



**May 29, 2024**

*Villanova University and New Student Orientation will continue to send VU101 emails throughout the summer to keep you updated on important information and help prepare for your arrival. To view past emails, please visit the [New Student Orientation website](#).*

### **Textbook Access Program**

Villanova's [Textbook Access Program](#) provides students affordable access to required course materials. Students pay a standard, per-semester "book fee" for required textbook materials for courses, including textbook digital access codes. This approach allows Follett, our University bookstore partner, to purchase in bulk and better negotiate with its publishing partners. The full-time undergraduate book fee of \$275 per semester (12 or more credits in Summer, Fall or Spring) is charged directly to student accounts and is repriced annually to maximize savings. Students have the opportunity to opt out of the program each semester.

### **Laptop Requirements by College**

University Information Technologies (UNIT) offers a variety of support options to guide you along your entry and time spent at Villanova. Colleges have posted [information, guidelines and recommendations](#) on their websites to help you get familiar with IT resources specific to each curriculum. This information will assist you in selecting the best computer that will meet your needs and be compatible with the campus network, and what you need to know if you already have a computer.

### **Connections Retreat for First-Year Students: Register by June 7**

[Connections Retreat](#), hosted by the Office for Mission and Ministry, helps incoming students "connect" with each other, with upperclassmen leaders and with Villanova's Augustinian Catholic heritage. There will be opportunities for personal reflection and discussions of participants' personal values and spirituality. This retreat offers incoming first-year students the chance to make friends, connect with a variety of Mission and Ministry staff and programs, and talk about the transition to college. Participants of any or no faith background are welcome! The retreat is held on campus June 21-23; registration is due by June 7. Questions? [Email us!](#)

**Meal Plan Selection: Due June 17**

First-year students living on campus must select a meal plan for the Fall 2024 semester by Monday, June 17. Please review your options on the [Dining Services Meal Plan website](#) to make the best decision that suits your dining needs. Those who do not select a plan during the online registration period will be placed in the Any Time 7-Day plan.

*Villanova University and New Student Orientation are looking forward to welcoming you to campus. If you have additional questions regarding Orientation, please contact us at [orientation@villanova.edu](mailto:orientation@villanova.edu), and follow us on Instagram at [@NovaOrientation](#).*

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