

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2016-2017 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Graduation Requirements Baccalaureate Degree University Requirements

[USF Regulation 3.007](#)

[BOG Regulation 6.017](#)

University minimum requirements for graduation consist of the following: successful completion of a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester credit hours (including courses specifically approved as repeatable for credit within the System, e.g. practica, ensembles and field experiences) with an overall 2.0 GPA, including a 2.0 GPA in all coursework attempted at the USF System institution from which the degree is conferred; a transfer student must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher when combined with all work attempted at other institutions; and the writing (communication) (12 credit hours) and computation (six credit hours) course requirements of BOG Regulation 6.017; earn a minimum of 48 semester hours of upper-level work (courses numbered 3000 and above); successful completion of 25 percent of the total hours required for the degree must be in courses offered by the USF System institutions, complete Liberal Arts requirements (36 credit hours); complete residency requirement; complete program requirements as determined by the college; and be recommended for graduation by the dean of the appropriate college.

The requirements must be met by every student upon whom a degree is conferred. The total number of semester hours needed to complete the baccalaureate degree depends upon the academic major field of study. No grades may be changed following graduation.

In recognition that students seeking a second Bachelor's degree have completed a rigorous program of study at a regionally accredited or comparable international institution, some graduation requirements are considered met by virtue of their previous degree. These include: the Writing (Communication) and Mathematics (Computation) Requirements, formerly known as Gordon Rule, Summer Enrollment, the Foreign Language Entrance Requirement, Foundation of Knowledge and Learning Core Curriculum (General Education) and the Exit Requirements. Each degree program will determine degree applicability of transfer courses for the major.

To help ensure that students are on track to graduate and are less likely to have excess credit hours, students are required to apply to change USF institutions (USF, USFSM, USFSP) and follow the appropriate procedures, which may be found by visiting the following url: ugs.usf.edu/system/change-of-institution. The request to change institutions must be signed off by the student and approved by the incoming USF institution.

All students entering USF with fewer than 60 semester hours of credit are required to earn at least nine (9) semester hours of credit prior to graduation by attendance during one or more summer semesters in courses offered by a USF System institution or any one of the Florida State University System institutions. The University may waive the application of this rule in cases of unusual hardship to the individual. (See Summer Enrollment Requirement below.)