



Key to Villanova Lingo and Frequently Used Acronyms

As a faculty member new to the Villanova academic community you are likely to encounter some new lingo and terms. This selective listing is intended to help you feel more at home and “talk the talk.” Go Nova!

The Grotto	Place for quiet contemplation behind the cemetery, next to Austin Hall (Admissions)
Holy Grounds	Reference to all coffee shops on campus in various buildings
KOP	King of Prussia Mall
Main Line	Towns located on Route 30 / Lancaster Ave.
The Pike	Lancaster Pike / Route 30
PIT	Dougherty dining hall
SAC	St. Augustine Center
Sheehan Beach	Area in front of Sheehan Hall and Vasey Hall
The Quad	Area between Sheehan and Sullivan residence halls for sophomores
The Commons	State-of-the-art residence halls for juniors and seniors along Lancaster Avenue
Blue Key Society	Student group that offers campus tours
Campus Currents	Online compilation of upcoming news and events for faculty and staff
MyNova	Secure portal to repository of files that are unique to you, contains all online information for students, faculty, and staff
NOVASIS	Student record system
OC	Orientation counselor, leads freshmen through new student orientation
The NewsWire	Online compilation of upcoming news and events for undergraduate, graduate and law students
UNIT	University Informational Technologies
Villanovan	Student on-campus weekly newsletter, published every Thursday
Wildcard	Faculty/ staff /student ID card
ACS	Augustine and Culture Seminar
SPO	Special Olympics Pennsylvania Fall Festival
VEXP	Villanova Experience; 1 credit workshop style class that meets weekly in the residence halls and explores various issues relevant to the first-year college experience; also referred to as “Fourth hour”
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
CARE	Students of Concern Committee
CATS	Course and Teacher Surveys
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (regulates disclosure of student records)