Section 2

About USF

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida was the first independent state university conceived, planned and built in the 20th century. The university has made incredible strides in few more than 50 years, developing into one of the nation’s leading research institutions.

The University of South Florida System is a high-impact, global research system dedicated to student success. The USF System includes three institutions: USF; USF St. Petersburg; and USF Sarasota-Manatee. The institutions are separately accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All institutions have distinct missions and their own detailed strategic plans. Serving more than 47,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of $1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of $3.7 billion. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

The University’s main Tampa campus is home to USF Health, including the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Pharmacy. With over 2241 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialty and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine, there’s something for everyone at USF. The University offers a dynamic learning environment that inspires innovation, creativity and collaboration and is focused on student success. More than 2,000 distinguished scholars, researchers and expert teachers, nearly all holding Ph.Ds. or the highest degrees in their fields, make up the USF faculty – including the 2012 U.S. Professor of the Year.

USF Vision, Mission, Goals, Values, and, Accreditation


Mission

The University of South Florida’s mission is to deliver competitive undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, to generate knowledge, foster intellectual development, and ensure student success in a global environment.

Vision

The University of South Florida is a global research university dedicated to student success and positioned for membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU).

As Florida’s leading metropolitan research university, USF is dedicated to:

- Student access, learning, and success through a vibrant, interdisciplinary, and learner-centered research environment incorporating a global curriculum
- Research and scientific discovery to strengthen the economy, promote civic culture and the arts, and design and build sustainable communities through the generation, dissemination, and translation of new knowledge across all academic and health-related disciplines
- Partnerships to build significant locally- and globally-integrated university-community collaborations through sound scholarly and artistic activities and technological innovation
- A sustainable economic base to support USF’s continued academic advancement
Values
The University of South Florida values:

- High-quality education and excellence in teaching and learning.
- High-impact scholarship, research, and creative activities
- Diversity of students, faculty, and staff
- Affordable and accessible education
- Global research, community engagement, and public service
- Social, economic, and environmental sustainability
- Focus and discipline in aligning the budget with institutional priorities
- A campus life with broad academic, cultural, and athletic opportunities
- Success and achievement of its students, faculty, staff, and alumni
- Shared governance within all components of the institution
- Collegiality, academic freedom, and professional responsibility
- Entrepreneurial spirit, partnerships, and innovation
- Efficiency and transparent accountability
- First-class physical infrastructure and a safe campus environment

Linked Goals and Strategies
Goal 1
Well-educated and highly skilled global citizens through our continuing commitment to student success:

- Provide the highest quality, comprehensive, interdisciplinary educational programs and student research opportunities to foster critical thinking and intellectual inquiry through a variety of pedagogical and delivery methods
- Develop diverse, dynamic global citizens and leaders to strengthen communities and improve quality of life
- Enhance opportunities for all students by providing transformational learning — including an increased commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and health fields — that is intellectually, scientifically, and technologically sound and produces relevant applied skills and engaged outcomes
- Educate competitive, highly skilled students prepared to excel in the global job market and to make meaningful and lasting contributions to society
- Deliver a globalized curriculum utilizing emerging technologies to increase accessibility and cultural understanding

Goal 2
High-impact research and innovation to change lives, improve health, and foster sustainable development and positive societal change:

- Engage in high-impact research, scholarship, and creative activities that generate new knowledge
- Increase global research opportunities and partnerships at all levels within the university
- Develop strategic interdisciplinary research initiatives that solve critical problems
- Promote community-engaged scholarship and creative activities to benefit all members of society
Goal 3
A highly effective, major economic engine, creating new partnerships to build a strong and sustainable future for Florida in the global economy:

- Pursue entrepreneurial endeavors and partnerships that augment revenue and maximize institutional effectiveness
- Establish mutually beneficial partnerships (internal and external) that enhance student access to academic programs, research, and employment opportunities
- Provide university stewardship that represents the cornerstone of economic and cultural significance for Florida, the nation, and beyond
- Promote a stimulating campus life through diverse academic, economic, cultural, and athletic opportunities

Goal 4
Sound financial management to establish a strong and sustainable economic base in support of USF’s continued academic advancement:

- Align budget and fiscal resources with academic priorities that support the recruitment and retention of intellectual talent at USF
- Refine business practices to ensure a strong and sustainable economic foundation for the university
- Promote and sustain a positive working environment, high service quality, and strong staff support through competitive salary structures and professional development opportunities
- Build USF’s fundraising enterprise and endowment by completing a comprehensive campaign to support capital projects, endowed professorships and scholarships, and ongoing operating needs
- Expand USF’s international identity through design and implementation of a comprehensive, powerful branding campaign
- Expand the commercialization of emerging technologies to enhance regional and state economic development
- Enhance the physical infrastructure of campus through fiscally responsible investments

Accreditation
The University of South Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the baccalaureate, masters, education specialist and doctorate levels, including the Doctor of Medicine.

Contact the 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. The Commission requests that it be contacted only if there is sufficient evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard. 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.

The institution was initially accredited in 1965 and was last reviewed and reaffirmed in 2005. The institution is scheduled to receive its next reaffirmation of accreditation review in 2015.
University Administration

The University of South Florida is a member of the State University System (SUS) of Florida and is governed by the Florida Board of Governors and the University Board of Trustees.

Florida Board of Governors
For a current list of the Board of Governors (BOG), please refer to their website: http://www.flbog.org/.

University Board of Trustees
The USF Board of Trustees was created in 2001 and is responsible for cost-effective policy decisions appropriate to the system mission and the implementation and maintenance of high quality education programs within the laws and rules of the State. The legislature also mandated a Campus Board for each of the following USF System institutions and campuses: USF St. Petersburg and USF Sarasota-Manatee. The members of each Campus Board are appointed by the USF Board of Trustees.

The 13 trustees include distinguished figures in the law, commerce, medicine, education, philanthropy and public policy leadership. Six trustees are appointed by Florida’s governor and five trustees are appointed by the Board of Governors. The USF System Faculty Council President and USF System Student Advisory Council President also serve as trustees. The University of South Florida System President and President of the University of South Florida serves as Corporate Secretary. Information about each Trustee is available online at: http://system.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/index.asp

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Website: www.usf.edu

USF's main campus, including USF Health, is located in Northeast Tampa, one of the fastest growing areas in Tampa Bay. More than 39,000 students attend classes on the Tampa campus, which sits on more than 1,700 acres and includes extensive health and medical (www.health.usf.edu) learning facilities, residence halls (www.housing.usf.edu), research facilities (www.research.usf.edu), and more. USF Health is a partnership of the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health. Its research, education and healthcare missions are accomplished with creative educational models, focused on emerging fields of research, and breaking the boundaries of traditional healthcare delivery models to meet the changing needs of a growing community.

University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
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Sarasota, FL 34243-2197
(941) 359-4200
Website: www.sarasota.usf.edu

USF Sarasota-Manatee is located on the border of Sarasota and Manatee counties, a vibrant area featuring educational and cultural institutions such as the John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art. The campus offers 44 bachelor's degree, master's degree, and certificate programs to those who have at least an associate's degree.

University of South Florida St. Petersburg
140 Seventh Avenue S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 87-1142
Website: www.usfsp.edu

USF's St. Petersburg is located on the beautiful waterfront in downtown St. Petersburg, an area featuring parks, shops, restaurants, art galleries, museums and performing arts and sports venues. USF St. Petersburg serves more than 3,700 undergraduate and graduate students.
## Office of Graduate Studies Directory

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**Thesis/Dissertation Deadlines**  
http://www.grad.usf.edu/ETD_Deadlines.php

**Cultural/Diversity Calendar**  
http://usfweb2.usf.edu/eoa/deo_calendar/default.asp

Attendance Policy for the Observance of Religious Days  

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