- Hangers
- Heavy Duty Extension Cord – UL approved not rated less than 125 volts/15 amps
- Laundry Supplies
- Personal Toiletries
- Refrigerator and Microwave Oven (if you are not renting a Microfridge)
- Shower Caddy
- Surge Protector
- Towels/Washcloths
- Wastebasket
- Window Fan (Moriarty, Simpson, O’Dwyer and Delurey Halls are not air conditioned)

Please Do Not Bring

- Air Conditioning Units
- Candles (decorative or functional, wick or no wick)
- Cinder Blocks or any other item designed to raise the height of your bed
- Halogen Lamps
- Hot Plates with exposed heating elements
- Pets or animals of any kind
- Platform Beds or Lofts
- Space Heaters
- Toasters or Toaster Ovens
- Wall-Mounted Shelves or any other item that requires permanent fixture to walls or furniture

’Nova Nation Fan Shirt

Show your Wildcat pride in the official ’Nova Nation Fan Shirt. It’s easy to reserve your FREE T-shirt. Simply log on to myNOVA, click on Freshman 2011 on the Just For You tab, and choose ’Nova Nation Fan Shirt, type in your name, choose a T-shirt size and SUBMIT. The reservation deadline is August 1 and your shirt will be distributed to you during Orientation! Don’t miss out, become a part of ’Nova Nation!

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WWW.ORIENTATION.VILLANOVA.EDU
The Wildcard
The Wildcard is the official Identification Card for Villanova University and allows you access to the meal plan, the laundry system, and your Wildcard Debit Account. It also gives you entry to:

• Residence Halls
• The Library
• The Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness
• On-Campus Athletic events

In order to receive your Wildcard, you must submit an individual photo to the Wildcard Office by July 10. For information on submitting your photo, please visit www.villanova.edu/wildcard. Resident students will receive their Wildcard when they check into their residence hall and commuter students will receive their Wildcard from their Orientation Counselor.

Your Wildcard debit account is a restricted spending account, which allows you to enjoy the convenience of purchasing power all across campus and in the surrounding community without carrying cash or checks. Each time you use your Wildcard, the amount of your purchase will automatically be deducted from your account. You can also use your Wildcard to buy your books in the Villanova University bookstore and receive a 5% discount on your total purchase. Visit www.villanova.edu/wildcard for more information on how to make a deposit into your Wildcard account.

Banking
For your convenience, Wells Fargo Bank offers several on-campus ATM/MAC machines. These are located on the ground floor of the Connelly Center, Bartley, Donahue, Dougherty and St. Mary Halls. There is also a Wells Fargo Bank located in Dougherty Hall, where you can activate your Wildcard to also be your Wells Fargo ATM card. For more information or to open your account today, please contact the Wells Fargo Bank on campus at (610) 519-1527.

Parking
Freshmen and sophomore resident students are not eligible for on-campus parking privileges. Commuter students are eligible for parking. All inquires about parking should be directed to the Department of Public Safety, Parking Division at (610) 519-6990.

Alumni Association Welcomes the Class of 2015
With more than 107,000 members worldwide, the Villanova University Alumni Association is your connection to Villanova for a lifetime. New Student Receptions will be held across the country this summer to welcome you to the Villanova family. These receptions are a great way for you to meet other Villanova families and alumni from your community. Watch your mail and e-mail for more information. Or just visit the Alumni Association Web site at www.alumni.villanova.edu for a schedule of receptions.
Technology Support Services wants to make things easy and simple for the student to connect to systems, navigate the internet and get e-mail. All Villanova University residence hall rooms are networked to provide high-speed wired and wireless access to the internet and the Villanova network. If you have a problem or a question regarding computing at Villanova, call (610) 519-7777. You can also visit the web site at www.unit.villanova.edu/support or e-mail support@villanova.edu.

**Laptop Pick-up**
All incoming full-time students are issued a laptop from the University. You can sign up for the laptop EarlyShip program via myNOVA and have your laptop shipped directly to your home. If you have not signed up to receive your laptop over the summer, you may pick it up on at the TechZONE in Vasey Hall, Room 101.

### E-mail

All new students are mailed their assigned e-mail address, Web page address and other reference information within three weeks of paying their deposit to the University. When signing onto e-mail, a student may change the pre-assigned password.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

#### Campus Ministry: Connections Retreat
Connections is a four-day, three-night retreat for incoming freshmen that will be held June 24-26 at Villanova. It is an opportunity for first-year students to make connections—with other first-year students, with the campus of Villanova, and with the city of Philadelphia through a day of service. It will also be a chance to make connections with the things that matter through student-led discussions. For more information and details about registration, please visit: www.villanova.edu/campusministry/spirituality.

#### UNITAS Retreat Weekend: Building Bridges to Success
UNITAS Pre-Orientation Weekend is a fun-filled educational weekend that is designed to help new students transition to college. Weekend activities range from workshops and scavenger hunts, to ice breakers and a trip to a local theme park. Our mission is to help students become better acclimated to campus and ideally become future leaders here at Villanova. This weekend has become a highly anticipated weekend for incoming students and returning upperclassmen alike. It serves as the beginning of long friendships and smooth transitions for all incoming students. The weekend registration closes on June 24 and there is a $75 registration fee.

Our Mission:
• To develop a positive sense of self.
• To develop the attitude and skills to be a successful college student.
• To be able to cope with developmental changes over the college years.
• To understand the impact of culture (family upbringing, race, ethnicity, gender, family income, community, religion, body type, mental or physical differences, sexual orientation, geographic location, age, and other social identifiers) on the individuals perceptions and values.
• To develop a sense of social ethics and responsibility.
FOR PARENTS

Parents Handbook
Transitions, a parent’s guide to Villanova, is a handbook designed to introduce parents to the University, its offices and services. In it you will find valuable information about the many opportunities on campus, typical challenges that new students face and the resources available to address those challenges.

You should have received a hard copy in the mail, but the handbook can also be viewed online at www.parents.villanova.edu under the heading “publications.” We encourage you to read it and continue to use it as a resource throughout your son’s or daughter’s time here.

Fresh@News
Villanova offers a free e-mail newsletter for the parents and friends of the freshman class called Fresh@News.

Knowing my daughter was going to be busy from the moment we left until classes started put our minds at ease beyond measure.

She did not know a soul and knowing she was in the hands of a fantastic Orientation counselor, and was going to be busy almost every moment in her Orientation group was really comforting to us. Driving away, we really felt certain that she had chosen the right school.

— Claire, Class of 2012 Parent

If you would like to add an additional e-mail address, send an e-mail to majordomo@news.villanova.edu. The e-mail message should contain only two words: subscribe fresh.

Parents Connection
As a Villanova parent you will also receive our Parents Connection newsletter during the semester. This publication goes to the parents of all of our undergraduates, and you will continue to receive it throughout your student’s four years.

INFORMATION FOR PLANNING A VISIT
Directions, travel and hotel information can be found at:
www.parents.villanova.edu
INTERVIEW WITH CRAIG M. WHEELAND, PH.D.
Professor of Political Science and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

**VU101**: I think a lot of our new freshman students are both excited and a bit nervous about their first college classes. What would you say are some of the big differences between a college class and some of the classes they might have had in high school?

**Dr. Wheeland**: I can think of several important differences. College professors enjoy the discretion to design their courses. On the first day of class or by e-mail you will receive a syllabus from each professor explaining course expectations, assignments and textbooks to buy for the course. College professors typically use fewer quizzes and exams than high school teachers. A midterm and final exam are typical here at Villanova. College professors expect a lot of writing as well especially in your Liberal Arts courses (all Villanova students take courses in the Liberal Arts, such as two Augustine and Culture Seminars).

The amount of time spent in class per week is less than in high school. Students typically enroll in five courses each semester that meet for a total of about 13 hours per week plus additional time for labs. Most of our courses meet either three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday). The classes that meet three times a week last 50 minutes, and the classes meeting twice per week last for 75 minutes each. Although you will not be in class as much as you experienced in high school, your professors will expect you to spend several hours preparing for each class. Expect to be busy reading assignments and doing projects. Finally, the focus on academic integrity varies from high school to high school. At Villanova we have an academic integrity code, and we expect students to follow the code. There are significant consequences for violating the code. Over the summer, all freshmen are required to complete our Academic Integrity Tutorial and Pledge. Part of this tutorial has students use our Academic Integrity Gateway Web site to learn about our code and the resources we offer students to help them avoid violations. The gateway link is: www.library.villanova.edu/academic_integrity/.

**VU101**: How would you contrast Villanova’s faculty members with the teachers students had in high school?

**Dr. Wheeland**: Villanova professors share with high school teachers a love of learning and an enthusiasm for working with young people. The main difference is that high school teachers rarely are expected to research and contribute to the subject matter they teach. Villanova faculty members are both scholars and teachers. The large majority of our faculty members have earned a Ph.D. or other terminal degree. In addition to their teaching obligations, our faculty members are expected to do research and publish their work in order to contribute knowledge to their area of specialization. Think of our faculty as lifelong learners who teach courses that align with their research interests. The excitement faculty members have for their research will be evident in the discussions and lectures they offer in your classes. Our scientists and engineers are doing cutting edge research. Our humanities professors are reading and analyzing texts in original languages. Other professors have practical experience in communication, political science, finance, marketing, nursing and other specialized subjects. Often quite a few of our new students will end up doing research with faculty members. (When you come to campus, walk through Mendel Hall sometime and you’ll see posters describing joint student-faculty research projects.)

**VU101**: That sounds a bit scary. Are Villanova faculty members interested in teaching as much as they are in their research?

**Dr. Wheeland**: Absolutely yes! We’ve all heard stories about some schools where the faculty members are so busy with their research that they aren’t very interested in teaching freshmen or undergraduates. Indeed some universities rely on graduate students to teach freshmen courses. Villanova is different. Villanova puts a lot of emphasis on teaching, and our faculty members are rewarded for teaching well. Indeed, you’ll have the chance to take classes with faculty who are leading scholars in their fields. You will have direct access to them and not have to go through a graduate assistant as you would have to do at some universities. Our professors will meet with you to discuss your questions. They will evaluate your work. In some cases you may end up working with them on a project. I’m confident you will enjoy the experience.

**VU101**: What if the student doesn’t understand what the professor is talking about?

**Dr. Wheeland**: All of our professors have what we call “office hours,” which are listed in the syllabus. This is a time when the professor is in the office, available to talk to students. Students can also talk to the professor after class and ask for an appointment if the office hours are inconvenient. You can e-mail your professors as well. Sometimes it takes a little courage to take that first step, but it is a worthwhile thing to do. Students should really make an effort to get to know their professors.

**VU101**: Do you have some pointers for our new students?

**Dr. Wheeland**: I encourage all students to take advantage of the numerous special events the academic departments and programs present on campus. We have lectures, films, roundtable discussions, symposia and other academic-type events that offer students a vibrant intellectual life on campus. A few of these events are included as requirements in some courses, but most are not, so you are free to choose to attend. You’ll learn so much during your time at Villanova if you take advantage of these opportunities. I also suggest that you choose courses and instructors based on how much you’ll learn rather than on how easy the course is to earn a good grade. The subject may be new and challenging, but also could add real value to your education. I encourage you to take the challenging course, work hard, worry less about the grade and focus on the knowledge you’ll gain. Finally, allow yourself time to explore ideas and career paths rather than feeling pressure to decide about your career in your very first semester. Many of our students are undecided or change their mind. Villanova provides you with the chance to pursue your interests and find your passion for work and service.

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**Great Places to Study on Campus**
- Residence Hall Study Lounges
- Falvey Memorial Library
- Falvey’s Study Lounges
- Connelly Center
- CEER patio (when it’s nice outside!)
- Empty classrooms
- Bartley Exchange
Learning Communities for first-year students create an innovative educational environment that integrates the academic, co-curricular and communal aspects of the first year of college. About one-third of the first year class is in a learning community, which includes living in a designated residence hall and taking the freshman humanities seminar class (required of all freshmen) with their hallmates. The communities are based on a particular theme, which is explored in the Humanities seminar and/or a one-credit workshop-style class taught in the hall.

Learning Communities 2011–2012:
• Leadership*
• Healthy Living
• Environmental Leadership
• Global Community
• Art and Culture
• Pursuit of Excellence
• Justice: From Adam to Eve

*Available for Commuters

Space is limited for the Learning Communities so apply early! For more information or to apply, go to www.villanova.edu/studentlife/learning-communities.

The closeness of our learning community grew as the year progressed. Instead of going through the transition from high school to college by myself, I was surrounded by a group of 20 students who were going through the same struggles I was, and together we were able to thrive during our first year of college.

— Oby, Class of 2012

ACTIVITIES FORUM
Wednesday, August 31 from 6–9 p.m. in the Pavilion

You will have the opportunity to gather information and talk to student leaders about their organizations. Stop by the Office of Student Development (214 Dougherty Hall) anytime to learn how to get involved and make the most of your college experience.
Health Services
The Student Health Center is open 24 hours a day when classes are in session and offers physician, nursing and ancillary services to all students. For more information about the health center, go to www.villanova.edu/studentlife/healthcenter or call (610) 519-4070.

In addition to the Student Health Center, Villanova provides a student health insurance plan for all undergraduate students. All undergraduate students are automatically enrolled in and charged for the plan, unless the student takes the necessary steps to establish that other health insurance exists. Information is sent home over the summer to guide you through the enrollment or the waiver process.

If you waive the University plan/coverage because you are maintaining health insurance coverage through your parents’ plan, you should call your health insurance company to understand the kind of services included, and what you need to do to get out-of-area services covered. Make sure you have a copy of your health insurance card before coming to campus, and understand how to get a referral and use the prescription plan if applicable.

The Counseling Center and Office of Health Promotion are also helpful resources that work to promote the health and safety of all new students. These offices are highlighted during Orientation and continue to be a resource to students in various ways throughout the year.

Get Involved On Campus
Student organizations provide Villanovans with the opportunity to take on new challenges and develop valuable leadership skills. Being involved at Villanova also helps you to meet new friends since you will be working with peers who share similar interests. We encourage you to challenge yourself by getting involved and becoming an integral part of Villanova through leadership and service. Your academics are your primary concern while at Villanova, but make sure that you leave with a well-rounded education that includes involvement in the co-curricular aspects of college life.

We have many clubs and organizations within each of the following categories:

• Academic and Professional Organizations
• Athletic Organizations
• Cultural Organizations
• Honor Societies
• Media Organizations
• Music & Dance
• Peace & Justice Organizations
• Political Organizations
• Service Organizations
• Special Interest Organizations
• University Service Organizations

Please visit our Web site at www.villanova.edu/studentlife for a complete listing of student involvement opportunities.

The key to becoming a part of campus and meeting new people is not only joining organizations, but more importantly being yourself. Getting involved with activities that resemble who you are and what you enjoy will help you start college on the right foot and help you meet people with similar interests.

—Jonathan, Class of 2013
University Building Number
A  Commuter Rail Stations
Parking
- Handicap Accessible Parking Areas
- Call Box indicator: Phones located at buildings with direct-dial to Public Safety are indicated on key; free-standing Call Boxes to Public Safety are indicated on map
# Academic Calendar 2011-2012

## Fall Semester

**August 24**  
- Classes Begin

**August 30**  
- Last day for requesting Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
- Last day for dropping and/or adding classes

**September 5**  
- Labor Day—No Classes

**September 16-September 18**  
- Parents Weekend

**October 7**  
- Mid-Term  
- Deadline for Spring Study Abroad

**October 10-October 16**  
- Semester Recess

**October 17**  
- Classes Resume

**October 19**  
- Grades Due (noon)

**October 21**  
- Advising Begins

**November 9**  
- Last Day for Authorized Withdrawal without Academic Penalty (WX)

**November 22**  
- Thanksgiving Recess begins after last class

**November 28**  
- Classes Resume

**December 12**  
- Final Day of Classes

**December 13**  
- Reading Day

**December 14-December 20**  
- Final Examinations  
  (No exams on Sunday Dec. 18)

## Spring Semester

**January 16**  
- Martin Luther King Day (no classes)

**January 17**  
- Classes Begin

**January 20**  
- Last day for requesting Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

**January 22**  
- Last day for dropping and/or adding classes

**March 2**  
- Mid-Term

**March 5-March 11**  
- Semester Recess

**March 12**  
- Classes Resume

**March 14**  
- Grades Due (Noon)

**March 15**  
- Deadline for Academic Year, Fall, or Summer Study Abroad

**March 16**  
- Advising Begins

**April 4**  
- Last Day for Authorized Withdrawal without Academic Penalty (WX)  
- Easter Recess begins after last class

**April 10**  
- Classes Resume

**May 3**  
- Final Day of Classes

**May 4**  
- Reading Day

**May 5-May 11**  
- Final Examinations  
  (No exams on Sunday May 6)
**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

(610) 519-

**Academics:**
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences 4600
- School of Business 4330
- College of Engineering 4940
- College of Nursing 4900
- Registrar's Office 4030

**Financial:**
- Bursar's Office 4258
- Financial Assistance 6456

**Campus Resources:**
- Campus Ministry 4080
- Counseling Center 4050
- Dean of Students 4200
- Dining Services 4170
- Health Center 4070
- International Student Adviser 4095
- Multicultural Affairs 4075
- Music Activities 7214
- New Student Orientation 7208
- Public Safety 6979
- Residence Life 4154
- Student Development 4210
- Student Life 4550
- Telecommunications 7820
- UNIT (University Computing Services) 4400
- User Support 7777
- Wildcard Office 5031

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**LOOK FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER IN EARLY AUGUST!**

**IT WILL INCLUDE MORE DETAILS ABOUT...**

- Orientation Schedule of Events
- Your Orientation Group Info
- Your Assigned Move-In Time
- Opening Day Activities

**HAVE A QUESTION?**
Contact New Student Orientation:
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www.orientation.villanova.edu

**REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR VILLANOVA E-MAIL FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES!**

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