Student Services

The Division of Student and Community 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. Prior to the program, students must complete an online Math Placement Test. During orientation, students will 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, staff, and students with whom they’ll be interacting during the first year.

Families 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 Family Program, offered in June, before New Student Orientation. Families 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 Resource Fair. Another family session is held on Move-In Day (the weekend before classes start), and all are invited back to campus again for Family Weekend, which usually takes place in October or November.

Transfer Students

The Center for Student Success (CSS) coordinates the connections between full-time and
part-time transfer students (with eighteen or more credits) and their academic departments to ensure a smooth transition to Monmouth University. The Associate Dean for CSS Support Services and Articulation and Student Development Counselors are available to assist transfer students with their personal adjustment and educational plans.

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

**HOUSING OPTIONS**

**Residents**

The University offers a variety of housing options in sixteen locations: Beechwood, Cedar, Mullaney, Spruce, Willow, Laurel, Elmwood, Pine, Oakwood, Redwood, and Maplewood Halls; the Garden, Great Lawn, Fountain Garden, and 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 rooms. In an effort to make a comfortable match, new students are asked to complete a questionnaire before room assignments are made. Housing is guaranteed for first-year students only.

Each residential area is staffed by professional Area Coordinators, 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 Associate Vice President for Student Services, two Associate Directors of Residential Life, and one Assistant Director 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 students 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, nontraditional, 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 notified as early as summer orientation where information sessions are offered. They can also communicate with student leaders to 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 eighty recognized clubs and organizations that exist at Monmouth.

There are a wide range of extracurricular 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.

**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 to be medically evalu-
ated. Students are responsible for any costs that may be incurred for outside referrals, prescriptions, 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 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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-served” 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 on the third floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center and is open from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact us by e-mail at 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 under Campus Life.

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.

The Office of Veteran Services is a one-stop, point-of-contact for all of our veteran students, active duty and reserve personnel, and dependents of military personnel. This office provides assistance, advocacy, and mentoring as well as advising the Monmouth University Veterans’ Association. The Office of Veteran Services is located on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**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, bowling, 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 coordinate a variety of leadership programs and initiatives for the campus community. There are various leadership workshops, conferences, and trainings; a student involvement fair; 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 eighty 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 an Involvement Fair 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.

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, the Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank office and ATM, a computer lab, and 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 and Community 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 Event Services, the Study Abroad Office, the Office of Student Employment, the Academic Foundations Office, the Office for Disability Services, and the Office of Veteran 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, 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 assistance is always welcome during the academic year as well as during the summer season.

The award-winning Center for the Arts at Monmouth University features the Performing Arts, the Visiting Writers, and the Art Now Series; the full season of the Met Opera and the National Theatre of London LIVE in HD; the MAC Concert Series; and the 800 Gallery, Ice House Gallery, and Pollak Gallery exhibitions. Events are free or only $5.00 for Monmouth University students. For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit www.monmouth.edu/arts.

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 basketball,
dodge ball, flag football, softball, volleyball, poker, home run derby, 3-point contest, knockout, baggo, soccer, and wiffle ball.

**SOCIETIES**

**Greek Letter Organizations**
Currently there are five social fraternities, five social sororities, two culturally based sororities, and one professional fraternity on campus. The fraternities include: Phi Kappa Psi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Theta Xi, and Sigma Tau Gamma. The sororities include: Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha. The two culturally based organizations are Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The one professional fraternity is Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity.

**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, a national leadership society, recognizes upper-class 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.

**AWARDS**
Students are eligible for nonacademic 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 in May.

**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. The Student Handbook is available online at www.monmouth.edu/studenthandbook.