ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

The Center for Student Success

The Center for Student Success (CSS) provides academic and career counseling for all students. Academic advising for transfer students is coordinated in the CSS. The Center administers the MEWS—Monmouth’s Early Warning System for several student populations including freshmen and undeclared sophomores. Advising for undeclared sophomores is designed to help with exploration of different majors while taking courses that satisfy degree requirements. Students are required to declare a major no later than the end of sophomore year. Additionally, throughout the year, the CSS offers numerous workshops related to academic, personal, and career topics.

Many services and resources are available in the CSS to assist students with career exploration, career planning, part-time employment, cooperative education, internships, service learning opportunities, experiential education, and job placement. Students are provided assistance in exploring their career values, interests, and skills.

All students have the opportunity to attend career fairs and meet with many prospective employers who visit the University at the invitation of Career Services. In preparation, students are given professional assistance in writing effective résumés and in acquiring interviewing skills to make the fullest possible use of these opportunities. In order to maintain close ties between the University and its students after graduation, Monmouth continues to offer these services to alumni. Job opportunities are also sent to students frequently via University e-mail.

Housed within the Office of Career Services is the Office of Service Learning and Community Service. This office provides students with information about service learning and volunteer opportunities in nonprofit agencies, schools, and governmental organizations. Through service learning and volunteering, students can explore their personal, career, and intellectual potential while increasing their knowledge of community needs.

The CSS provides administrative support for the Experiential Education requirement. Please refer to the Experiential Education Requirements section of this catalog for a complete description of the requirement and the related Web site.

Academic Skills Services

Academic Skills Services, including Tutoring and Writing Services and the Math Learning Center, provide personalized academic assistance. Students may be referred by professors, may be required to attend as a result of placement testing, or may come voluntarily.

Tutoring and Writing Services

Located in the Center for Student Success, Tutoring and Writing Services provides free, personalized academic assistance to all students of the University. Students may be referred by faculty members and advisors or may come voluntarily.

Content-specific tutoring by peer tutors is available in most academic disciplines. Faculty master tutors offer both one-on-one tutoring sessions and academic skills workshops on strategies for college success, such as organization and time management, note-taking and listening skills, college textbook reading strategies, and test-taking preparation. For more information, please contact Tutoring Services at 732-263-5721, by e-mail (tutoringservices@monmouth.edu), or by visiting the Tutoring Services Web (http://www.monmouth.edu/tutoring) site.

Peer, professional, and faculty writing assistants are available to help students with all stages of the writing process, from the initial drafting of the assignment through the final stages of editing and proofreading. Writing Services also offers workshops for students seeking assistance with grammar and punctuation skills and documentation styles. For more information, please contact Writing Services at 732-571-7542, by e-mail (writingservices@monmouth.edu) or by visiting the Writing Services Web site (http://www.monmouth.edu/writing).

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a peer-facilitated academic assistance program designed to help students succeed in traditionally difficult courses. SI sessions are regularly scheduled, informal review sessions that involve collaborative learning activities through which students can clarify course concepts and practice the types of study strategies that will help them truly master the information and skills required by the target course. For more information about SI, please call 732-571-5345 or visit the SI Web site (http://www.monmouth.edu/SI).

The Math Learning Center, located in Howard Hall room 203, provides students with assistance in all levels of mathematics. Peer tutors are available to help students solve problems and to review concepts. In addition, students may use the Center to do homework assignments or to study for tests while having a student tutor available. For more information, contact the Department of Mathematics at 732-571-4461.

Disability Services

Accommodations and support services are available to students with learning disabilities and/or ADHD, visual or hearing impairments, physical disabilities, medical diagnoses and health conditions, and psychological/psychiatric diagnoses. Students with documented disabilities may request reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids that will enable them to participate in programs and activities at Monmouth University. The Department of Disability Services (DDS) works with students who choose to register with the office, submit documentation that supports the request for accommodations, and self-disclose to professors every semester.

A variety of accommodations are available to students with disabilities who attend Monmouth University. These include, but are not limited to, extended time to complete exams, testing in a distraction-reduced or private setting, use of a calculator or computer with Microsoft Word, and access to digital media materials and assistive technology software.

In order to be eligible for reasonable academic accommodations, adequate and updated documentation of a student’s disability must be submitted to the DDS office. Documentation must include a specific diagnosis of a disability and support the particular academic accommodation(s) being requested. Students should contact the DDS office for particular documentation requirements or questions regarding eligibility or services.