

USF - A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

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USF Mission, Goals, Values and Vision

Mission -

The University of South Florida is a multi-campus national research university that supports the development of the metropolitan Tampa Bay Region, Florida, the United States and the world. Building upon unique strengths inherent in Florida's population, location, and natural resources, the university is dedicated to excellence in:

- Teaching and lifelong learning in a student-centered environment
- Research to advance knowledge and promote social, cultural, economic, educational, health, and technological development
- Service based on academic excellence and the ethic of community responsibility
- Community engagement to build university-community partnerships and collaborations

Goals -

The University of South Florida will continue to expand its influence as a premier research university through:

- Strengthened research, creative, and scholarly endeavors
- Improved undergraduate and graduate academic programs that promote intellectual development and student success through a diverse, student-centered environment
- Engaged service that strengthens cultural and community life, and promotes lifelong learning and economic opportunity
- Increased fiscal self-sufficiency and appropriate state support

Values -

The University of South Florida values:

- Teaching, research and service based on the highest standards of discovery, creativity, and intellectual attainment
- Development of the personal and professional potential of students, faculty, and staff, and enriching the quality of campus life
- An ethic of collegiality based on integrity, civility, academic freedom, professional responsibility, and collaboration among disciplines and units
- Access to an excellent education

- University/community engagement that increases the understanding of urban issues and advances community development

- Cultural and ethnic diversity and global understanding

Vision -

The University of South Florida envisions itself as a premier national research university that serves the metropolitan Tampa Bay Region, Florida, and the nation through:

- Excellent undergraduate and graduate instruction in a student-centered environment
- Creative, innovative, engaged scholarly endeavors, and the furthering of advanced knowledge
- Education that promotes freedom, unity, democracy, and understanding in the presence of our Nation's historical diversity
- Generation and dissemination of knowledge to strengthen our society and the environment
- Greater fiscal self-reliance.

ABOUT USF

The University of South Florida is the country's third largest university in the southeast and is among the top 20 largest in the nation with more than 43,000 students enrolled at campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota/Manatee and Lakeland, as well as centers in downtown Tampa, New Port Richey and northern Pinellas County.

USF is a Doctoral Research (Extensive) University with a strong focus in medical treatment and research, bioengineering and life sciences and the arts. USF generated more than \$290 million in research grants last year and is a powerful economic engine in the region with a budget of more than \$1 billion.

The university offers more than 200 degree programs at the undergraduate masters' and specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. USF awarded more than 5,400 bachelor's degrees, 2,000 master's degrees and 175 doctorates in 32 fields last year. USF has the second largest graduate certificate enrollment in the country.

Founded in 1956, USF opened its doors in 1960 to 2,000 students. Today, students come to USF from every state in the nation and more than 120 countries. They represent all ages, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. More than 30 percent of the student population is African American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American or other ethnicity.

USF is the university of choice for many of the nation's brightest students. They are taught by some 1,831 highly regarded faculty who are products of the world's most prestigious colleges, universities and research institutions.

USF ranks as one of the nation's top centers for researching new treatments for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases. The university has pioneered the concept of brain repair – replacing cells in the brain to help fix damage from illness or injury.

USF is the second university in the nation to create a School of Aging Studies. Research at the new school is focused on cognitive aging and Alzheimer's disease.

USF has 10 colleges. The largest, The College of Arts and Sciences, houses several nationally ranked programs, such as the graduate program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology ranked 6th in U.S. News and World Report's top graduate

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schools for 2005. Other nationally ranked graduate programs include Education, Clinical Psychology and Rehabilitation Counseling.

Established in 2003, the Humanities Institute provides a wide range of scholarly exchanges, research opportunities, lectures and seminars with world-renowned thinkers and scholars in such classic disciplines as literature, classics, philosophy, the arts, history, languages, political thought, and religion. The Institute has been at the fore of bringing many notable lecturers to the Tampa Bay community, including Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz and Mexican novelist and diplomat Carlos Fuentes.

The College of Education graduate more educators than any other university in Florida and is one of the largest colleges of education in the country. The college ranks in the top 60 graduate schools of education in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report.

USF has the largest MBA program in Florida. Its School of Accountancy CPA exam scores have placed USF among the top 10 universities more times than any other school in the country.

Research that drives and supports technological and economic development has earned USF a leadership role in microelectronics, information technology, applied physics, biophysics and urban transportation. The university is a leader in the Florida High Tech Corridor, an unprecedented partnership that includes more than 5,200 technology companies from the Space Coast to Tampa Bay.

The Honors College attracts motivated, bright students with some of the highest average SAT scores in the state.

In its 50-year history, USF has graduated more than 189,000 students. Ninety thousand alumni live in USF's six-county service area.

DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

It is the goal of the University to create and maintain a work and study environment free of discrimination and harassment. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, disability or age is prohibited by University policies, federal and state laws. The USF system protects its faculty, staff, and students from discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation. Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination may file a complaint with the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity Affairs, ADM 172. The telephone number is 974-4373. It shall be prohibited for any employee of USF to discriminate or take retaliatory action against any individual who, in good faith, has opposed an alleged unlawful practice or has made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under the provisions of applicable law or the university equal opportunity policies.

Guide to Resources for Students with Disabilities

All University programs, events, and services are open and available to persons with disabilities. The University of South Florida is committed to the principles of Equal Educational and Employment Opportunities without regard to disability.

Academic Assistance for Students with Disabilities: Student Disability Services exists to ensure that students with disabilities have the academic support necessary to achieve academic success at the University of South Florida. Course related assistance and academic accommodations are provided to eligible students with documented disabilities. Services may include advocacy, reader services, interpreters, alternate exam

administration, note takers, and adaptive equipment such as FM systems and large print computer access. Students are encouraged to contact our office as early as possible prior to enrollment to make arrangements for appropriate services. Documentation of a disability and significant current functional impairment resulting from that disability is necessary in order for accommodations to be provided.

Admissions: Students with disabilities apply under the same guidelines as other students. If students believe that their disability has had an impact on grades, course choice or standardized test scores for admission, they may request consideration of this in the admissions process.

Course Substitution: Students with disabilities requesting substitution of course work for General Education, foreign language requirements, or CLAST should contact the Office of Student Disability Services. Students with declared majors requesting substitution of departmental graduation requirements will need to contact the chair of their department. In either case, students will be requested to submit documentation to Student Disability Services to support their request for an exception.

Disabled Parking: Students with state parking privileges need only supply their state card as documentation for eligibility for a USF disabled parking hangtag/sticker. Students without state privileges need medical documentation to be considered for on-campus disabled parking.

Housing: Accessible on-campus residence hall housing is available for students with special needs. Specific information is available through the Residence Hall Director's Office.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate fully in all University events, programs, and other campus activities. Information on whom to contact to request accommodation or assistance should be listed on program information and advertisements. If you are unable to secure the requested assistance or need additional help with accessibility contact the Equal Opportunity Office.

The following offices arrange academic accommodations and assistance for students with disabilities:

CAMPUS CONTACTS FOR STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

Tampa Campus
Student Disability Services
SVC 1133 (voice) 813-974-4309
(TDD) 813-974-5651

Sarasota Campus
Coordinator for Advising for Special Needs Students
PMD 223 813-359-4330

Lakeland Campus
Office of the Director for Academic Services
Building C, USF Offices 941-677-7000

St. Petersburg Campus
Office of the Director, Student Affairs
DAV 118 813-893-9162

FACILITIES AND ATMOSPHERE

The facilities of the USF Tampa campus, now including more than 200 buildings, are currently valued at more than \$800 million. The buildings are of similar modern architectural design and all are completely air-conditioned. The Tampa campus has a variety of recreational facilities, including: a multi-million dollar recreation center with two gymnasiums as well as a 6500 sq. ft. weight room, indoor pool, six handball/racquetball courts and

various group fitness studios; three outdoor swimming pools; 22 lighted tennis courts; an 18-hole golf course; one running trail; three softball fields; four outdoor basketball and volleyball courts; and 10 lighted multi-purpose fields.

In St. Petersburg, students can enjoy an outdoor pool or take part in the waterfront program that features sailboats and canoes available for use. USF Sarasota-Manatee recently broke ground for the new Crosley Campus Center. The building, which will be approximately 100,000 square feet, will include classrooms, seminar and video conferencing room, computer labs and a 190-seat lecture hall. It will house administration, student services, faculty, food course and support many functions, including day care center for students with families. The new facility will be ready for fall 2006 classes.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

The University of South Florida Police Department provides a full range of public safety services to the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the Tampa Campus. All University Police officers are certified by the State of Florida after completing minimum standards training at the local Regional Police Training Academy. The University of South Florida Police Department is accredited through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards, and has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism.

General services provided by the University Police include car patrol, foot patrol, bicycle patrol, criminal investigation of all misdemeanors and felonies, traffic law enforcement, traffic crash investigation, special events management, and crime prevention programs.

The University Police Department has an excellent working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies. The University Police maintain 24-hour contact with local, national, and international law enforcement agencies via computer networks such as the Florida Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and other local, state, and federal agencies are available to assist the University Police upon request.

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CAMPUS LOCATIONS:

- On the *Tampa Campus* the University Police Department is located at the corner of Fletcher Avenue and Maple Drive. The emergency number is "9-1-1" and the non-emergency number is (813) 974-2628.
- The *Lakeland Campus* of the University of South Florida is located at Polk Community College. Basic public safety services are provided by the security department of the community college. Law enforcement services, including the investigation of criminal acts, are provided on a routine basis by the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Lakeland. The University Police Department provides law enforcement or crime prevention services at this location on an as needed basis.

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Advocacy Program assists USF students, staff, faculty and visitors who experience actual or threatened violence/crime, trauma or abuse. Examples include: battery, assault, stalking, relationship violence, date/acquaintance/stranger rape, hate crimes or prior abuse.

Advocates are available 24 hours a day to provide crisis intervention, options, assistance and referrals by calling 974-5757. Police reports are not required to receive services and the Advocacy Program is not part of the police department. Services are free and private. Office hours are 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday, although appointments are available after-hours Monday-Thursday.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

USF POLICE EMERGENCY	911 OR 974-2628
USF VICTIM ADVOCATE	
24-Hr. Crisis Line	974-5757
Regular Office Number	974-5756
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	
CRISIS LINE	234-1234 OR 211