



Villanova University

Graduate Programs

★ **#57 National Ranking**
U.S. News & World Report, 2026



Villanova University is a renowned private university in Pennsylvania, founded in 1842. It holds a strong reputation, particularly in engineering and business. Its location in Villanova, PA offers proximity to major East Coast cities like New York and Washington, D.C.

Key Highlights

- **Strong Academics & Career Outcomes:** The College of Engineering and School of Business are highly ranked. 98.3% of business school graduates are employed within 6 months.
- **Finance & Business Resources:** Features the Gmelich Lab for Financial Markets with Bloomberg Terminals, Morningstar, and TraderX. Students can manage the Wildcat Fund, a portfolio exceeding \$1 million, ideal for those interested in Socially Responsible Investing (SRI).
- **Powerful Alumni Network:** Notable alumni include Dr. Jill Biden, executives from Estée Lauder, Johnson & Johnson, and NBC Sports, and former Stanford President John L. Hennessy.
- **Campus Culture & Sports:** The "Wildcats" have won three NCAA national championships, fostering a strong campus community.
- **High Value Education:** Ranked #69 for "Best Value Schools," recognized for quality and return on investment. Graduates' average salaries rank in the top 50 nationally.

Program Offering and Important Dates for 2026 Academic Year (Postgraduate Program Only-On Campus/Full Time)

College of Engineering (All programs STEM-designated)

Biochemical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Sustainable Engineering, Water Resources and Environmental Engineering.

Spring 2026 Application Deadline: October 8, 2025

Fall 2026 Application Deadline: March 25, 2026

School of Business

- Fast Track MBA
- Master of Accounting with Data Analytics (STEM)
- Master of Business Taxation with Data Analytics (STEM)
- Master of Science in Finance (STEM)

Spring 2026 Application Deadline: August 25, 2025

Fall 2026 Application Deadline: March 25, 2026

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- MA: Biology (STEM), Communication, Education, Educational Policy, Mathematics (STEM), Ministry & Theology, Ministry & Theology (Chaplaincy), Political Science, Theology
- MPA: Public Administration, Public Administration (City Management), Public Administration (Non-profit Management)
- MS: Applied Statistics & Data Science (STEM), Computer Science (STEM), Environmental Science (STEM), Human Resource Development, HRD (HR Business Partner), HRD (HR Leadership), HRD (Inclusion & Diversity), HRD (Organizational Development), Software Engineering (STEM)

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Note: Applications are suggested to be submitted to Shorelight Admissions Portal at least three business days before the actual program deadline to allow sufficient time for completing the university application (e.g., submitting recommendation letters). After the deadline, access to the university portal is closed.

Admission Requirements

Academic	Minimum GPA 3.0
English Proficiency	Minimum University Requirement for Shorelight Portal Submission • Business & Engineering: TOEFL 90 / IELTS 7.0 (Duolingo not accepted) • Most CLAS Programs: TOEFL 80 / IELTS 6.5 / Duolingo 120 • Computer & Software Engineering: TOEFL 90 / IELTS 7.0 / Duolingo 125 Note: TOEFL Home Edition and MyBest scores are Not accepted for All Programs
	English Test Waiver Policy • Business: Not eligible for waiver. • Engineering: Eligible with a U.S. bachelor's degree. • College of Arts and Science: Eligible for citizens/degree holders from Australia, Canada, UK, Ireland, or New Zealand.
	Resume, Statement of Purpose, Letters of Recommendation (number varies by program), specific essays/writing samples for some programs (e.g., MA Communication).
GRE/GMAT	Required for: MA Political Science, MS Applied Statistics & Data Science, MS Computer Science, MS Software Engineering, MA Mathematics, MS Finance. Recommended GRE Score: 50th percentile Quantitative; Minimum 300 total. Optional for other programs.
Specific requirements varied by major	Check official college websites for specific requirements: • Business: https://www1.villanova.edu/university/business/academics/graduate-programs.html • Engineering: https://live-villanova-engineering.cleancatalog.io/master-of-science-program • College of Arts and Science: https://gradclashandbook.villanova.edu/admission-policies-and-requirements

Estimate Tuition and Cost

(Final information is subject to change by the university)

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| • College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: \$17,190(two semesters) | • School of Business (two semesters) |
| • College of Engineering: ~\$28,710 (two semesters) | ◦ Master of Accounting / Business Taxation: \$28,710 |
| | ◦ Fast Track MBA: \$24,300 |
| | ◦ Master of Science in Finance: \$32,490 |

Please check the university's official website for the most up-to-date tuition and fees for specific programs.

The Application Guidance: Through the Shorelight Admissions Portal

STEP 1 | Submit via Shorelight Admissions Portal for Record

- Go to the Shorelight admission portal: <https://admissions.shorelight.com/login>
- Click "Apply Now" in the top right corner to start your application.
- Begin filling in your basic information. (For the email address, please be sure to provide an accurate address that belongs to the student. This email must be consistent with the one used for the official university application.)
- Select Villanova University, then choose your desired program and the correct start term.

Please complete the Shorelight admission portal application step by step, providing accurate application information and materials. Shorelight will conduct an initial review upon receipt of the application.

Materials Required for Shorelight Portal

- Official University Transcripts (Engineering requires 4-year bachelor's equivalent; Business/CLAS may review 3-year degrees case-by-case, often requiring a WES/ECE evaluation).
- Official Diploma/Certificate of Graduation (if applicable).
- Language Score Report.
- Completed English Waiver Form if applicable
- You can download the English waiver form <https://shorelight.widen.net/s/cgmfv6czs/english-waiver-form>
- Resume
- Statement of Purpose
- Program-specific essays/writing samples
- GRE/GMAT scores (if required by program).

GRE are required by specific programs including the M.S Applied Statistics and Data Science; MS Computer Science; MS Software Engineering; MA Political Science; MA Mathematics

GRE can be exempted for these programs if the applicant holds the bachelor degree from U.S University institution

Master of Finance Major require applicants to submit GRE or GMAT which can be exempted if the applicants meet any one of the following criteria for this program

- Received an undergraduate GPA of 3.3 or higher, with a major in a quantitative discipline (Ex: Business Administration, Economics, Accounting, Finance, Engineering, Mathematics, Information Systems, etc.)
- Hold a master's degree from an accredited university in a technical or quantitative field with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Hold an advanced degree such as MBA, JD, MD, or PhD

*You can visit to this link to check the requirement for Statement of Purpose and Essays Prompts <https://shorelight.widen.net/s/wdwtlxbz/vil-sop-prompts>

STEP 2 | Complete University Portal Application

1.After successful submission to Shorelight admissions Portal, the Portal status changes to 'Final Review' and shows "Your application has been submitted to Villanova University" ; The student email box receives a confirmation email for the submission and give the guidance for the next steps.

2.Following the instructions from the Villanova University email, the applicant needs to complete the application which includes:

- Upload transcripts in the University Portal
- Uploading any additional supplemental materials by your specific program
- Monitor your application status and decision via the university portal.
- Submission of Recommendation Letters

Applicants must provide their recommenders' information via the university application portal. The number of required letters varies by school and program:

• School of Business:

- Fast Track MBA: 2 letters
- All other programs: 1 letter

• College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

- MA Biology: 3 letters
- MA Communication: 3 letters
- MA Education / Educational Policy: 3 letters
- MA Liberal Studies: 2 letters
- MA Political Science: 3 letters
- MA Theology / Ministry and Theology: 2 or 3 letters
- Master of Public Administration: 3 letters

• College of Engineering:

- All programs: 2 letters

- MS Applied Statistics and Data Science: 3 letters
- MS Computer Science: 3 letters
- MS Software Engineering: 3 letters
- MS Environmental Science: 3 letters
- All HRD programs: 1 letter
- MA Mathematics: 3 letters

Note for School of Business Recommendations:

One professional recommendation is required from someone familiar with the applicant's professional and/or academic achievements. A maximum of two letters may be submitted (two are required for the Fast Track MBA). Each recommender must complete a form and submit a letter addressing these four

points:

- 1.Length of time and context in which the recommender has known the applicant.
- 2.Basis of the professional relationship.
- 3.The applicant's key strengths.
- 4.Areas for the applicant's potential growth or improvement.

Notes

1. Business School: Non-U.S. transcripts require a NACES-approved evaluation for I-20 issuance.
- 2.Admission Interviews: Required for Fast Track MBA, Master of Accounting with Data Analytics, and Master of Business Taxation with Data Analytics.

Official Contacts for Inquiry

Shorelight Contacts

For questions before submitting the Shorelight application, please contact the regional email based on your location:

- China, North Asia (China/Korea/Japan, etc.), Southeast Asia (excluding Vietnam and Myanmar):

Alina.wan@shorelight.com

- South Asia (India/Pakistan/Bangladesh, etc.), Middle East, Africa & Europe:

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- North America, Latin America, Vietnam and Myanmar:

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University Contacts

(For questions after successful submission to Shorelight, contact the Graduate School):

School of Business: gradbusinessinfo@villanova.edu

College of Engineering: engineering.grad@villanova.edu

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: gradinformation@villanova.edu



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