First Year Seminar is a three-credit academic course designed to help new students make a successful transition into the intellectual life of Monmouth University. The courses are taught on a variety of subjects by full-time professors from all academic disciplines, who engage students in scholarly inquiry within their areas of interest and expertise. Within the courses, students sharpen higher-level academic skills, study ethical issues related to both course topic and to academic life, and learn about Monmouth resources and opportunities. Students also gain experience in critical analysis of information and hone their research and collaborative problem-solving skills.

Most First Year Seminar classes have a student Peer Learning Assistant (PLA). Acting as a mentor/role model and assistant to the professor, the PLA helps with the adjustment, learning and self-exploration most students experience in their first semester. PLA positions are paid and applications can be found on the First Year Seminar Web site.

First Year Seminar is a requirement for all first-year students entering Monmouth University with eighteen (18) credits or fewer and must be taken during the student’s first semester at Monmouth.

Additional information may be found on the First Year Seminar Web site (http://www.monmouth.edu/FYSeminar) or write to the First Year Seminar (fyseminar@monmouth.edu).