



Focus on Monmouth University

Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, is proud to report that their 4,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students most frequently say what they like best about the school is their close relationships with highly accessible professors. Classes average 22 students and are capped at 35, and none are taught by teaching assistants. Tutoring is free, and the administration and faculty work together to ensure that no student flounders unnoticed. Yet, with all these advantages of a smaller school, Monmouth also offers Division 1 sports.

Business and Communications are the most popular majors. Business students have access to a stock trading room and course offerings that include International Business and Real Estate. Communications majors run radio and television stations and an award-winning newspaper.

Also particularly strong are the programs in Marine and Environmental Biology, Education, Social Work, and pre-Professional Health. Beginning in the fall of 2014, Monmouth will have a Nursing program that high school students will apply to directly. (They already have a Nursing program for graduate students.) In addition to all the usual majors, Monmouth also offers Graphic Design and Animation (in a brand new building) and Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.

Experiential education is required of all students to tie in real world experiences with what they're learning in the classroom. This can be satisfied for Marine Biology majors by taking advantage of research opportunities, by Social Work majors' having at least three placements, and by others' participating in a variety of internships and study abroad opportunities. For those doing internships during the day, Monmouth offers classes until 10 p.m. Programs of various lengths are taught by Monmouth faculty in Spain, Italy, Australia, and London.

Five year combined Bachelor's and Master's degree programs are offered in Business, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, English, Political Science/Public Policy, Psychology/School Counseling, Social Work, and Software Engineering.

The original portion of the spacious campus and main building were once the summer home of President Woodrow Wilson. The mansion, which houses the administration and Art and English departments, still has the opulent Gilded Age interior it was given by its second owners, the Parsons family of the Woolworth chain fortune. The library is housed in what was formerly the Guggenheim family's summer "cottage."

New construction and renovation are evident all around. A three year old Multi-Activities Building provides large, attractive and well-designed stadium and performance space. Luxurious new dorms overlook the water and have easy access to a host of new retail spaces. The campus, rated the safest for a 4 year school in New Jersey, is 85% residential.

The median GPA of the incoming class is 3.09 - 3.65 (weighted), median SAT's are 1450 - 1720, and median ACT's are 22 - 26. To be eligible for the new Nursing program or any of the 5 year combined programs, a minimum GPA of 3.5 and 1600 SAT are required. To qualify for the Honors program, students must have at least a 3.5 GPA and 1800 SAT score.

All applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships which can be as much as 42,800 per year including room and board.

Application deadlines are Dec. 1 for Early Action (students will hear by Jan. 15) and March 1 for Regular Decision.

