

Villanova University Profile

Founded in 1842, Villanova University is a large private Catholic institution located in the Philadelphia suburb of Delaware Valley. The school itself is actually situated geographically within the residential community of Radnor Township. The footprint of the site is split into 3 large facilities, one being the freshman campus south of Lancaster Avenue, the second being upper classmen housing just northwest of Springmill Road, and finally the main campus in the middle. Villanova is unique because it has a large suburban school feel to it, while still being in striking distance to the city. The university also has a large footprint of approximately 254 acres of park like property within the suburb of Philadelphia. The physical layout observes numerous historic buildings shared by students, and local residents. The campus itself has approximately 64 buildings including lecture, residential, research, and dining facilities.

The overall physical layout of the campus is typical of a college setting with wide sidewalks, grass field meeting places, and park like benches. The pedestrian flow of traffic within the facility was centered between the Connelly Center (student center), Vasey Hall (performing arts theater), and Kennedy Hall. This area of the campus is like a pedestrian mall with several main student facilities in close proximity to each other. These areas also have several grassy areas in which I observed students sitting on the grass, and on wood benches during my campus tour.

The university buildings and open spaces were very clean and well maintained during my observations. These open spaces allow students the ability to interact with each other in a non-educational manner due to the high number of observed meeting places on campus. Villanova students, faculty, and employees enjoy a community, within a community lifestyle in regard to on, and off campus activities and resources. Villanova also provides student housing on campus for all 4 years despite it's growth, and national appeal.

The published demographic information for the university describes a culturally diverse student population with students from all across the world. Villanova University has developed a large campus facility to offer students a Liberal Arts and Science, and Business Administration educational format to enhance it's commitment to different types of career endeavors.

Villanova University: The University is home to approximately 3139 male, and 3254 female full time students, and 353 male, and 341 female part time students. The university also has a large graduate school population with 1228 male, and 1061 female students enrolled at the school. The average age of a freshman is 18 years old. 33% of students are from Pennsylvania. Others are from 45 states, and 33 foreign countries. Students on campus provide a diverse multi-cultural religious makeup including 77% Catholic, 14% Protestant religious affiliation. 79% of students are white, 6% Asian Americans, 4% are Black, 5% are Hispanic, and 6% are the race is unknown.

Published Academic Standards for Admission Programs

Villanova University has a large educational system that offer Liberal Arts, and Business Administration Graduate, and under graduate programs. Below is a specific list of under graduate admission requirements.

Villanova University: Freshman Class: 13,760 applied, 5,718 accepted, 1,604 enrolled. SAT Verbal 630, SAT Math 650. ACT 29 Application Deadline January 7.

Faculty/ Classroom: 69% of faculty is male, 31% female. All both teach and do research. The average class size in an introductory lecture is 24; laboratory, 17; and in a regular course, 23.

Student / Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Retention Rate: 20% do not continue beyond 1st year, 85% remain to graduate.

Campus Footprint: An observation of the internal campus setting provides students and employees with several types of student services including physical fitness, residence, library services, and cultural meeting places and dining halls. I observed heavy pedestrian traffic from this area of the campus due to the location of the dining hall, and the time of day. The internal footprint of the school is shaped like a big square with students reading, eating, and talking to each other in the middle of the mall. This an interesting point to make in regard to the school's location within a suburb of a major city. When you walk onto the Villanova's campus you forget where you are for the moment, the campus landscape is big and beautiful.

The university's observed focal point of reference during the campus tour was the area in, and around Connelly Center, which is the center of the campus. Student pedestrian sidewalks all converge at this point from several locations around the campus including the academic, and residence halls. When you look at the campus map you can easily observe the main focal point. My tour guide told us that students come to the mall and grassy areas around the student center to relax and talk about school and life.

The design and physical setting of Villanova University is unique because the campus is located within a large suburban setting. The physical security footprint is also unique because the university has metal fencing and physical landscaping around the perimeter giving it a private community feel to it. This physical barrier provides access control to several vehicle, and pedestrian entrances, which requires I.D. for access control in the day, and night as well. The internal campus footprint is unique because the school is split into 3 parts with residence, lecture, and student services halls on opposite ends with performing arts, and recreation buildings in the middle.

The footprint of the college allows students to get away from classes to retreat to their residence halls. This type of structure enhances the campus lifestyle within the schools sprawling footprint. The buildings geographical design features form a large square in which students can enter, and leave the campus from several locations. Parking resources is also a big feature on campus due to the large number of parking permits issued to students and employees. The university also has a large graduate school population who

require parking services on campus, not to mention the daily academic, and sports activities that visitors enjoy while on the campus. Parking is a big challenge for public safety at Villanova. The university only has a limited number of parking lots for students, employees, and visitors. These parking lots maintain the campus perimeter because they act almost like a second natural barrier for safety and security.

The university is also linked together by several township streets within its massive real estate holdings with virtually all of the university's lecture halls, arts & science pavilions, residence halls, and historic buildings tied within its large real estate holdings. The footprint of the college is unique because students can retreat to their residence halls, or they can travel to other facilities to experience big campus living. The City of Philadelphia is called "One Big Campus" because the city has over 18 public, and private schools within a relatively short distance to each other. These types of resources enhance the campus lifestyle within each school's urban & suburban footprint because students can walk to several areas of the campus within minutes.

Villanova University has a classic northeastern campus feel to it because the school is located in suburban Township of Radnor Pennsylvania. The community itself is a short distance geographically from the City of Philadelphia, which allows for additional social, and cultural opportunities for students to enjoy during the year. This area is filled with historic architecture, parks, mixed residential, and commercial properties in, and around the university. Villanova takes up a great portion of real estate in the area with 254 acres and over 64 buildings. I have mentioned a description of the massive real estate holdings because you are more likely to see a Villanova public safety official than a Police Officer from the Radnor Police Department in this general area.

Local weather: Weather is also an issue to consider for students preparing for a college experience. Villanova enjoys all four seasons of weather including rain and snow. Northeast weather patterns sometimes allow for temperatures to drop below 32 degrees for a considerable amount of time during the winter. Pennsylvania also gets its share of rain during the spring and summer months as well. A strong indicator of pedestrian traffic around the university can be identified by the northeast weather patterns. Student parking within close proximity to university buildings and student services help reduce the exposure literally and figuratively.

Community Profile

Radnor Township has been described as a quiet suburban town that feels like a small city with all the college students, and local residents enjoying the Montgomery County Pennsylvania landscape. The township has also been described as a family centered residential community within striking distance to Philadelphia. Radnor also has an intellectual side due to its historical neighborhood architecture and close physical relationship with several local universities. The township is favorable to students and local residents because it offers a local pedestrian walkway on Lancaster Avenue, which links local residents to a large number of restaurants and local shops within the western edge of town. City Line & Lancaster Avenues are the main thoroughfares that travel north & west connecting several local towns to the university.

The community has a small city feel to it when you are walking to neighborhood eateries on the western edge of town. Residents and students enjoy several social destinations when walking east and west on Lancaster Avenue including downtown Radnor that offers coffee shops, bars, restaurants, and the Wynnwood shopping center, which is located a couple of blocks away. The walk from Villanova's main gate to the above-mentioned meeting places is approximately 15 minutes from the campus. Students who walk off the campus and make a left turn to the eastern edge of Lancaster Avenue will mostly find suburban living except for the Villanova R-5 Train Station for (SEPTA), which provides public transportation to the City of Philadelphia.

The township itself is located within the northeastern area of the state, which makes it convenient to several suburban communities and highway networks. SEPTA provides local rail service in the area with the R-5 Thorndale Line. This rail corridor links to the 30th Street Station which is a main link to several different commuter trains and the northeast corridor. The 30th Street Station also links to Amtrak, New Jersey Transit, and the Philadelphia International Airport via the R-1 line. Radnor also has several main roadways that connect the community to major state highways including Route 1, 76, and 476 that links to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and Interstate 95. Shopping, restaurants, and hotel chains can be found within these major transportation networks after a short drive from the campus. Appendix #1 on the back page of this profile lists several of observed resources in close proximity to the school.

The following demographics for Radnor Township describe a multi-cultural community within a total population of 30,878 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Villanova University has a strong relationship with this diverse community. An example of this commitment can be observed through the university's community services handbook that describes educational programs, health care programs and services, legal programs and services to local residents who may require community help.

A Census Bureau community survey highlights several characteristics to describe the population including: 14,384 residents are male, 16,494 are female. 90% of residents are white, 3% are African American, 2% is Hispanic or Latino, and 3% are Asian. The median age of population is 28 years old. 80% of residents are 18 years old or over, 64% are over 21, and 13% of township residents is over the age of 65. The issue of housing in Radnor is also interesting. 96.4% of all housing units within the township are occupied. 37% of housing units are renter-occupied, while 63% of units are owner-occupied. Only 3.6% of total available housing was vacant.

Campus Life

Villanova University is a multi-cultural campus environment that provides students with an outstanding social, and educational atmosphere. The admissions demographics paint a picture of a very diverse community with students from all over the world. The local community of Delaware Valley/ Main Line only adds to the universities international status because the community has multi-cultural roots as well. Villanova also addresses the issue of ecology in a positive way. The physical environment is clean and well maintained and the economic conditions are favorable to students and local residents due to the available services in walking distance to the school.

The emotional climate of the entire community is positive because students are involved with local community groups. An observation of this very positive emotional climate can be found by looking at the endless student flyers posted throughout the campus on walls, doors, windows, and light poles. These flyers describe upcoming activities and they invite all students to enjoy the clubs, performing arts, and public discussions on world events. Villanova's students went as far as hanging banners outside residence halls to invite students to attend social events on campus, which was very cool. I also observed the universities Greek organizations presence on campus with students collecting donations for several local charities outside the student center during my visit.

This issue of school culture and emotional attachment is also a very important part of campus life because everyone wants to have a connection and emotional fit to their new school and community. Villanova has done a great job developing positive social systems with it's students by providing a series of coordinated programs including workshops and seminars for freshman students. This type of process provides a foundation for learning and personal growth providing over 272 academic clubs, student organizations, and over 15 intramural sports activities. Villanova also has 14 national fraternities for men, and 11 national sororities for women.

Campus life at Villanova can be considered very active due to several notable student venues including the Connelly Center that has a movie theater within the building, and the student recreational center called the Pavilion. The university also has a student run performing arts venue within Vasey Hall. These on campus facilities allows students to enjoy more than academic excellence, it gives them the opportunity to experience school sports, fraternities, performing arts, history, cultural events, restaurants, and local museums.

Villanova University also has several global education centers in the area for students to learn, and gather information about studying abroad. Students can also enjoy big campus sports events on several fields around campus including the school's stadium on the eastern edge of the school footprint. Villanova currently participates in 10 NCAA Division I Varsity Sports for Men, and 12 for women including Big East Basketball.

Student Housing: The purpose of student housing is to provide safe and reasonable accommodations for students living away from home. The issue of housing and dormitory life is a critical element of overall campus life because students spend a large amount of time in their rooms. Student housing units historically come in 3 different styles including traditional corridor, suite, and apartment style units.

Villanova University guarantees on campus housing for all four years thru a lottery system. Students who have filed their intent to reside on campus by the stated deadline and who have continuously registered as full time students receive housing. The school has started developing housing resources for upper classman through it's capital improvement initiatives. Information about housing can be found on the quick links page of this document.

Off Campus Housing: Villanova University has been described as a large private university within an affluent residential community. The reason I have mentioned the overall community is to re-assert the point that Villanova's network of facilities has encapsulated it's real estate holdings within the area. The campus footprint allows almost every student to have housing within walking distance to the campus. The issue of off campus housing has a different feel to it compared to other university off campus housing demands. The demand for housing, especially off campus housing is usually a tough issue for institutions attempting to keep students within the general geographical area. Information about available resources can be found on the quick links page.

Public Transportation: Campus transportation resources for Villanova's students are available through the Wildcat shuttle system, which provides van service for daily classes, student activities, and links to local shopping and restaurants. This service is crucial to students who don't have cars because it provides transportation services to the entire university community. Villa nova students also have a (SEPTA) station along the R-5 Thorndale Line to take them into the city.

The school's van service provides reliable transportation to students who don't, or can't have vehicles on campus. The university also has a very large number of out of state students who don't know the streets and highways very well. Knowing the area is key because students who come from local states may know the area better and may be able to walk or drive to local destinations. Foreign, and out of state students might opt to take a bus or train to their destination because they don't want to risk getting lost on local roads.

Description of Campus Public Safety Plans & Procedures: Campus communities are unique places due to their populations and physical layouts. In some areas of the United States you really can't tell where a campus begins or ends because people walk through, drive through, and take campus transportation through all areas of the campus footprint. Villanova University has developed public safety plans and procedures to keep students, and employees safe. The school's general public safety plans and procedures can be found in the document "Emergency Preparedness Plan" which gives students and employees a list of instructions, procedures, codes of conduct, and response strategies to follow while on campus. This information can be found in Villanova University's Annual Public Safety Report. The university emergency plan information can be found:

On Campus Emergency Resources: www.villanova.edu/publicsafety/emergency/

Crisis Management Plans & Procedures Local Community: Historically, FEMA has identified risk factors within specific geographical areas of the United States. The western states have fires and earthquakes, the mid-west has tornados, the gulf, and eastern seaboard states have hurricanes. And finally, the northeast has a combination of snow and wind related weather events. Each area of the United States requires crisis management plans to help people recover from disaster events. Colleges and universities usually develop plans and procedures that complement local community resources, in some cases schools are required by state and federal law to develop plans and procedures.

The State of Pennsylvania has developed emergency management resources to help residents to prepare, respond, and recover from a host of natural, and man made events. The state agency responsible for emergency operations is the Emergency Management Agency. Contact information for this state agency www.readypa.org

Innovative Emergency Communications: Villanova University has developed reverse 911 systems that sends several types of emergency notifications through e-mail and phone text message systems. Campus alerts, and weather related information is sent through this system. The university also has active shooter protocols for students to follow during an emergency including lock-down, and lockout procedures. These messages are usually received within 1-2 minutes of emergency broadcast and allow university officials to adhere to Clery Act requirements for timely warnings of emergency events. Notification service can be found by contacting Public Safety:

Campus Access Control & Security Systems: The design, and physical setting of a particular institution has elements relating to the overall culture and social system on campus. Since college and university campuses are designed to offer (open) movement of people through it's borders, the issue of design, along with effective use of space can reduce both the incidence, and fear of crime. This design feature is called "Crime Prevention through Environmental Control." The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. The issues of identifying formal gathering and high-risk areas within a campus footprint are also critical to public safety resources because manpower must be observed in these areas.

The design and physical setting of Villanova University isn't unique for a suburban campus because the footprint is encapsulated within a local township in Pennsylvania. The campus footprint itself highlights several historic buildings, and large grassy areas, which form a large barrier around the main campus. These buildings, along with natural landscaping form a large square that's several city block long, and wide. These physical security design features seem to have enhanced the footprint by using natural, and manmade resources to limit access to the overall campus.

The university has several entrances and exits to maximize the pedestrian traffic flow within the facility, the issue of vehicle traffic on campus is minimal due to the suburban setting and a limited number of street parking spots. Villanova's public safety department deploys officers to several access points around the campus during the day to reduce the number of people who may not have legitimate business on campus. At night, some of these entrances get secured with a lock and chain to further reduce access to the institution. Public safety also maintains visitor screening with clearly worded signage that directs visitors to a welcome area within Austin Hall (Admissions), visitors who wish to walk around the campus without an escort can, but only during daylight hours.

Formal gathering areas within the Villanova's campus are situated in, and around the campus mall, which goes straight through the quad to Connelly Student Center, and Dougherty Hall (Dining Services). These areas are the main observed focal points of the campus with several large grassy areas in and around the lecture, and residence halls. The quad is a textbook example of CPTED design because it allows for natural surveillance and open space for people to enjoy while still providing some type of ownership within the property. The campuses great lawn ensures open sight lines by keeping buildings and architectural barriers on the perimeter of the space.

The issue of high-risk areas on campus has been identified during annual risk assessments by security, and feedback by all intuitional stakeholders including public safety officials. The department maintains uniform patrol, fixed security posts, and high tech remote resources to highlight formal surveillance throughout the campus. The department also has security officers posted in several high-risk areas including the student center, sports venues, residence halls, and the library. Public safety also patrols the interior and exterior of the university by foot and patrol vehicles but, Villanova's public safety officers don't have formal arrest powers; they have to notify Lower Merion

Township to investigate criminal activity on campus. Villanova's public safety department has developed enhanced lighting, student crime tip lines, and formal surveillance resources (CCTV) for perimeter areas because it helps with surveillance and gives students and visitors an enhanced feeling of safety and security.

The campus high-risk areas including the residence halls have a higher degree of natural and formal surveillance for students and visitors. Villanova public safety assigns uniformed officers to residence halls to help with access control issues. Students who enter the residence halls must produce their Villanova card that is swiped into an access control reader. Resident Assistants, and public safety officers also observe entry into common areas and may ask students to identify themselves, and guests within specific hours of the day. The residence halls also have a second RA on duty at night, and on the weekends to help manage visitor requests for entry; the procedure requires a visitor to produce I.D. and to sign a formal register. And finally, public safety has CCTV resources within several residence halls to enhance formal surveillance.

Descriptions of Published Policies and Procedures to Comply with the Clery Act

The Clery Act. The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires all postsecondary institutions participating in the Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics, university violations and disciplinary data, and finally security information to the U.S. Department of Education on an annual basis. The legislation also describes several required policy statements that address public safety and security issues. Below is a sample list of Clery Act Policy Statements for colleges and universities to publish each year within their prospective crime report/audits.

Required policy statements include: addressing timely warnings, disclosure of crime statistics, reporting criminal offenses, confidential reporting, security and access control, arrest authority, security awareness programs, crime prevention programs, sex offenses, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, substance abuse programs, and general codes of conduct. Villanova's Clery Act info can be found on the quick links page.

Caveat: Villanova University Public Safety officers don't have arrest powers; they call the Radnor Township Police for crime issues on campus. The university does provide security resources on campus but the following statement from the department education offers this advice. "The department data reported by the institutions have not been subjected to independent verification by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, the department cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data. Villanova's Clery Act crime data can be found at: <http://ope.ed.gov/security/Index.aspx>

Local Crime Statistics: The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report for 2008 has developed crime statistics for Radnor Township Pennsylvania. In 2008 the Police Department reported 23 Violent Crimes, 0 Murders, 1 Forcible Rape, 5 Robberies, 17 Aggravated Assaults, 352 Property Crimes, 28 Burglaries, 312 Larceny Thefts, and finally 12 Motor Vehicle Thefts. The crime of Arson was reported 0 times.

Emergency Medical Technicians: Villanova has emergency medical technicians who respond with the Township of Radnor Fire Department EMS to provide ambulance service to students, residents, and visitors through emergency notification systems. Below is the contact information for services, and general information for the local hospitals.

Township of Radnor Community Quick Links

Radnor Township home page: www.radnor.com

Police Department: www.radnor.com/departement/index.asp?fDD=15-0

Fire Department: www.radnor.com/departement/index.asp?fDD=12-0

Lankenau Hospital (Local Hospital to St. Joe's)

100 Lancaster Avenue

Wynnewood, P.A. 19096

(610) 645-2000

www.mainlinehealth.org

City of Philadelphia Community Quick Links

City of Philadelphia Home Page: www.phila.gov/

City Department of Tourism: www.phillyguide.com

Police Department: www.pponline.org/

Fire Department/ EMS: www.phila.gov/fire/about/index_homepage.html

Villanova Quick Links Page

Home Page: www.villanova.edu

Admissions: www.admission.villanova.edu

Maps & Directions: www.villanova.edu/enroll/admission/visit/

Financial Aid: www.villanova.edu/enroll/finaid/

Student Activities: www.villanova.edu/studentlife/studentdevelopment/cat/

Athletic Event Tickets: www.villanova.edu/events/lottery/

Student Clubs & Organizations:
www.villanova.edu/studentlife/studentdevelopment/organizations.htm

Fraternity & Sorority Life:
www.villanova.edu/studentlife/studentdevelopment/greeklife/

School Newspaper: www.villanovan.com#4

Student Center:
www.villanova.edu/studentlife/studentdevelopment/cat/calendar.htm

Public Transportation Services:
www.villanova.edu/publicsafety/services/shuttle.htm & www.septa.org

Information Technology Center: www.villanova.edu/unit/

Health Insurance: www.villanova.edu/studentlife/healthcenter/prerequisites.htm

Health Services: www.villanova.edu/studentlife/healthcenter/

Student Housing: www.villanova.edu/studentlife/reslife/

University Meal Plan: www.villanova.edu/services/dining/

Off Campus Housing: www.villanova.edu/studentlife/reslife/offcampus/

Campus Parking: www.villanova.edu/publicsafety/services/parking/

Public Safety Plans & Procedures: www.villanova.edu/publicsafety/

Clery Act Policies & Procedures: www.villanova.edu/securityreport.htm

Restaurants on the Main Line (Lancaster Avenue) in Suburban Philadelphia

Below is a sample list of local restaurants on the main line (Lancaster Avenue) in Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, Wynnewood, and Ardmore Pennsylvania. These restaurants are in close proximity to several suburban Philadelphia schools including, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Villanova, and St. Joe's. National restaurant chains & shopping resources can be found on Route 78, 476, and 22. Complete information about hotels, restaurants, shopping, museums, and general tourism activities can be found in the document "Everything Philadelphia" on the Your College Profile web site.

Bryn Mawr/ Haverford Restaurants:

Beijing Inn (Chinese) 812 Lancaster Ave, (610) 525-7761
Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria (Italian) 761 Lancaster Ave, (610) 519-1940
Carmine's Creole Café (Italian) 818 Lancaster Ave, (610) 520-9100
Cosi (American Salads & Sandwiches) 761 Lancaster Ave, (610) 520-5208
The Grog (American Pub Food) 863 Lancaster Ave, (610) 527-5870
Ha Long Bay (Vietnamese) 816 Lancaster Ave, (610) 525-8883
Kelly's Tap Room (American Pub Food) 1107 Lancaster Ave, (610) 520-9344
Mediterranean Grill (Mediterranean Food) 870 Lancaster Ave, (610) 525-2627
Sola (French/American Food) 614 Lancaster Ave, (610) 526-0123
Sushi Land (Japanese) 861 W.Lancaster Ave, (610) 527-5427

Ardmore Restaurants:

Bella Italia (Italian) 12 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 649-1700
Fellini Café Trattoria (Italian) 31 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 642-9009
Mikado (Japanese) 66 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 645-5592
Primavera Pizza Kitchen (Italian) 7 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 642-8000

Wynnewood Restaurants:

Dakota Pizza Company (Italian) 333 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 642-6770
Sang Kee Asian Bistro (Asian Food) 339 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 658-0618
Vinny T's of Boston (Italian) 260 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 645-5400
Panera Bread Company (Salads & Sandwiches) 278 E.Lancaster Ave (610) 896-0564
Saladworks (Soup & Salad) 282 E.Lancaster Ave, (610) 642-9250

Rosemont Restaurants:

Gullifty's Restaurant (American) 1149 Lancaster Ave, (610) 525-1851
Peace a Pizza (Italian) 1125 W.Lancaster Ave, (610) 581-7010
Samurai Japanese Restaurant (Japanese) 201 W.Lancaster Ave, (610) 525-8000

