

USF Graduate Student Life Guide



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Hello USF Graduate Students!

As Dean and Assistant Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS), we are very pleased to provide you with this Graduate Student Life Guide. We know that graduate education represents a major transition for many of you, and we hope to facilitate your integration into the university and the Tampa Bay region through the information this Guide contains. We hope you will find it extremely useful not only in navigating the various on-campus elements that comprise your graduate education, but also for the insights it provides about various offices, activities, and assistance that exists throughout the greater Tampa Bay region. This document would not exist without the tireless efforts of Laurie-Ann Spencer in developing and compiling the range of information this Guide contains, and we thank her for her initial efforts and her continued focus in keeping it up to date.

I do hope that as graduate students you know you are very much valued by the University, and we strongly encourage you to become active with the Graduate and Professional Student Council (www.gpsc.usf.edu), our Graduate Student Ambassador Program (www.grad.usf.edu/grad-ambassadors.php), and more. As graduate students with interests that differ to a degree from undergraduates, your voices need to be heard and there are many opportunities to do so through your departments, colleges, and, of course, the OGS. The OGS staff and leadership are squarely focused on service, leadership, and research, and we are here to partner with you, your departments, and colleges to prepare you to be Global Leaders—One Scholar at a Time!

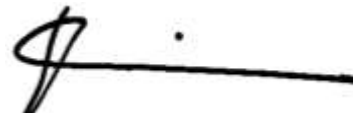
Hopefully you will continue to find this guide useful as a reference through the various steps of your graduate education and that you take the time to visit the Office of Graduate Studies often and routinely consult our website at www.grad.usf.edu. As outlined in the guide, this website contains a wealth of detailed information related to many issues critical to student success.

In closing, let me welcome you again to the University of South Florida, the Office of Graduate Studies, as well as your College and Department. We are so pleased that you have joined our dynamic community of graduate scholars.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dwayne Smith
Senior Vice Provost and OGS Dean



Dr. Peter Harries
OGS Assistant Dean

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. Established in 1956, it is operated under the laws of the state of Florida and governed by the Florida Board of Governors and the USF Board of Trustees. USF provides undergraduate and graduate students with opportunities to participate in research and to seek solutions to local, national and global problems. USF is committed to providing students with high-quality learning opportunities, building community and business partnerships, and conducting research for discovery and innovation. Successes in these endeavors led to dual designations for USF by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a Very High Research and a Community-Engaged University. The USF System serves more than 47,000 students in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee.

As USF continues to grow and strengthen its reputation as one of Florida's top public research universities it will focus on the guiding principles of Student Success, Research & Innovation, Community Engagement, Global Literacy & Impact as well as Integrated, Interdisciplinary Inquiry.

Quick Facts

- USF offers 237 degree programs at the undergraduate, masters, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine.
- USF is one of only four Florida public universities classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in the top tier of research universities, a distinction attained by only 2.3% of all universities.
- With a 213% increase in its federal research enterprise between 2000-2007, no other American university grew at a faster rate than USF (Chronicle of Higher Education 2009-2010 Almanac).
- USF was awarded \$411.1 million in research contracts and grants in fiscal year 2012.
- USF is ranked 50th of all private and public universities in federal research expenditures by the National Science Foundation.
- USF ranks 10th world-wide of all universities granted U.S. patents in 2011, according to the Intellectual Property Owners Association.
- *The Princeton Review* and *Entrepreneur Magazine* once again rank USF's interdisciplinary graduate entrepreneurship program among the top 25 programs in the nation (#11), the only Florida program included. (November 2012)
- USF has more than 230,000 alumni in all 50 states and in more than 100 countries around the world.
- USF's first PhD program was established in Biology in 1967.

- In 1984, USF was the only university in the world to offer a PhD in Applied Anthropology.
- Stampede of Service is USF's largest day of service, annually drawing more than 3,000 students to assist in local community projects ranging from the environment and homelessness, to education and youth activities.
- USF ranks fourth among the nation's most veteran-friendly schools (Military Times Edge Magazine, 2012) and is Florida's only public university participating in the Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program.
- Tampa, home to USF, is a multicultural community of more than 340,000 residents, with more than 4 million residents spread across the greater Tampa Bay area.
- USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

Campus Map

http://usfweb2.usf.edu/parking_services/maps/Visitor_Map.pdf

TAMPA BAY

Tampa Bay is a thriving metropolitan area with more than 4 million residents. There are numerous attractions to explore including social and sports venues, performance halls, museums, theatres, zoos and wildlife venues, amusement parks, shopping locations and restaurants.

www.visittampabay.com

www.tampaattractions.com/tampa

Attractions

Busch Gardens (Amusement Park)

Adventure Island (Water Park)

The Florida Aquarium (downtown in the Channelside District)

Lowry Park Zoo

The Dali Museum (St. Petersburg)

Florida Museum of Photographic Arts

Glazer Children's Museum

Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)

Tampa Museum of Art (downtown along the Hillsborough River)

Ybor City State Museum

Sports Teams

USF Bulls

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Tampa Bay Rays

Tampa Bay Lightning

Visitor Accommodations (Not a complete list)

Hotels near USF include:

- Embassy Suites Busch Gardens
- Hyatt Place Busch Gardens
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- La Quinta Inn & Suites
- Ramada Inn
- Sleep Inn
- Wingate by Wyndham

Disclaimer: USF is not necessarily affiliated with and does not endorse any of the hotels listed.

Beaches

<http://www.tampaattractions.com/beach/>

<http://www.visittampabay.com/visitors/beaches/>

Newspapers

Tampa Tribune – www.tampatrib.com

Tampa Bay Times - <http://www.tampabay.com/>

Sales Tax

Florida's sales tax is 7%.

Florida's Cell Phone tax rate is 21.62%.

GETTING STARTED

Set up the NetID and USF E-mail Address – <http://it.usf.edu/services/netid>

Almost all online activity at USF including myUSF, Canvas/Blackboard and student email requires one's USF NetID. Creating a student NetID activates one's official USF student email account with Google Apps for Education (<http://mail.usf.edu>).

MyUSF – USF's Portal – <http://my.usf.edu>

MyUSF is the window to all of one's technology needs including access to Canvas/Blackboard, OASIS, one's email account and much more.

Canvas/Blackboard – Access via MyUSF – <https://learn.usf.edu>

Canvas/Blackboard is a single sign-on portal that enables one to complete class assignments, read course documents, post discussions, communicate with classmates, access one's student organization information and check email. Many professors use this site as a way to communicate noteworthy information to their students.

OASIS – Access via MyUSF – or <http://usfonline.admin.usf.edu>

OASIS is the online access to one's personal student information. One can view grades, tuition, fees, dates and deadlines. In addition, OASIS is where one registers for courses, accesses the USF Schedule Search and pays tuition and fees via bank card or electronic check.

Network Access

Before one begins using the USF network, one's laptop or computer must be registered with the information below. Once registered one is free to surf the USF network! The following items are needed:

- A valid USF email address
- Computer's network adapter address (also known as physical address or mac address)
- A non-USF email address
- A valid phone number

For any university technology questions or concerns, contact the Information Technology Help Desk at (813) 974-1222 or www.it.usf.edu

Academic Calendar – <http://www.registrar.usf.edu/enroll/regist/calendt.php>

STUDENT SERVICES

Athletics – www.gousfbulls.com

USF is a member of the Big East Conference and currently offers eight men's and nine women's NCAA-sanctioned sports. Students receive free admission to all USF sporting events including football and basketball. (See the Students page on the athletics website for the Student Ticket policy.)

Campus Recreation – www.usf.edu/campusrec

Campus Recreation offers fitness centers, group fitness classes, personal training, adventure travel, intramural sports, outdoor recreation and family memberships.

Campus Safety – <http://www.usfpd.usf.edu/> or www.usf.edu/publicsafety

To ensure the safety of students on campus there are many services offered including: University Police, Safe Team, Blue Light Emergency Telephones, Emergency Notifications.

Center for Student Involvement (MSC – 2306 & 3302) - www.involvement.usf.edu

The Center for Student Involvement provides a variety of programs, services and activities to enhance the out-of-class experience. This includes a large number of student organizations, Homecoming, University Lecture Series and Movies on the Lawn.

Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention (SVC – 1138) – www.sa.usf.edu/advocacy

The Victim Advocacy Center provides free and confidential services for USF students and employees who have experienced crime, violence or abuse. Services include crisis intervention, court accompaniment, victim help line and assistance filing police reports and injunctions for protection.

The Counseling Center (SVC 2124) – www.usf.edu/counsel

The Counseling Center provides free counseling services, workshop and outreach services, consultation services as well as the Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA).

Dining Services (MSC 1502) – www.usfdining.com

There are over 20 dining locations on campus providing a variety of meal options. USF dining also offers a Graduate Student Meal Plan.

Legal Aid Services (MSC 4300) – www.sg.usf.edu/legalaid

Free consultations with Bay Area attorneys are offered through Student Government.

Parking and Transportation – www.usf.edu/parking_services

Parking and Transportation Services maintains USF's parking and the USF Bull Runner transit system.

Religious and Spiritual Life – www.rsl.usf.edu

Religious and Spiritual Life at USF is a network of member faith communities that provide access to programs, services and activities that encourage a campus atmosphere of healthy religious and spiritual expression.

Students of Concern (SVC 2124) – <http://www.studentsofconcern.usf.edu/>

The Students of Concern Assistance Team (SOCAT) helps with students who may be in distress or whose behavior is of concern to others. The team identifies and provides support to a student before more significant problems arise.

Student Health Services – www.shs.usf.edu

Student Health Services provides a variety of services to students including a general clinic with no out-of-pocket charge for seeing a doctor or a nurse. One does not need health insurance to use SHS, but insurance is accepted. SHS only provides services to enrolled students.

Student Rights and Responsibilities (ALN 109) – www.sa.usf.edu/srr

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities provides for the safety and well-being of the University environment. The office aids in the growth and development of a student as related to a student's behavior and to serve as the management agency for the University Conduct System.

Students with Disabilities Services (SVC 1133) – www.sds.usf.edu

The Students with Disabilities Services office arranges academic accommodations and provides resources for students with disabilities.

Veterans Services (ALN 130) – www.veterans.usf.edu

The Office of Veterans Services provides specialized programs and services to veterans, eligible dependents, active-duty service-members and members of the Selected Reserve.

USF Traditions/Events

Homecoming – www.homecoming.usf.edu

Homecoming occurs every Fall semester and includes a week of festivities including a carnival, parade and football game.

WOW (Week of Welcome) – www.newstudent.usf.edu

Week of Welcome activities take place throughout the first week of the Fall and Spring semesters. WOW events are open to all new and returning students. Look out for special graduate student events during WOW.

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES STUDENT SERVICES

The Office of Graduate Student Affairs (GSA)/Diverse Student Success (DSS) –
<http://www.grad.usf.edu/success.php>

The GSA office partners with the Graduate Professional Student Council (GPSC), and works with faculty and departments to create a supportive environment for students through the following activities:

- Building campus-wide partnerships that are focused on student success
- Graduate Student Success workshops to promote retention, reduce time to degree and professional development
- Graduate student orientations for fellows and diverse students
- Graduate student success diversity fellowships
- Recruiting, marketing and campus visitations
- Graduate Fellowships and other financial aid

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) is a USF System office that supplements the role of the departments and schools in implementing policies and procedures related to the appointment, roles, requirements, and responsibilities of all postdoctoral scholars. The office strives to foster a robust postdoctoral community, provide opportunities to enhance the postdoctoral experience, serve as a dedicated resource for postdoctoral scholars, faculty and administrators and promote the university's dynamic program of postdoctoral opportunities.

The Graduate Assistants United (GAU)

The GAU is the labor union certified as the exclusive bargaining agent for graduate assistants at USF. Graduate students may be classified as Graduate Assistants (GAs), Graduate Teaching Assistants/Associates (GTAs), Graduate Instructional Assistants (GIAs), and/or Graduate Research Assistants/Associates (GRAs). All graduate assistants at USF work under a contract negotiated by the Graduate Assistants United (GAU) and the USF Board of Trustees. Students must be members of GAU to be represented by the union for employment grievances. Membership fees represent 1% of each paycheck. See <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/human-resources/pdfs/collective-bargaining/GAU-Agreement-2011-2014.pdf> for additional information.

Graduate Assistant Policies and Guidelines

The Office of Graduate Studies provides a handbook outlining relevant policies and guidelines for graduate assistants. See <http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/GA/GA-Handbook.pdf> for more information.

COMPUTER LAB LOCATIONS, STUDY SPACES & LIBRARY

The majority of USF Graduate students do not live on campus. USF has many places to work on projects, study or relax throughout the day and evening. Check out these places!

Computer Labs – <http://it.usf.edu/services/labs>

Open Use Computer Labs are available to all USF students, faculty and staff with a valid NetID account. There is also printing available in these labs via the Bull Buck\$ system. In Room 113 of the library, there are computers, scanners, wheelchair accessible machines and black-and-white as well as color printers. And in Room 2308 of the Marshall Student Center, one can find either Windows or MacIntosh computers. Computers can also be found in the College of Education building (Room 320), in the College of Engineering (ENB 229) and in the Office of Graduate Studies Lounge (ALN 209). For specific information on these labs, type the link provided above into one's web browser!

Laptop Lounge – www.coedu.usf.edu/main/technology/Laptop-Lounge.html

Need a quiet place to bring one's laptop and get some work done? Then head over to the College of Education building and visit the Laptop Lounge on the second floor in Room 252. Once there, one will find helpful staff available to help answer any tech-related questions. If they don't have the answer, they know where to find the resources one needs.

Study Spaces

There are a number of study spaces available on campus. Check out the rooms on the second, third, fourth and fifth floors of the Library. One can find rooms for study groups, both large and small.

There is a Graduate Student Lounge located in the Office of Graduate Studies (ALN 209) which is equipped with snack and beverage machines, a microwave as well as computers and printers. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In the Marshall Student Center, there are individual study rooms on the second floor. Also, one will find a number of study-nooks all over the building. Explore! There is also a Commuter Study Lounge on the fourth floor of the Marshall Student Center. Next to this lounge is the Skypad offering drinks and snacks, laptop bars, lounge areas, study spaces and video game areas with big screen TVs.

Library – www.lib.usf.edu or (813) 974-2729

The University of South Florida Library offers a wide array of books, articles and other resources. USF's Library features include the following:

- Check out up to 20 books for 30 days
- Self-checkout available
- Online renewal
- Numerous online journals and eBooks
- Interlibrary loan services to obtain items from non-USF libraries
- Open 24/5
- Quiet areas and group study rooms
- Presentation practice rooms
- A new collaborative learning lab with more than 300 computer workstations
- Scanners, printers and copiers
- Laptop computers for checkout (in-Library use)
- Wireless Internet available on all floors

The USF Library also offers several research features, including:

- Research subject guides online
- Research tutorials online
- Help with citing sources and creating a bibliography
- Librarians available (discipline specific) face-to-face and via phone, email, chat or text

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & GRADUATE AMBASSADORS

The Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) – <http://www.gpsc.usf.edu/>

Graduate students are represented by the Graduate and Professional Student Council. The Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) fosters interaction between graduate and professional students through community service, social and academic events. GPSC provides a voice for graduate and professional students through representation on university committees and advocating student interests to the administration.

A listing of all registered student organizations by category can be obtained through the Center for Student Involvement website at www.involvement.usf.edu. Students should contact their college departments for other program specific student organizations.

Graduate Ambassadors

The Graduate Student Ambassador Program

The Graduate Student Ambassadors Program at the University of South Florida provides opportunities for graduate students to advise the Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies and to be actively involved in building a graduate community by creating a network for communication and assistance among prospective, current and former graduate students.

Program Sponsorship

The Graduate Student Ambassadors program is sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies and is coordinated by the Assistant Director for Graduate Student Services.

Responsibilities of Graduate Ambassadors

Graduate Student Ambassadors will, first and foremost, serve in an advisory capacity to the Office of Graduate Studies Dean. They are the official graduate student representatives for the Office of Graduate Studies. Ambassadors will be expected to participate in Dialogue with the Dean (DWD) meetings, advise other Office of Graduate Studies administrators on matters of interest to graduate students (as requested), serve on Office of Graduate Studies and University committees, represent their colleges and programs on the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) and participate in other special Office of Graduate Studies programs or projects (e.g. Open House, Week of Welcome, and Graduate Student Appreciation Week).

Expectations of Graduate Ambassadors

Graduate Ambassadors will attend one Dialogue with the Dean each semester and a minimum of one meeting or event per semester. Ambassadors will also be expected to participate in New Graduate Student Orientation sessions and be willing to assist with other programs and activities when needed. There is no compensation for Graduate

Student Ambassadors. However, there will be a modest amount of financial support for special programs and projects sponsored by Graduate Ambassadors through GPSC. Volunteers will also receive a USF Graduate Ambassador polo style shirt to be worn at Office of Graduate Studies sponsored events.

Benefits of Being a Graduate Student Ambassador

Being a Graduate Student Ambassador will give one direct access to the Office of Graduate Studies Dean in an advisory role. It is also a great opportunity to meet new and prospective graduate students and improve one's leadership skills.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There are approximately 900 international graduate students at USF! International students are supported by the International Services office which assists with student visa, OPT, work visa and other related processes and documents.

<http://global.usf.edu/is/>

Friends of Internationals provides support for international students and scholars including free airport pick-ups, social events, sight-seeing trips, assisting with sourcing furniture, etc.

<http://www.usfinternationals.org/>

State ID Cards/Driver's License

To get a Florida State ID or a Driver's License, visit the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Specific documentation is required of Non-U.S. citizens.

Florida law requires **identification, proof of date of birth, proof of residential address, and proof of social security number** (if issued, Chapter 322, Florida Statutes, requires the Department see proof of social security number for the issuance of driver license and identification cards) from all customers before a driver license or identification card can be issued. The name assigned to the social security number must match the name that will appear on the Florida driver license or identification card. If one has recently changed one's name, update one's records with the Social Security Administration before applying for one's license or identification card. See the following link for further information: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/geninfo.html>

Fees for licenses and state ID cards: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/DHSMVFees.htm>

Social Security Number

For further information on obtaining a social security number, contact the International Services Office.

<http://global.usf.edu/is/cur-onCampus.php>

Filing Taxes Information

<http://global.usf.edu/isss/cur-taxGeneral.php>

Bank Information (opening bank accounts for international students)

International students generally need a social security number in order to open a bank account. Other requirements will vary by banking institution.

At the USF Federal Credit Union on campus, international students will need the following documents to open an account:

- Valid government ID or valid passport
- I-20 form/F1 visa/J1 visa
- A completed W8 form <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf>
- Apartment lease/rental agreement
- USF ID card
- Minimum balance of \$5 to open a savings account, \$25 to open a checking account

Foreign Currency

Foreign currency can be obtained at the Tampa International Airport or at Florida Currency Exchange in Westshore Plaza.

Wire Transfers

The USF Federal Credit Union provides wire transfer services to all its members.

Embassies & Consulates in Florida

Antigua & Barbuda

25 S.E. 2nd Ave, Suite 300

Miami, FL 33131

(305) 381-6762

Email: cganubar@bellsouth.net

Argentina

1101 Brickell Ave., Suite 900 North Tower

Miami, FL 33131

(305) 373-1889

www.consuladoargentinoenmiami.org

Austria

2445 Hollywood Blvd.

Hollywood, FL 33020

(954) 925-1100

www.austrianconsulatemiami.com

Bahamas

25 S.E. 2nd Ave., Ingraham Bldg., Suite 600

Miami, FL 33131

(305) 373-6295

Email: bcmia@bellsouth.net

Barbados

150 Alhambra Circle, Suite 1000
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 442-1994
Email: miami@foreign.gov.bb

Belgium

100 N Biscayne Blvd., Suite 500
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 377-1368
Email: consulmiami@gmail.com
http://www.diplobel.us/Representatives/Find_Consul.asp

Bolivia

700 South Royal Poinciana Boulevard Suite 505
Miami Springs, FL 33166
(305) 358-6303
<http://www.consuladodeboliviamiami.com/>

Brazil

80 SW 8th St. Suite 2600
Miami, FL 33130
(305) 285-6200
<http://miami.itamaraty.gov.br/en-us/>

Canada

200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 1600
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 579-1600
miami.gc.ca

Chile

800 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1200
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 373-8623
<http://chileabroad.gov.cl/miami/en/>

Colombia

100 N. Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, FL 33132
1(888) 764-3326
<http://consuladodecolombia.com/>

Costa Rica

2730 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 401
Miami, FL 33129
(305) 871-7485
Email: consulate-mia@costarica-embassy.org

Czech Republic

3111 Sterling Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
(954) 985-4127
Email: fortlauderdale@honorary.mzv.cz

Denmark

701 Harbour Post Dr.
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 247-4432
Email: consulate@arsavage.com

Dominican Republic

1038 Brickell Avenue
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 358-3220

Ecuador

117 NW 42nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33126
(305) 373-8520
http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/serviciosconsulares_consulados_e.php

El Salvador

2600 Douglas Road, Suite 104 (Douglas Centre)
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 774-0840

Finland

50 NE 29th Street
Miami, FL 33137
(305) 444-0004
Email: skelley@ksrteam.com

France

Espirito Santo Plaza
1395 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1050
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 403-4150
<http://consulfrance-miami.org/>

Germany

100 N. Biscayne Blvd. Suite 2200
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 358-0290
http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/.../Miami/00/_Home.html

Guatemala

1101 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1003 South Tower
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 679-9945
Email: consmiaini@minex.gob.gt

Guyana

795 NW 72nd Street
Miami, FL 33150
(786) 235-0431
Email: guyanaconsulate@aol.com

Haiti

259 SW 13th St.
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 859-2003

Honduras

7171 Coral Way, Suite 311
Miami, FL 33155
(305) 269-3131/9345/9399
Email: info@consulado.miamihn.com

Hungary

1550 Madruga Avenue, Suite 201
Coral Gables, FL 33146
(305) 448-2131

Iceland

1820 S.W. 73rd Avenue
Plantation, FL 33317
(954) 792-4451
Email: icflo9@bellsouth.net

Israel

100 North Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 1800
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 925-9400
Email: consular.dep@miami.mfa.gov.il

Italy

4000 Ponce de Leon, Suite 590
Coral Gables, FL 33146
(305) 374-6322
http://www.consmiami.esteri.it/Consolato_Miami

Jamaica

842 Ingraham Building
25 SE 2nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 374-8431
<http://www.jamaicacgmiami.org>

Japan

Brickell Bay View Centre, Suite 3200
80 S.W. 8th St.
Miami, FL 33130
(305) 530-9090
<http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Latvia

100 N. Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, FL 33132
1(888) 764-3326
<http://www.latvia-florida.org/>

Lithuania

2235 16th Ave North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
(727) 895-4811
Email: ltconsulfl@baypointonline.com

Mexico

1399 S.W. 1st Avenue
Miami, FL 33130
(786) 268-4900
www.mexicomiami.org/

Netherlands

429 South Keller Rd, Suite 250
Orlando, FL 32810
(407) 956-6071

Nicaragua

1332 W Flagler St.
Miami, FL 33135
(305) 265-1415
<http://www.consuladonicamiami.com/>

Norway

701 Harbour Post Dr.
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 247-4432
E-mail: arthurs@arsavage.com

Panama

5775 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 200
Miami, FL 33126
(305) 447-3700
Email: ptymia@bellsouth.net

Paraguay

25 S.E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 705
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 374-9090
Email: consular@paraguaymiami.org

Peru

444 Brickell Avenue, Suite M-135
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 371-9177
www.consulado-peru.com

Poland

1440 79th St. Causeway, Suite 117
Miami, FL 33141
(305) 866-0077
Email: polconsulfl@yahoo.com

Portugal

1901 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 2nd Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 444-6311

Romania

641 S. Mashta Dr.
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
(305) 361-6441
Email: Vlconsul@aol.com

Slovakia

14997 SW 40th St.
Davie, FL 33331
(239) 822-8409

Slovenia

1501 Calais Dr.
Miami Beach, FL 33141
(808) 544-3203

Spain

2655 Le Jeune Rd, Suite 203
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 446-5511

Suriname

6303 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 325
Miami, FL 33126
(305) 265-4655
www.scgmia.com

Sweden

101 NE Third Avenue, Suite 1700
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
(954) 467-3507
Email: FortLauderdale@consulateofsweden.org

Thailand

2199 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 301
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 445-7577
Email: thaiconsulatemiami@hotmail.com

Trinidad & Tobago

1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 800
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 374-2199
<http://www.ttcgmiami.com/>

United Kingdom

1001 Brickell Bay Drive, Suite 2800

Miami, FL 33131

(305) 400-6400

<http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/other-locations/miami/>

Uruguay

2103 Coral Way, Suite 600,

Miami, FL 33135

(305) 443-9764

<http://www.uruwashi.org/>

See the United States Department of State website for other consulate listings.

<http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Managing Money/Money Saving Tips



Assistantships – <http://www.grad.usf.edu/assistantships.php>

Financial Aid Office – <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/finaid/>

Fulbright Scholarships – www.grad.usf.edu/fulbrights.asp

Funding – www.grad.usf.edu/funding.asp

Grants – www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp

Office of National Scholarships – <http://ons.usf.edu/>

Scholarship Databases –

<http://guides.lib.usf.edu/content.php?mode=preview&pid=53590&sid=392790>

Tuition & Fees/Cashier's Office –

<http://usfweb2.usf.edu/uco/cashaccounting/payments.asp>

USF Student Discounts – <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/university-communications-and-marketing/marketing/bulls-country/network-of-businesses.asp>

Bank on Campus – <https://creditunion.usf.edu/Index.asp>

The USF Federal Credit Union has two branches on campus located in the Marshall Student Center and on USF Palm & Laurel. There are several ATM machines across the campus.

HOUSING

On-Campus

Housing and Residential Education (Argos 229) serves both graduate and undergraduate students. Graduate students are eligible to live on-campus in the Magnolia Apartments community in a building with space specifically designated for graduate students. Family housing is also available in Magnolia Apartments (building G) on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Housing and Residential Education (813-974-0001) or visit them online at usf.edu/housing.

Off-Campus Affiliated Housing

Housing and Residential Education is pleased to share information with new graduate students about four properties off-campus with which USF has a formal Affiliation Agreement. To learn more about the affiliation designation and these properties, please visit usf.edu/housing/resources/affiliated/

40 Fifty Lofts - <http://www.4050lofts.com/>

Campus Club - <http://livecampusclub.com/>

Avalon Heights - <http://avalonheights.com/>

The Province - <http://theprovincetampa.com/>

Off-Campus

Off-campus housing options are available on or close to the Bull-Runner Route (Not a Complete List). These properties are not affiliated with USF.

- Monticello (fully furnished, lease by room) – www.monticellousf.com
- Cambridge Woods – www.cambridgewoods.com
- Willow Brooke – www.livewillowbrooke.com
- 42nd North (fully furnished, lease by room) – www.42-north.com
- Venue At North Campus (fully furnished, lease by room and studio) – www.venueatnorthcampus.com
- The Flats (fully furnished, lease by room and studio) – www.livetheflats.com
- Eagles Point – www.eaglespointapts.com
- Bavarian Village Condos
- The Oaks Condos
- Ashford Green Condos
- Oak Ramble – www.oakramble.milestonerents.com
- Fairway Oaks – www.fairwayoakstampa.com
- Sweet Water Oaks

- University Club Apartments
- On50 (fully furnished, lease by room and 1-bedroom) – www.on50tampa.com
- Park Avenue – www.parkavenueapartmentstampa.com
- Urban Place – www.urbanplaceapts.com
- Malibu (fully furnished, lease by room) – www.malibuusf.com
- Greenwich Commons – www.greenwichcommonsapartmenthomes.com

Other Housing Options Near USF (Not a Complete List)

- Campus Lodge (fully furnished, lease by room) – www.campuslodge.com
- Collegiate Hall (furnished & unfurnished, lease by room) – www.collegiatehalltampa.com
- Reflections (fully furnished, lease by room) – www.reflectionsusf.org
- Boardwalk at Morris Bridge (fully furnished, lease by room) – www.boardwalkusf.net
- The Pointe (fully furnished, lease by room and 1-bedroom studio) – www.pointeatsouthflorida.com
- Campus Club (fully furnished, lease by room) – <http://www.campusapts.com/campusclubtampa/default.aspx>
- Hidden Palms – www.hiddenpalmsapartmenthomes.com
- Park East Apartments – www.liveparkeast.com
- Vista Grande – www.vistagrande-apts.com
- Grand Reserve – www.thegrandreserveliving.com
- Bristol Place – www.bristolplaceapts.com
- Lakeview Oaks – www.lakeviewoaks.net
- College Court – <http://www.collegecourt.net/>
- Cedar Cove Apartments – <http://www.franklinstreetrs.com/property.php?plD=26>
- The Seasons – <http://www.franklinstreetrs.com/property.php?plD=22>
- University Lake Apartments – www.universitylakeapartments.com
- Landmark At Grayson Park – www.landmarkatgraysonpark.com
- Korman at Riverchase – www.kormanriverchase.com
- St. Croix Apartments – www.stcroixtampa.com
- Compton Place – www.gardencommunitiesfl.com
- Carlton Arms – www.carltonarmsnorth.com
- Jade at Tampa Palms (condos) – www.rentnewtampa.com
- The Vinings at Hunter's Green – <http://huntersgreen.riverstoneres.com/>
- The Highlands in Hunters Green (condos) – <http://www.rentnewtampa.com/tampa-condos-for-rent/highlands.html>

Disclaimer: USF does not endorse any of the non-affiliated housing options listed.

Housing Resources

www.myidealplace.com/accounts/usftmp/

www.housing.usf.edu

<http://tampa.cort.com/storefront/?kwcid=70170000000XejnAAC>

TRANSPORTATION

Parking

Parking permits are required and are valid in designated areas. Other parking options include hourly or daily parking and park-and-ride (available in lots 18 & 43 only). Graduate assistants can now apply for a limited number of E-staff parking permits (this is a pilot initiative for 2013-2014).

http://usfweb2.usf.edu/parking_services/default.asp

http://usfweb2.usf.edu/parking_services/permits.asp

Cars

Motorist emergency assistance is available free of cost to USF students. The limited service includes an air-tank for low tires and battery booster. To access this service, call **813-974-8040**. For after-hours emergency or safety needs, contact the University Police at **813-974-2628**.

If one needs to renew or transfer one's driver's license, take a driving test or register a motor vehicle, etc. there are several locations of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in Hillsborough County. See the link below for locations/contact info.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/offices/hillsborough.html>

Bicycles

Bicycles are a great, cost-saving transportation option, and they are welcome on campus! There are several bike-racks located throughout the campus and bicycle permits are available free of cost. The Bull Runner buses are equipped with bike carriers.

USF's Bull Runner

This free shuttle service makes getting to and from campus easy! The shuttle also provides transportation to all areas of the campus, some off-campus housing locations and shopping areas such as WalMart, Sweetbay Supermarket and the University Mall. Students are required to use their ID cards when riding the shuttle.

Transportation Options

USF offers several transportation options such as Zimride Ride-Share and We-Car Car Rental. Other transportation choices include Emergency Ride Home and carpooling.

http://usfweb2.usf.edu/parking_services/transportchoices.asp

Hart-Line Bus – <http://www.gohart.org/>

USF students ride Hart-Line buses for free. Simply show one's USF ID card when one boards the bus.

Bus Lines to Miami and Other Nearby Destinations – www.gmgtrans.com**Train/Amtrak** – <http://www.amtrak.com/home>

The Tampa Amtrak station is located at 601 North Nebraska Ave., Tampa, FL 33602.

Air Travel**Tampa** – <http://www.tampaairport.com/>

The nearest major airport is the Tampa International Airport (TPA) which is serviced by over a dozen major airlines. Tampa International is located approximately 30 minutes from USF's campus.

Orlando – <http://www.orlandoairports.net/>

Another option is the Orlando International Airport (MCO) which is serviced by over 30 airlines. Orlando International is located approximately 2 hours from USF's campus.

St. Petersburg/Clearwater – <http://www.fly2pie.com/>

For some destinations, one may want to consider the St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport (PIE) which is located approximately 45 minutes from USF's campus.

Airport Transportation**Supershuttle** – www.supershuttle.com

Need a ride to and/or from the airport from one's apartment/home? Check with Super Shuttle for their 24-hour airport service.

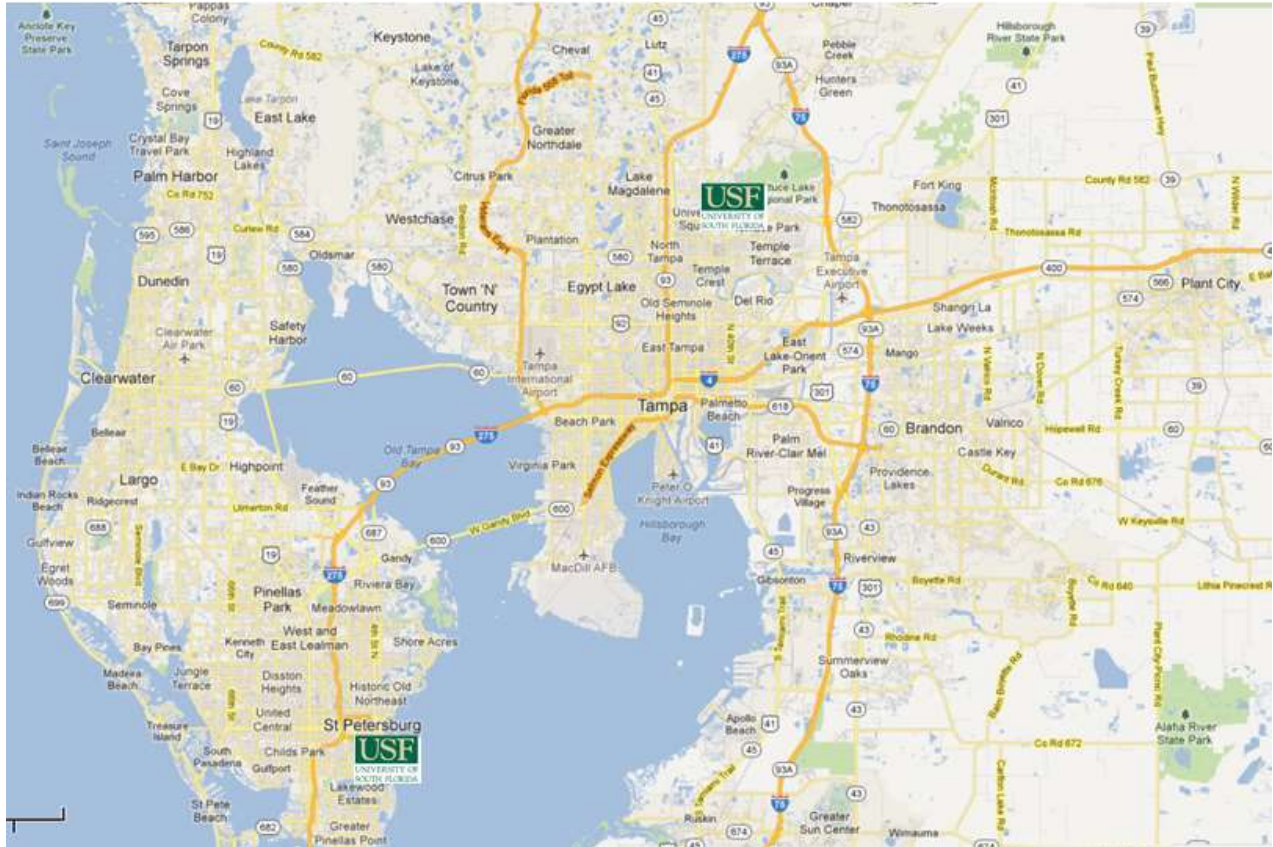
Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles –

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/index.html>

To get a Florida State ID or a Driver's License, visit the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Communities in the Tampa Bay Area



Brandon

Located in southeastern Hillsborough County, Brandon is approximately **17 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **25-30 minute commute**. Convenient location and plentiful shopping make Brandon, FL a favorite for families. Brandon provides easy access to both Tampa and Orlando, and it is one of the Tampa Bay area's rapidly growing communities. Formerly a mostly rural area, Brandon is quickly becoming a place of refuge for city dwellers seeking a little peace in a convenient location. Brandon boasts strip centers, a regional mall, and a variety of neighborhoods to suit any lifestyle.

Carrollwood

Located in West Tampa, Carrollwood is approximately **8 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **20-25 minute commute**. It is an unincorporated, planned community in northwest Hillsborough County, Florida. It is located within the Census Designated Place of Greater Carrollwood. It was one of the first planned communities within the State of Florida and the first in Hillsborough County. It remains one of the most popular places to live within suburban Tampa because of its close proximity to the city compared to newer developments. Carrollwood is about 7 miles northwest of downtown Tampa and occupies an area of 10.3 sq. miles.

Channelside District

Located near downtown Tampa, Channelside District is approximately **13 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **25-30 minute commute**, and **22 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **30-32 minute commute**. Urban luxury is at its best in the Channelside District, where one can work and play in an upscale way. New condominium developments in the area offer luxury lofts, office space, and retail space in the heart of a vibrant area. There are also a host of fine restaurants in the area, or one can hop on the TECO Street Car and head to Ybor City for even more dining and nightlife. Channelside is where luxury living meets urban convenience and style.

Citrus Park

Located in West Tampa, Citrus Park is approximately **11 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **25-30 minute commute**, and **29 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **35-40 minute commute**. One will find variety of home styles and an easy commute to just about any part of Tampa. This large community extends through many areas. Many starter homes are available, as well as large, luxurious estate homes. Just minutes from Tampa International Airport, the Westshore business district, and downtown Tampa, residents are sure to love the community's excellent location. Should one prefer to stay in town, one will find Westfield Shopping Town, with over 1 million square feet of shops and a 20-screen Cineplex. In addition to its great location, other Citrus Park benefits include a bounty of lakes, parks, and sports facilities.

Lutz

Located in northern Tampa, Lutz is approximately **9 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **15-20 minute commute**. The over 100 lakes in the Hillsborough County community of Lutz are just one reason why its residents are so proud of the community's balance of country comforts with urban growth. Not only is the area conveniently located near major highways (I-275, Veteran's Expressway, Dale Mabry), it is also peppered with beautiful Florida scenery that is a welcome break from city congestion. Among the lakes and groves, one will find an array of custom homes in rapidly growing communities. Most communities in the Lutz area are gated for the ultimate in security and privacy.

New Tampa

Located approximately **8 miles north from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **15-20 minute commute**, New Tampa spans 24 square miles and is the fastest-growing community in Hillsborough County. New Tampa real estate has splendid offerings for its residents. Not only is it home to a spread of master-planned communities, these communities were designed with recreation and leisure in mind. From sports and swimming facilities to nature trails, residents can enjoy a variety of recreational activities right within their communities, or venture just a short drive to some great attractions.

Riverview

Located approximately **22 miles north from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **30 minute commute**, Riverview is near Brandon. Riverview has convenient access to city amenities in a great suburban setting. From golf to conservation areas, residents are sure to enjoy life here. Riverview is blessed with a host of natural beauty, resources, and activities all within a short trip from the town. From bubbling natural springs of Lithia Springs State Park to the meandering Alafia River which empties into Tampa Bay and affords residents direct access to The Gulf of Mexico. Fishing, surfing, boating, kayaking, water skiing, and diving are just minutes away from Riverview.

Seminole Heights

Seminole Heights is a historic Tampa neighborhood located **approximately 20 miles from the USF Tampa Campus, or a 25 minute commute**. Seminole Heights is known for its neighborhood's bungalow architecture. A number of residential and commercial properties have been recently renovated. Several restaurants, antique shops, a day spa and fitness club are among the amenities conveniently located in the area.

South Tampa

Located approximately **20 miles north from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **30 minute commute**, and **16 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **25 minute commute**, South Tampa is one of the area's oldest and best-preserved areas. Located right near the water, it offers a host of recreational activities at a more comfortable pace than in the city. Still, anywhere one lives in the area will be conveniently located just minutes from downtown shopping, dining, and entertainment. Several of South Tampa neighborhoods boast beautifully preserved historic homes from the 1920's in a vast array of architectural styles. Most anywhere one goes will offer a water view that will be a daily reminder of just how wonderful it is to live among Florida's natural beauty. Several exclusive neighborhoods can be found in South Tampa, featuring enormous estate homes that will delight both their owners and visitors.

Wesley Chapel

Located approximately **10 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **25 minute commute**, Wesley Chapel is located north of New Tampa, where undeveloped land and citrus fields are rapidly becoming beautiful master-planned communities and golf courses. The luxurious Saddlebrook Resort is in the center of this community, and offers visitors and residents the ultimate resort experience. The lower tax rates in Pasco County are just an added incentive to make Wesley Chapel a desirable location to buy a home.

Westchase

Located approximately **16 miles from the USF Tampa Campus**, or a **35-40 minute commute**, and **30 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **40 minute commute**, Westchase is a quiet and convenient location situated near the Hillsborough/Pinellas County line. Westchase boasts a 2,030-home award-winning community featuring the best in recreational enjoyment for its residents, including an 18-hole golf course, parks, swimming, tennis, nature preserves, and soccer fields. The added convenience of West Park Village Town Center and West Chase Square provides residents with retail shopping, markets, cafes, banks, restaurants, professional offices, daycare, and preschools. With easy access to Citrus Park Mall and the Tampa International Airport, residents of Westchase enjoy a host of amenities as well as the ultimate in convenience.

Communities in Pinellas County (USF St. Pete)**Clearwater Beach**

Located approximately **22 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **35 minute commute**, Clearwater Beach is not only a tourist destination, but many people are realizing it's a fantastic place to live too. With its gorgeous beaches, and view of the Gulf of Mexico, it's easy to see why. It offers a great place to relax while swimming, fishing or just sunning on the sand. This beach offers shopping, dining, and outdoor activities to attract people of all ages. The Clearwater Beach Marina houses many charter boats which cater to a great day of fishing for a large assortment of fish. It also has a pirate ship, dolphin site seeing adventure, and wave runner and jet ski rentals.

Downtown St. Petersburg

Located **less than a mile from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **5 minute commute**, Downtown St. Petersburg features six world-class museums and more than 20 galleries. More than 700 events take place each year in St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg's shoreline is longer than Delaware's and New Hampshire's combined. Known as the sailing capital of the South, the city's Municipal Marina is the largest in the state.

Largo

Located approximately **18 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **30 minute commute**, Largo is found just south of Clearwater and north of St. Petersburg. Tampa is a short commute eastbound across either of the two scenic bridges that cross over Old Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Largo covers about 14.1 square miles and has enjoyed rapid growth, with great values, and a population of more than 68,500. Largo is a quiet, largely residential community, with friendly stores and shops, beautiful parks and recreational facilities, and diverse affordable neighborhoods.

Pinellas Park

Located approximately **9 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **15-20 minute commute**, Pinellas Park is just east of Seminole between the larger cities of Clearwater and St. Petersburg. It is still located close to the beaches and other attractions the Tampa Bay area has to offer. The larger cities of Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Tampa are so close that a commute to either city is surprisingly short.

Seminole

Located approximately **15 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **30 minute commute**, Seminole is conveniently found close to all the major cities such as Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Tampa owning only a short commute to each. Seminole is located just south of Largo and northwest of St. Petersburg. Parts of this city are considered to be within Largo, lending to Seminole's smaller hometown feel within a larger metropolitan area. Real estate in Seminole is very appealing in this well-established town located so close to some of Florida's most beautiful beaches and lakes.

St. Pete Beach

Located approximately **11 miles from USF St. Petersburg**, or a **20 minute commute**, St. Pete Beach has a large variety of condominiums, and single family homes that have a private boat dock to get one to enjoy the water near one's own backyard. Each condominium community has a large swimming pool and many offer waterfront views that are second to none. This beach is perfect for those who need to commute to nearby cities such as Tampa or Bradenton. Hop on I-275 or the Sunshine Skyway Bridge and be to any destination in minutes.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES & PLACES OF WORSHIP (not a complete listing)

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/postdoc-files/Houses%20of%20Worship.pdf>

<http://campusministries.usf.edu/page.asp?id=80>

Baptist

Belmont Baptist Church – <http://www.belmonttampa.org/>
7830 N 56th St., Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 988-1501

First Baptist Church of New Tampa
28125 County Line Road, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
(813) 907-1685

First Baptist Church of Temple Terrace – www.fbctt.org
10002 North 56th St., Temple Terrace, FL 33617
(813) 988-1138

Buddhist

Katsel Meditation – www.meditationtampa.com
4822 Limerick Dr., Tampa, FL 33610
(813) 900-6139

Catholic

Catholic Student Center – www.catholicusf.org
13005 50th Street North, Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 988-3727

Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church – www.gracenewtampa.com
15102 Amberly Drive, Tampa, FL 33647
(Off Bruce B Downs Blvd on Amberly Drive)
(813) 971-8484

Islamic

Islamic Society of Tampa Bay – www.istaba.org
7326 East Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33610
(813) 628-0007

Jewish

USF Synagogue
13207 N. 52nd Street Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 832-3018

Chabad House Jewish Student Center USF – www.bmchabad.com
5205 E. 131st Ave., Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 504-4432

USF Hillel – www.usfhillel.org
13101 USF Sycamore Dr., Tampa, FL 33620
(813) 899-2788

Lutheran

Family of Christ Lutheran Church
16190 Bruce B Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33647
(813) 558-9343
www.familyofchristtampa.com

Methodist

Temple Terrace United Methodist Church
5030 E. Busch Blvd., Temple Terrace, FL 33617
(813) 988-4141
www.ttumc.net

Presbyterian

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of New Tampa
5340 Primrose Lake Circle, Tampa, FL 33647
(813) 907-3057
www.saintandy.com

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church (PCA)
19911 Bruce B Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33647
(813) 973-2484
www.tampabaypresbyterian.org

United Church of Christ

First United Church of Christ
7308 East Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 988-4321
www.ucctampabay.org

HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE

On-Campus

USF has the following health-care services and resources available on campus:

The Carol and Frank Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare -

<http://health.usf.edu/nocms/myhealthcare/>

Moffitt Cancer Center - <http://www.moffitt.org/>

Student Health Services - <http://www.shs.usf.edu/>

Wellness USF - <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/wellness/>

Off-Campus

There are a number of health-care facilities in the Tampa Bay area that cater to on-going health needs as well as emergencies.

General Health Care in Tampa Bay - http://www.tampachamber.com/ti_healthcare.asp

Tampa General Hospital - <http://www.tgh.org/>

Florida Hospital Tampa - <http://www.elevatinghealthcare.org/locations/tampa>

Brandon Regional - <http://brandonhospital.com/>

Urgent Care & Walk-In Clinic – www.fhtampa.org

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital - http://www.sjbhealth.org/home_childrens.cfm?id=585

Shriners Children's Hospital -

<http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Hospitals/Locations/Tampa.aspx>

PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

USF offers on-campus childcare options, including the USF Family Center, managed by Bright Horizons, and the USF Preschool for Creative Learning.

<http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/auxiliary/pcl/Home.html>

<http://www.brighthorizons.com/index.aspx>

<http://tampafamilyguide.com/Education.php>

<http://parentguide.com/>

<http://gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/category/tampa-fl-usa/places-to-go/entertainment>

Children's Hospitals

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital - http://www.sjbhealth.org/home_childrens.cfm?id=585

Shriners Children's Hospital -

<http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Hospitals/Locations/Tampa.aspx>

Public Schools

Education in the U.S. is provided primarily by the public sector, and child education is obligatory. Education is divided in three levels:

- **Elementary School** – Offers primary education and does not always include pre-school education. Typically, students attend elementary school from kindergarten to 5th grade (5-6 years).
- **Middle School** – It is also known as junior high school, and it was created to bridge the gap between the elementary and the high school. The grades included in middle school are 6th, 7th, and 8th.
- **High School** – It is also known as secondary education. The grades included in high school are 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Students attend the school that is designated to their place of residence. Below are the links to find the schools that correspond to one's area of residence:

- Hillsborough County – <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/>
- Pasco County – <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/>
- Pinellas County – <https://www.pcsb.org/>

SHOPPING, RECREATION/ENTERTAINMENT & OTHER SERVICES NEAR USF

Groceries

Aldi
Publix
Target
Sweetbay
WalMart Superstores
Winn-Dixie

Basics

Bed Bath & Beyond
Dollar Tree
Ikea
K-Mart
Target
WalMart Superstores

Computers & Study Supplies

Best Buy
Office Depot * (USF Discount)
Staples
USF Computer Store (Marshall Student Center)

Pharmacies & Drug Stores

USF Pharmacy – Marshall Student Center 1st Floor (does not take cash)
<http://www.shs.usf.edu/pharmacy.aspx>
CVS
Publix
Sweetbay
Walgreens
WalMart
USF Health (Morsani Center)

Textbooks

USF Bookstore <http://sftampa.bncollege.com>
Bookholders Bookstore www.bookholders.com
Grays Bookstore <http://usf.graysbooks.com/books/>
Amazon www.amazon.com

Ebay www.half.ebay.com

Photocopying

Fed-Ex Print & Ship Center <http://www.fedex.com/us/office/>

Pro-Copy (open 24-hours) <http://www.tampaprinter.net/>

Staples http://www.staples.com/?cmpid=st_ll_goo&cid=LS:RETAIL:G

Shopping Malls

University Mall www.universitymalltampa.com

Wiregrass Mall www.theshopsatwiregrass.com

Westshore Plaza <http://www.westshoreplaza.com>

Westfield Brandon Mall <http://www.westfield.com/brandon>

Westfield Citrus Park <http://westfield.com/citruspark>

International Plaza Mall (near the airport) www.shopinternationalplaza.com

Restaurants

American

Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grille - 5779 E. Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

The Cheesecake Factory - 2223 NW Shore Blvd, Tampa, FL

Chili's – 2794 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store – 3125 Cove Bend Dr, Tampa, FL

Firehouse Grill & Pub – 8814 N 56th St., Temple Terrace, FL

Five Guys Burgers & Fries – 2702 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Gator's Dockside – 5840 E Fowler Ave, Temple Terrace, FL

Peabody's – 15333 Amberly Dr., Tampa, FL

Steak N Shake – 1450 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

TGI Friday's – 2501 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Village Inn – 11302 N 30th St, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)

Bagels/Doughnuts

Bagels Plus – 2706 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL

Dunkin Donuts – 1505 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Einstein Bros Bagels – 5003 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – 8425 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL

Breakfast/Bakery

Bob Evans – 12272 Morris Bridge Rd., Temple Terrace, FL

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store – 3125 Cove Bend Dr, Tampa, FL

Denny's – 1700 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount on Thursdays)

First Watch – E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

IHOP – 3501 E Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL

Panera Bread – 11878 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL
Perkins Family Restaurant – 5002 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)

BBQ

Big John's Alabama BBQ – 5707 N 40th St, Tampa, FL
Lupton's Buffet – 5299 E Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL
Skipper's Smokehouse & Oyster Bar - 910 Skipper Rd, Tampa, FL

Coffee/Tea

Café Kili Coffee Lounge – 5731 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Kaleisia Tea Lounge – 1441 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL
Starbucks Coffee – 5006 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Chicken

Boston Market – 5501 E Fowler Ave, Temple Terrace, FL* (USF Discount)
Chick-Fil-A – 5302 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Gladstone's Chicken - 5203 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Kentucky Fried Chicken – 2212 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Popeye's Chicken – 2216 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL

Chinese/Japanese

China First Buffet – 2811 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Happy Wok – 13606 University Plaza St., Tampa, FL
Panda Express – 2214 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Ichiban Japanese Cuisine – 2786 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Panda Express – 2214 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Sake House – 5104 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Tung Tung – 10829 N 56th St., Temple Terrace, FL

Caribbean/Jamaican

Caribbean Connections – 10509 N Nebraska Ave., Tampa, FL
Caribbean Delights – 2920 E Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Family Cuisine – 3001 N. Florida Ave, Tampa, FL
Jerk Hut – 926 E Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL
Pollo Tropical - 3285 W Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, FL
Tampa Haitian Restaurant – 1141 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL
Tara's Roti Shop - 10006 N 30th St., Tampa, FL

Fast Food

Burger King - 2902 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL
Sonic - 1915 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Wendy's - 13712 Bruce B. Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL

Food Court/Eateries at University Mall - 2200 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Auntie Anne's Pretzels
 Cajun Cafe
 Charley's Grilled Subs* (USF Discount)
 Chick-Fil-A* (USF Discount)
 Combo Wok
 Dairy Queen/Orange Julius
 Great American Cookies* (USF Discount)
 Ice-Cream Fantasia & Smoothies* (USF Discount)
 Perry's BBQ
 Sarku Japan
 Sbarro Pizza* (USF Discount)
 Subway

Greek/Middle Eastern

Acropolis Bar & Grill – 14947 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
 Byblos – 734 University Square Dr., Tampa, FL
 Little Greek - 2548 East Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Persian House of Kabobs – 1441 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL
 Pita's Republic – 5105 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Pita Pit – 2309 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Zeko's Express Mediterranean Grille – 3609 Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL

Ice-Cream/Smoothies

Baskin-Robbins – 1505 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Cold Stone Creamery – 2774 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Dairy Queen – 10830 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL
 D'lites Emporium - 5001 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Jamba Juice - 5004 East Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Planet Smoothie - 11852 Bruce B Downs Boulevard, Tampa, FL
 Smoothie King – 5702 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Indian

Cilantro Indian Cuisine – 11009 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL
 Jai Ho Indian Cuisine – 2311 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Taste of India – 1241 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Taj Indian Cuisine – 2734 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Italian

Antonios Pasta Grille - 11401 N 56 St., Temple Terrace, FL* (USF Discount)
 Carrabba's Italian Grille – 5515 E Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL
 CDB Pizza & Italian Restaurant – 5104 E Fowler Ave., Temple Terrace, FL
 Olive Garden Italian Restaurant – 2801 E Busch Blvd., Tampa, FL

Romano's Macaroni Grill - 1500 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL
Sweet Tomatoes - 1902 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL

Mexican/Southwestern

Chipotle Mexican Grill – 2576 E Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL
Moe's Southwest Grill – 13238 N Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL
Taco Bus - 2320 E Fletcher Ave., Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Tia's Tex Mex – 2815 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Tijuana Flats – 2782 E Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Qdoba Mexican Grill – 5001 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Vallarta Mexican Restaurant – 9255 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL

Pizza

ABC Pizza House – 13508 University Plaza, Tampa, FL
CDB Pizza – 5104 E Fowler Ave, Temple Terrace, FL* (USF Discount)
Domino's Pizza – 2316 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL
Papa John's Pizza – 9307 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL* (USF Discount)
Pizza Hut – 4011 E Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL
Wood Fired Pizza Wine Bar – 2822 Bearss Ave, Tampa, FL

Seafood

Bone-Fish Grill – 13262 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL
Red Lobster – 2625 E Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL
Shells – 2101 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Skipper's Smokehouse & Oyster Bar – 910 Skipper Rd, Tampa, FL

Steak

Longhorn Steakhouse – 2110 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Outback Steakhouse – 11308 N 56th St., Tampa, FL

Subs/Sandwiches/Deli

Firehouse Subs – 2710 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Jason's Deli – 2702 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Jersey Mike's Subs – 14925 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Jimmy John's – 2345 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL
McAlister's Deli – 11402 N 30th St, Tampa, FL
Old World Cheese Shop – 11001 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL
Pita Pit – 2309 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL* (USF Discount)
Ruben's Cubans - 4941 E Busch Blvd, Tampa, FL
Quizno's – 5509 E Fowler Ave, Temple Terrace, FL
Subway – 1819 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
Wawa – 11510 North 30th St., Tampa, FL

Vegetarian/Vegan

Kaleisia Tea Lounge – 1441 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL (serves a few vegan meals)
 Loving Hut – 1905 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL

Vietnamese/Thai

Bangkok Jazzthai Restaurant – 6840 E Fowler Ave, Temple Terrace, FL
 Pho Quyen Vietnamese - 2740 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Saigon Bay Vietnamese Restaurant – 2373 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Thai Ruby – 15319 Amberly Dr, Tampa, FL
 Trang Viet Cuisine – 1524 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL

Wings

Gumby's Pizza & Wings – 2770 University Square Dr, Tampa, FL
 Hooters – 13606 Bruce B Downs, Blvd, Tampa, FL
 Wing-Stop – 2776 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL
 Wing King – 1132 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL

<http://www.visittampabay.com/visitors/restaurants/> (Restaurant Guide)
<http://tampabay.citysearch.com/> (Tampa City Search Restaurant & Services Guide)
www.restaurant.com (Restaurant Guide)

Recreation & Entertainment

<http://www.tampabay.com/things-to-do/>
<http://www.visittampabay.com/visitors/entertainment-nightlife/>
 Muvico Movie Theater – 18002 Highwood Preserve Parkway, Tampa, FL -
<http://www.muvico.com/default.aspx> * (USF Discount Sun.-Thurs.)
 College of the Arts - <http://fastbook.cvpa.usf.edu/fbonline/calendar.asp> - Art & Music
 events, Contemporary Arts Museum (CAM), Center Gallery (in the Marshall Student Center)
 USF Athletics - www.gousfbulls.com
 USF Botanical Gardens - <http://gardens.usf.edu/> *(USF Students - \$1 with Valid ID)
 USF Riverfront Park - <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/CampusRec/outdoor/riverfront.html>

Postal Services

The USF Post Office is located on-campus on Holly Drive west of North Palm Ave (across from the Marshall Student Center) and offers local and international mail services.

Contact them at:

- (813) 974-2606
- Fax: (813) 974-9700

Mailing Address:

USF Post Office
University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Ave STOP PPA109
Tampa, FL 33620-9951

General Tampa Resources

<http://www.safetampabay.org/resourceguide/communityservresources.html> (Tampa Community Services Guide)

http://www.tampagov.net/information_resources/user_guides/for_citizens.asp

Relocation

http://www.tampa4u.com/relocation_guide.html

RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

USF and the Office of Graduate Studies provide a variety of opportunities and services related to research support and professional development.

Electronic Thesis Dissertation (ETD) - etd@grad.usf.edu

www.usf.edu/Research/

<http://www3.research.usf.edu/dsr/funding.asp>

www.sg.usf.edu/index.php/bureaus/business-office/conference-presentation-grant

www.grad.usf.edu/opportunities-for-gradstudent.asp

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/research-rescue/>

Workshops

The Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development workshop series aims to assist graduate students with skill acquisition in the areas of writing, research, and networking. Approximately 19 workshops are scheduled throughout the academic year and focus on a variety of topics including navigating Office of Graduate Studies, writing for success, and finding research funding. Workshop partners include the USF Writing Center, the Office of Sponsored Research, and USF faculty.

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/workshops.php>

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Colleges and Academic Programs

Arts & Sciences	813.974.6957
Behavioral & Community Sciences	813.974.2365
Business	813.974.4290
Graduate Studies	813.974.2846
Education	813.974.3400
Engineering	813.974.2684
Marine Science	813.973.1130
Marine Science (St. Pete Campus).....	727.553.1130
Medicine	813.974.2196
Nursing	813.974.2191
Public Health	813.974.3623
The Arts.....	813.974.3660

University Departments

Athletics	813.974.2125
Bookstore	813.974.2631
Campus Recreation	813.974.3177
Card Center (Student ID's).....	813.974.2357
Career Center	813.974.2171
Cashiers – University Controller’s Office	813.974.6056
Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement	813.974.7595
Center for Student Involvement	813.974.7912
Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention	813.974.5756
Counseling Center (for regular office hours <i>and</i> after-hours emergencies)	813.974.2831
Dean for Students	813.974.6677
Dining Services/Meal Plans	813.974.4499
Division of Student Affairs	813.974.5533
Financial Aid.....	813.974.4700
Graduate Studies	813.974.2846
Housing & Residential Education.....	813.974.0001
Immunization Records/Medical Records Forms	813.974.4056
Information Technology (Email & Canvas/Blackboard)	813.974.1222
International Services.....	813.974.5102
Library	813.974.2729
Marshall Student Center Front Desk.....	813.974.3180
Multicultural Affairs	813.974.5111
Oracle.....	813.974.2617
Parking & Transportation Services	813.974.3990
Police (USF Campus)	813.974.2628
Registrar’s Office.....	813.974.2000
Student Government	813.974.2401
Student Health Services	813.974.2331
Student Ombudsman	813.974.7107
Student Rights & Responsibilities	813.974.9443
Student Support Services	813.974.4301
Students with Disabilities Services	813.974.4309
SOCAT	813.974.6130
Tutoring & Writing Services.....	813.974.2713
Veterans Services	813.974.2291

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We hope that you have found the USF Graduate Student Life Guide to be a useful resource that will serve you throughout your education at USF! This Guide was created to provide USF's graduate students with information about services, resources and support to enhance graduate student life and success.

The Student Life Guide is designed to familiarize students with places to socialize, eat, shop, live, worship and how to get involved in campus life. The Guide will be updated over time as more services are added and student needs change. It is hoped that it will be useful in helping you to balance and survive your busy graduate student lives!

Sincerely,

Laurie-Ann Spencer

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