

# Student Services

The Division of Student Services at Monmouth University offers many important student services for resident and commuter students. Staff members promote personal and intellectual growth, while aiding students in resolving problems and helping them adapt to the college experience. The Student Handbook provides a more in-depth description of these services and all the regulations relevant to student life. Students should become familiar with the handbook at the start of every academic year.

## **SERVICES FOR STUDENTS: ORIENTATION**

A student's introduction to student life at Monmouth begins even before classes start. All new students participate in orientation programs designed specifically for their needs.

### **First-year students**

All new first-year students, commuters and residents, are expected to take part in an intensive two-day, one-night New Student Orientation Program during the month of July. This structured program includes educational and social activities designed to ease the transition to college life at Monmouth and to give students opportunities to

meet and interact with other new students. Students will take a mathematics placement test and attend an advising/registration program during which they will work with a First-Year Advisor to develop a schedule for the fall semester. They will also meet faculty and staff with whom they'll be interacting during the first year.

Parents of first-year students have at least three opportunities to come to campus to learn about life at Monmouth University during their student's first year on campus. The first is a Parent Program, offered in late spring, well before New Student Orientation. Parents will receive important information about their student's upcoming transition into life as a university student and meet representatives from across campus who can provide information during our Parent Fair. Another parent session is held on Move-In Day (the weekend before classes start), and parents are invited back to campus again for Family Weekend, which usually takes place in October.

### **Transfer Students (including Adult Learners)**

The Center for Student Success (CSS) coordinates the connections between full-time transfer students (with 18 or more credits) and their academic departments to ensure a smooth transi-

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tion to Monmouth University. The Associate Dean for the CSS Support Services and Articulation and Student Development Counselors are available to assist transfer students with their personal adjustment and educational plans. These services are also available for all part-time students.

At the beginning of each semester, all new transfer students are welcomed to the University at specially designed orientation programs.

### **HOUSING OPTIONS**

#### **Residents**

The University offers a variety of housing options in its 15 locations: Beechwood, Cedar, Spruce, Willow, Laurel, Elmwood, Pinewood, Oakwood, Redwood, and Maplewood Halls; the Garden, Great Lawn, Fountain Garden, Diplomat apartment complexes; and Pier Village. Living styles include traditional room arrangements, usually for first-year students; suite style, usually for first-year and upper-class students; and apartments for juniors and seniors. Residence halls are typically co-ed by floor, and the majority of students share double and triple rooms. In an effort to make a comfortable match, new students are asked to complete a questionnaire before room assignments are made. Housing is not guaranteed.

Each residential area is staffed by professional Hall Directors, and each hall is staffed by Resident Assistants, all of whom are intensively trained in providing assistance, information, activities, and programs for resident students. The Assistant Vice President for Student Services, the Associate Director of Residential Life, and two Assistant Directors of Residential Life reside near campus and provide additional, professional support for the Residence Life program.

All on-campus halls provide laundry facilities that utilize vending cards, which can be purchased on campus. All resident students not living in a University-owned or sponsored apartment are required to be on the meal plan of the Residence Dining Hall. Students may choose either a carte blanche plan, which allows you unlimited access to the Residential Dining Hall, or one of three "block" meal plans, which provides students with a set number of meals for the semester. First-year students may not select a "block" lower than 195 their first semester.

Cars are unnecessary, as everything generally is within walking distance of campus. Many stu-

dents use bicycles. While students are not prohibited from bringing cars (parking is extremely limited and a parking decal is required), they are discouraged from having cars on campus so that they may fully experience University life and all that it has to offer.

#### **Commuters**

There are traditional, non-traditional, full-time, part-time, graduate and undergraduate students who commute to campus every year. Monmouth University recognizes that its commuter students are unique and that they have a variety of needs which the University attempts to address each semester. As such, the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is available to provide support and guidance to all of the commuter students who attend Monmouth University. Commuter students are identified as early as summer orientation, where information sessions are offered and they can hear from student leaders as well as find out how to navigate the programs and services that are available on campus. Students who have an interest in getting involved are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Activities or any of the 75 recognized clubs and organizations that exist at Monmouth.

There are a wide range of extra-curricular events and leadership opportunities that take place, and programs are planned so that commuters can participate during the day. Furthermore, commuter students may choose from a number of dining options that include a la carte and meal plan services in the Student Center Cafeteria, Java City, the Einstein Bagel shop, or the Magill Commons Dining Hall. Commuter students will find parking at any time of the day or night. For more information, contact OCCS at 732-263-5651 or refer to the Office's Web site at [www.monmouth.edu/commuter](http://www.monmouth.edu/commuter).

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

**Health Services** is open to all students whether they live on or off campus. All matriculating students born after 1956 must show proof of two measles, two mumps, and one rubella immunization. Students taking nine (9) or more credits must show proof of having completed the Hepatitis B series. Resident students are required to receive the meningitis vaccine. There is no fee for medical consultation or physical examination. Students are responsible for any costs that may be incurred for outside referrals, pre-

scriptions, special services, laboratory, and diagnostic procedures. Students are seen on a walk-in basis. Appointments are required for Women's Clinic, physicals, and psychiatric evaluations. Services include: diagnosis and treatment of common ambulatory illnesses and injuries, immunizations, allergy injections, physicals, GYN services, drug and alcohol screening, psychiatric evaluation, and medication titration.

The Health Center hours are: Monday through Thursday, 8:45 am to 7:00 pm, and Friday, 8:45 am to 5:00 pm.

Health Services is staffed with three nurse practitioners, a nurse practitioner/director, a licensed drug and alcohol counselor, a part-time general practitioner physician, and a part-time psychiatrist. Monmouth Medical Center, a community teaching hospital, offers complete medical and psychiatric services and is within a mile and a half of the University.

**The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services** provides free, confidential psychological counseling to Monmouth University students on a "first come, first serve" basis. The professional staff of licensed psychological counselors supports students in addressing a variety of personal issues, including general mental health, anxiety and stress management, depression, emotional crises, family issues, interpersonal conflicts, and more. Mental health hotlines connect students to both on and off-campus assistance on a 24-hour basis. The Counseling Center is located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center and is open from 8:45am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Contact us by e-mail at [mucounseling@monmouth.edu](mailto:mucounseling@monmouth.edu) or by calling 732-571-7517. Additional information regarding clinical counseling services and a list of web-based resources may be found on the University Web site.

**The Office of International Student Services** assists students from other countries with their adjustment to life in the United States and Monmouth University. A part-time International Student Services Coordinator is available to provide personal and immigration advising and cross-cultural counseling.

## **CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

### ***Athletics***

Athletics constitute an integral part of a Monmouth University education. The Division I athletic program offers excellent opportunities for qualified athletes who wish to participate and a special

level of enthusiasm and excitement for the entire University community.

The athletics program fields men's varsity teams in baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, indoor track and field, soccer, tennis, and outdoor track and field. Women's varsity teams participate in basketball, cross-country, field hockey, golf, indoor track and field, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, and outdoor track and field.

### ***Student Activities***

The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations provides a variety of programs and opportunities that are intended to assist in the social, cultural, and intellectual development of our students. The office is responsible for the coordination of cultural and social activities reflecting the diverse population of the University, encourages student participation in clubs and organizations, is involved in the coordination of campus and multicultural activities, provides leadership trainings, and oversees Fraternity and Sorority Life and the operation of the Student Center.

### ***Leadership Programs***

The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations coordinates a variety of leadership programs and initiatives for the campus community. There are various leadership workshops, conferences, and trainings; student involvement fairs; and student group and leader recognition events, societies, and awards. For more information, please contact the office at 732-571-3586.

### ***STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS***

There are more than 70 different clubs and organizations on campus. Active involvement in a club or organization helps a student develop new leadership skills and meet new friends. Students can select from clubs related to their majors or take the opportunity to join something related to a special interest or hobby. Each year the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations hosts two Involvement Fairs to assist students in getting connected to a club or organization. Students should read the bulletin boards, table tents, e-mail, electronic boards, and the student newspaper, *The Outlook*, to learn more about club activities throughout the year.

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### **Student Center**

An integral part of Monmouth's overall campus life program, the Student Center serves as a gathering area for all segments of the University community. It is an area where students meet informally and formally to share common interests and develop friendships. The Student Center includes dining facilities, lounges, Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank office and ATM, computer lab, meeting rooms, and is the site of many campus and community events. The facility also houses the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, and many student organization offices.

The Student Center is the site of the Division of Student Services, the Center for Student Success, the Office of Career Services, Student Activities/Operations, Judicial Affairs, International Student Services, Central Scheduling, the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, Conference and Program Services, the Study Abroad Office, the First-Year at Monmouth Office, and the Office for Disability Services.

### **Student Activities Board**

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is a student organization advised by the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations. Concerts, speakers, comedians, bus trips, novelty programs, student competitions, and festivals are among the many events sponsored. The SAB presents numerous opportunities for students to get involved both as spectators and as active board members. Students can join eight committees, which include: Novelty, Awareness, Diversity Programs, Major Events, Comedy, Concerts, Festivals, and Travel and Tour. Involvement in SAB may relate to a student's major or may just be something enjoyable.

### **Cultural Activities**

The Lauren K. Woods Theatre is the home of the Department of Music and Theatre Arts, offering a schedule of student productions during the academic year, and the professional theatre, The Shadow Lawn Stage, in the summer. Participation in all department performance ensembles from theatrical productions, chorus, chamber choir, chamber orchestra and others is open to all students. Private instrumental and vocal lessons are available to all students regardless of their major. Backstage assis-

tance is always welcome during the academic year as well as during the summer season.

The "in-concert" series features world-renowned musicians in classical and jazz performances. The dance program provides regional and professional dance companies for student enjoyment. Other cultural events include a poetry reading series, Global Understanding Week, guest lectures throughout the year, and various multicultural and diversity activities. The University maintains two art galleries with an ongoing schedule of exhibits.

While Monmouth has no religious affiliation, it does recognize the important place that religion has in the lives of many of its students. The Christian Ambassadors, the Catholic Centre, Hillel, and the Muslim Student Association are all active on campus. In addition, churches and synagogues representing the major religious faiths are within convenient reach of the campus and are available for services and personal counseling. A listing of area places of worship is available at the Office of Student Services.

### **Recreation**

The William T. Boylan Gymnasium provides facilities to support varsity competition and recreation, including a swimming pool (non-competition), three full basketball courts, a fitness center, and the Sports Medicine Department. Outdoor facilities available to students for their recreational use and varsity competition include: tennis courts, an eight-lane track, a Field Turf football/lacrosse field, and grass soccer, baseball, and softball fields. There is a year-round Intramural Sports Program, which includes games and sports, such as badminton, basketball, dodge ball, flag football, softball, volleyball, dorm wars, poker, home run derby, and 3-point contest.

### **SOCIETIES**

#### **Greek Letter Organizations**

Currently there are seven fraternities and seven sororities on campus. The fraternities include: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Theta Xi, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. The sororities include: Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., Phi Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

### **Honor Societies**

Academic departments sponsor honor societies to give recognition to outstanding scholarship in a particular area. Student Services does not oversee academic honor societies.

Membership in Lambda Sigma Tau (the University-wide honor society) is the highest academic honor at Monmouth University and is awarded to upper-class students on the basis of outstanding scholarship.

Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership society, recognizes upperclass students who have demonstrated leadership on campus. Phi Eta Sigma is a freshman leadership honor society acknowledging academic excellence and involvement in student activities.

The Gamma Sigma Alpha, National Greek Academic Honor Society, recognizes fraternity and sorority members who have achieved high levels of academic success. The order of Omega National Greek Honor Society recognizes leaders within the fraternity and sorority community. Rho Lambda Panhellenic Honor Society recognizes those women affiliated with NPC sororities for achieving high levels of Panhellenic Life.

### **AWARDS**

Students are eligible for non-academic awards that are given annually.

### **Outstanding Student Award**

The Student Government Association sponsors this award given to the graduating senior who, through creative leadership and ability, has made a contribution of lasting value to the future of Monmouth University. The name of the winner is announced at Commencement.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Monmouth University offers its students the opportunity for maximum intellectual and personal growth by providing a variety of experiences, activities, and services that are designed to complement classroom work and provide opportunities for individual maturation.

The University recognizes and respects the students' personal freedom and assures maximum individual liberty within the limits necessary for the orderly operation of the University. In response, students must observe rules and regulations necessary for the proper functioning of the institution.

Each individual has the right and responsibility to bring to the attention of an administrative or Student Government official any violations of personal freedom or the regulations of the University.

Additional information regarding the Student Code of Conduct is contained in the Student Handbook.