

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 a comprehensive two-day, one-night New Student Orientation Program during the months of June and 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 Assessment and may need to complete a Language Assessment. 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.

Throughout the academic year, many programs are offered to continue the transition process. The SHADOW Program, First-Year Service Project, leadership development opportunities, and social programming are led by the Coordinator of Transition and Leadership Programs.

Families of first-year students have 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 Orientation, 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 the campus. All are invited back to campus again for Family Weekend, which usually takes place in late September or October.

Transfer Students

The Center for Student Success (CSS) coordinates the connections between transfer students (with eighteen or more credits) and their academic departments to ensure a smooth transition to Monmouth University. In addition to their assigned faculty advisors, the CSS serves as another level of support for their transition to Monmouth University. We encourage all incoming transfer students to attend transfer orientation, which is coordinated by the CSS prior to each semester. Orientation programs afford new transfer students the ability to connect with their peers and to learn about resources to guide their progress toward graduation and life after Monmouth.