# ABOUT USF

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Welcome to USF

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida is a multi-campus system and is one of the nation's top public research universities and one of only 40 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community-engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

USF is designated as a "Preeminent State Research University" by the Florida Board of Governors. Preeminence represents the culmination of USF’s many years of careful strategic planning, focused allocation of resources and determination of thousands of students, faculty and staff. The designation comes with millions of dollars in additional funding, carries prestige that will benefit USF in many key areas, including new student and faculty recruitment, and will enhance the economic development of the Tampa Bay region.

The University of South Florida System is comprised of three separately accredited institutions, USF, USF St. Petersburg, and USF Sarasota-Manatee. USF includes the main campus in Tampa, its College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg, USF Health, and is the doctoral granting, research-intensive member of the USF System. Serving more than 50,000 students from over 145 different countries. USF’s fall 2018 Freshman academic profile posts an average SAT score of 1283 and a high school GPA of 4.09. USF was awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest and most prestigious national honor organization in America.

The current president of the USF System is Judy Genshaft, who has served in the position since July 2000.

Commitment to Honor & Living the Commitment

As an ethical community, the University of South Florida is dedicated to the ideals of excellence in student development, academic learning, scholarship and research. By joining this community, each member is expected to accept and live these commitments.

I resolve to maintain the honor and integrity of the university community in pursuit of student development, academic learning, scholarship and research.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution upholds our core values of honesty, diligence and trust within our academic and professional lives. This means that authentic and sincere efforts motivate our work while we strive for genuine, trustworthy interactions.

I resolve to respect the dignity and intrinsic value of all persons.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution requires appreciation for another’s personal right to explore freely, to express oneself responsibly, and to participate actively in building an environment of mutual respect and inclusion for each individual. This means that we will support equal rights and opportunities for all people, while exhibiting behaviors which are compassionate and considerate to others.

I resolve to contribute to the progress and greater good of the community.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution motivates us to serve the University with words and actions that generate a positive impact on the future of the whole community. This means that active and creative thought and contributions within a collegial environment will expand both the nature and scope of knowledge and the quality of community life.

I resolve to strive for excellence and discovery for myself, others, and the University.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution confirms the shared values that make the University a strong community. We hold high expectations for our own academic and professional work. Concurrently, we endeavor to support the success of others as we all seek to contribute to the mission of the University.
About the USF System

The University of South Florida is a large, public 4-year university offering undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral level degrees. The USF System includes three, separately accredited institutions: USF; USF St. Petersburg; and USF Sarasota-Manatee. Serving more than 50,000 students, USF is at the forefront of cutting-edge research of medicine, science with a total research expenditure of $568 million in 2016-2017.

USF is comprised of 14 colleges offering more than 180 undergraduate majors and concentrations—with some of the most populated colleges being USF Health, Arts & Sciences, Business and Engineering. We also have numerous degree programs at the graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. USF prides itself on being a high-impact global research university dedicated to student success.

The USF System was formed to bring its three institutions together, so that collectively and collaboratively they could serve the region and beyond in optimal ways, resulting in a stronger presence and a distinctiveness that provides an unstoppable competitive differentiation. In addition to being a strong and unified voice for higher education, the USF System seeks to find and capitalize on synergies and economies of scale among its institutions that are of benefit to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and communities.

At the heart of the USF System is a vibrant, diverse, and engaged student body. With over 240 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialty and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine, the USF System offers a dynamic learning environment that inspires innovation and creativity and is focused on student success. More than 2,000 distinguished scholars, researchers and expert teachers, nearly all holding PhDs or the highest degrees in their fields, make up the faculty.


USF Facilities

Since its inception, USF has endeavored to provide facilities that assist students and scholars in achieving their educational and professional goals.

USF, which includes USF Health, is situated on more than 1,500 acres in northeast Tampa, one of the fastest growing areas in Tampa Bay. USF features more than 250 buildings valued at over $1.5 billion, including modern science and engineering labs; a communications building with a full range of broadcast facilities; foreign language listening labs; fine art studios and display spaces; education teaching labs; open-use computing labs with free Internet access in addition to being a Wi-Fi campus; and a listener-supported radio station.

In addition, projects to enhance the campus pedestrian walkways, bikeways, and lighting have been implemented for use and enjoyment. Future planned projects include continued campus facilities enhancements.

The campus also offers a wide variety of recreational facilities, including a multi-million dollar recreation center featuring a 6,500-square-foot weight room, an indoor pool, racquetball courts and various fitness studios; two outdoor swimming pools; 22 lighted tennis courts; an 18-hole golf course and driving range; a running trail; three softball fields; four outdoor basketball and volleyball courts; 10 lighted multi-purpose fields; a riverfront park/recreation activities area; and a new recreation field facility adjacent to the residence hall, Juniper-Poplar Hall. New housing continues to be added on campus, along with an on-campus grocery store.

Campuses/Locations

University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33620 813-974-2011
https://www.usf.edu/

USF St. Petersburg
140 7th Ave. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727 873-7748
http://www.usfsp.edu/visit/

University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
8350 N. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34243
941-359-4200
http://usfsm.edu/admissions/campus-experience/index.aspx
Accreditation

The University of South Florida (USF) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, specialist and doctorate degrees.

Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of South Florida.

Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to the institution and not to the Commission's Office.

For more information, visit https://www.usf.edu/about-usf/accreditation.aspx.

In addition to SACSCOC accreditation, which applies to the institution, many academic programs are accredited by specialized accreditors that focus on specific academic disciplines.

The University of South Florida and all colleges, departments and programs therein establish certain academic requirements that must be met before a degree is granted. These requirements concern such things as curricula and courses, majors and minors, and academic residence. Advisors, directors, department chairs, and deans are available to help the student understand and meet these requirements, but the student is responsible for fulfilling them. At the end of a student’s course of study, if requirements for graduation have not been satisfied, the degree will not be granted. For this reason, it is important for all students to acquaint themselves with all regulations and to remain currently informed throughout their college careers and to be responsible for completing requirements. Courses, programs, and requirements described in the catalog may be suspended, deleted, restricted, supplemented, or changed in any other manner at any time at the sole discretion of the University and the USF Board of Trustees.

University Libraries

USF Library
4202 E. Fowler Ave. LIB122
Tampa FL 33620
813-974-1611
https://www.lib.usf.edu/

The USF Tampa Library offers access to an extensive selection of print and electronic resources, including books, maps, e-journal, e-books, and countless databases. There is also a collection of audio/visual materials including videos, CDs, DVDs, and even LPs.

The Tampa Library is a comfortable and inviting place for students and faculty to meet, study, conduct research, and complete group assignments. Library facilities provide wireless access, electrical connections for laptops, individual and group study seating and instructional labs. The Learning Commons (LC) on the first floor has over 140 computer workstations, as well as the Library Services Desk, a state-of-the-art Digital Media Commons, the Digital Heritage and Humanities Collections and the IT Helpdesk. The Academic Success Center, on the second floor, includes the SMART Lab, with an additional 354 computer workstations and the Writing Studio. Other Library partners include the Office for Undergraduate Research, Division of Health Professions Advising and a Starbucks’s Café.

Students and faculty also have access to specialized research assistance and information literacy instruction from our librarians. Assistance is available from research and reference librarians either by appointment, on-line via our website, by phone, or in a classroom setting.
In addition to the Tampa Library, there are two affiliated regional libraries and two special libraries. At USF Tampa are the Shimberg Health Sciences Library (https://health.usf.edu/Shimberg-library/), serving the needs of USF Health consisting of the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Public Health; and the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) Research Library (https://lib.usf.edu/fmhi/) serving the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. In addition, there is the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, home to the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library (https://www.usfsp.edu), and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus (http://www.usfsm.edu).

**Intercollegiate Athletics**

University of South Florida Athletics Department  
4202 E. Fowler Ave., ATH 100  
Tampa, FL 33620  
813-974-2125  
https://gousfbulls.com/

The University of South Florida System Athletic Department is committed to providing all student-athletes with opportunities to receive a world-class education, win championships, and develop into the leaders of tomorrow while embracing our partnerships within the Tampa Bay community. Programs include:

**Men's Sports**
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track & Field

**Women's Sports**
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

**Points of Pride**
- USF Athletics serves nearly 500 student-athletes that train and compete in the athletic district located on the east end of the Tampa campus.
- USF fields 19 men’s and women’s varsity teams competing in 11 sports, 18 at the NCAA Division I level in the American Athletic Conference.
- USF has won 16 conference titles since joining the American Athletic Conference in 2013, including at least three in each of the last three seasons.
- USF has claimed 113 conference titles since it began intercollegiate competition in 1965.
- Nine USF programs reached national post-season competition in the 2017-18 season.
- Six USF programs were ranked in the Top 25 nationally in 2017-18, including the football program, which recently posted a program record string of 20 straight weeks ranked in the top 25.
- The USF football team has been among the winningest programs nationally over the past four seasons, posting a pair of 10-plus win seasons, three straight seasons appearing in the national Top 25 rankings and four straight bowl game appearances.
- USF Athletics posted a combined annual grade-point average over 3.0 for the third straight year in 2017-18 and is currently in the midst of a program record string of seven straight semesters with a combined GPA over 3.0.
- USF Athletics has posted a Graduation Success Rate of 80 percent or better for five straight years.
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USF has seen more than 180 student-athletes earn their degree in the last two years.

USF student-athletes, coaches and staff have contributed more than 9,000 hours to community service over the past two years.

The Lee Roy Selmon Athletic Center is the hub of USF Athletics and includes state-of-the art space for academic support services, life skills training, mentoring and team-building.

USF has invested more than $70 million in recent years in renovating and maintaining some of the top athletic facilities in the nation and is currently raising funds for the construction of a new $40 million USF Football Center.

USF student support is a big part of the Bulls’ athletics success with an average of nearly 8,000 students per game attending home football games in 2018 and student attendance increasing across the program.

USF Alumni

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University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, ALC100
Tampa, Florida 33620-5455
813-974-2100
800-299-BULL (2855)
alumni@usf.edu
https://www.usfalumni.org/s/861/02-alumni/start.aspx

The USF Alumni Association is a self-funded, nonprofit organization comprised of former students and friends of the University of South Florida. We help alumni stay connected and provide meaningful ways for USF Bulls to support USF and student success. Additionally, the USF Alumni Association supports several student programs, including: Student Alumni Association (SAA) - the largest student organization on campus; USF Ambassadors - student representatives for the university; and, Order of the Golden Brahman - USF’s newest student service and leadership organization. There are more than 335,000 USF graduates worldwide who are critical to USF in achieving its goals.

Advancement/USF Foundation

The USF Foundation connects the University with donors who want to make a difference by providing private, philanthropic support to promote student success, academic initiatives, research and other strategic priorities of the University of South Florida System. The USF Foundation is governed by an elected board whose members serve as advocates for the university, its colleges, campuses, and units. Each volunteer board member is guided by a mission to promote private support, advocate for the university, and manage the university's endowment.

For more information, visit https://foundation.usf.edu/.
The University of South Florida System (USF System) is a diverse community that values and expects respect and fair treatment of all people. The USF System strives to provide a work and study environment for faculty, staff and students that is free of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual violence. As part of the effort to maintain an environment that is comfortable for all people, the USF System establishes this Policy. Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is prohibited within the USF System, and complaints of such conduct are to be filed with one of two designated offices within the USF System: specifically, the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity (DIEO) or the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR). The designated office will review such complaints and provide appropriate response including counseling, mediation (in limited circumstances), and/or referral for disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment and/or expulsion from the USF System.

The University of South Florida System (USF System) is also committed to the employment and advancement of qualified veterans with disabilities and veterans protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act, as amended (VEVRAA). As part of the effort to maintain an environment that is comfortable for all people and to ensure consistency with state and federal laws, the USF System establishes this policy.

Discrimination, harassment and retaliation are prohibited within the USF System, and complaints of such conduct are to be filed with one of the two designated offices within the USF System, specifically the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equal Opportunity (https://www.usf.edu/diversity/) or the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-rights-responsibilities/index.aspx). The designated office will review such complaints and provide appropriate response including counseling, mediation, and/or referral for disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment and/or expulsion from the USF System.

In addition, DEO and OSRR will, as part of their internal processes, report any conduct that may be criminal in nature, such as bias-motivated crimes, to the appropriate law enforcement entities as set forth in section [IV.B]

Additionally, discriminatory conduct in the form of sexual misconduct/sexual harassment is also prohibited. (Please see USF System Policy 0-004, Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment (Including Battery). http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-007.pdf)
The following actions are prohibited:

1. Discrimination and/or harassment by any USF System employee or student against any individual(s) or group(s) within the USF System.

2. Discrimination and/or harassment by any USF System employee or student while assigned to duties or academic programs of the USF System (regardless of their location) against any individual(s) or group(s) that is not an employee or student, including any USF System program invitee(s).

3. Discrimination and/or harassment by any vendor or individual external to the USF System against any USF System employee(s), student(s) or program invitee(s) during the transaction of business with the USF System, during any program or activity coordinated through the USF System, and/or while on USF System premises.

4. Retaliation by any USF System employee or student against any individual(s) or group(s) who, in good faith, has made any allegation of discrimination and/or harassment, or who has testified, assisted, or participated in any way in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted under this policy or any federal or state law.

5. Knowingly making false accusations or allegations of discrimination and/or harassment or retaliation, or knowingly making false statements regarding alleged discrimination and/or harassment or retaliation in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted under this Policy or any federal or state law.

Any person who believes they have been subjected to discrimination can file a complaint with the USF System Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equal Opportunity, John & Grace Allen Building (ALN) 172 on the Tampa Campus. The telephone number is (813) 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.

For more information on the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity, please visit their website at: https://www.usf.edu/diversity/.

Title IX Policy

The University of South Florida System (USF System) community is most successful when it is based on respect and fair treatment of all people. The USF System strives to provide a work and study environment for faculty, staff and students that is free of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual violence. As part of the effort to maintain an environment that is comfortable for all people, the USF System establishes this Policy.

Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is prohibited within the USF System, and complaints of such conduct are to be filed with the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity. The designated office will review such complaints and provide appropriate response including counseling, mediation (in limited circumstances), and/or referral for disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment and/or expulsion from the USF System.

Pursuant to Title IX, the University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities that it operates. Such protection extends to both employees and students. Any questions or inquiries concerning the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, the Title IX Senior Deputy Coordinator, to any of the University’s Title IX Deputy Coordinators, or to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The most up-to-date information on the University’s Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators can be found in the webpage for the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity, located at https://www.usf.edu/diversity/.

The Title IX Coordinator is:

Cecil Howard, Associate Vice President
Chief Diversity Officer & Title IX Coordinator
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, ALN 172
Tampa, Florida 33620
(813) 974-4373
howardc@usf.edu
Discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, marital status, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, or veteran status are also prohibited. (Please see USF System Policy Number 0-007, Diversity & Equal Opportunity: Discrimination & Harassment http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-007.pdf).

When appropriate, the University will take steps to prevent the recurrence of harassment, including sexual violence, and to correct any discriminatory effects of harassment on the complainant and others.

Students with Disabilities

USF System Policy: 0-108 Disability and Accommodations (Public/Employees/Students)  

Students with Disabilities Services  
813.974.4309 (Office)  
sa-sds-information@usf.edu  
https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-disabilities-services/

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the ADA Amendments Act, Students with Disabilities Services (SDS) is dedicated to providing reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities to ensure full participation in all aspects of USF campus and student life. Reasonable accommodations are provided for students with temporary or permanent disabilities.

The student initiates the process by identifying herself/himself to the SDS office and completing an application. Students must provide documentation of a disability. Please visit our website for guidelines and verification forms. All documentation is reviewed by the professional staff of SDS and, when necessary, reviewed by consultants with expertise in specific disability areas. In some cases, students are requested to provide more documentation than originally submitted. In cases where documentation is not available, please consult with SDS. Once approved, the SDS coordinator and the student will sign an accommodation plan outlining academic accommodations.

Each semester the student is responsible for giving each of her/his professors a memorandum of accommodation. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, note taking services, extended test time, books in electronic/audio format, and assistive technology. The accommodations should maintain the academic integrity of the course and never alter the level of ability or mastery the individual is required to demonstrate.

Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools Policy Statement

USF System Policy 0-610 Drug-Free Workplace  
http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-610.pdf

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of alcohol or a controlled substance is prohibited on property of or in connection with any of the activities of the USF System. No employee/student is to report to work/class while under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. Any employee or student determined to have violated this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action for misconduct. Violation of this policy by an employee/student will be reason for evaluation/treatment for a drug/alcohol use disorder or for disciplinary action up to and including termination/expulsion in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements, policies and procedures, or referral for prosecution consistent with local, state, and federal law.

Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus

USF System Policy, 6-026, Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy  
http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-6-026.pdf

University of South Florida Tampa ("USF") is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning, living, and working environment for the campus community. This Policy intends to reduce the health risks related to smoking, tobacco and related products, as well as to reduce the smoking and tobacco-related waste from USF.

STATEMENT OF POLICY
Smoking, tobacco use, and use of related products is prohibited on all property owned, leased or operated by USF. This includes, but is not limited to, all indoor and outdoor areas and properties. Additionally, no smoking and/or tobacco products will be sold or advertised on the USF Tampa campus. This Policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors.
The President or designee may allow smoking in specific designated areas of campus for clinical treatment purposes, including smoking cessation programs, or research-related purposes.

ENFORCEMENT
The success of this Policy relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers, not only to comply, but to encourage others to comply with the Policy. Any student who repeatedly refuses to abide by this Policy may be considered in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and will be handled accordingly. Repeat violations by any faculty or staff member will be handled through normal University processes.

All attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social and cultural events using USF facilities and grounds are required to abide by this Policy. Organizers of such events are responsible both for communicating and enforcing this Policy with attendees.

Visitors, contractors, and other individuals on campus who are in violation of this Policy should be reminded of the Policy and asked to comply by discarding the smoking/tobacco product. Continuing violations may also result in disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by University officials.

Campus Alcoholic Beverages Policy

USF System Policy 30-023 Alcohol Policy
http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-30-023.pdf

As an open public university, the USF System does not prohibit the legal consumption of alcohol on its campuses. We recognize that as part of a well-planned and structured program, the serving and consumption of alcohol may take place. Therefore, the intent of this Policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the legal and responsible use of alcohol at USF System campus events. The use of alcoholic beverages by members of the USF System community is at all times subject to the applicable alcoholic beverages laws and ordinances of the State of Florida, and the city and county of each USF System Institution. No person may sell, furnish or give alcohol to any person under the age of twenty-one (21).

For the full policy, see http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-30-023.pdf.