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About USF

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university located in beautiful Tampa Bay on Florida’s spectacular west coast. It is one of the largest public universities in the nation, and among the top 50 universities, public or private, for federal research expenditures. The University 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 percent of all universities. Serving over 48,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of $1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of $4.4 billion. The USF System includes three separately accredited institutions by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges: USF; USF St. Petersburg; and USF Sarasota-Manatee.

The University’s main doctoral granting institution located in Tampa is home to over a dozen colleges and USF Health, which includes the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Pharmacy. 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 PhDs or the highest degrees in their fields, make up the USF faculty – including the 2012 U.S. Professor of the Year. USF St. Petersburg and USF Sarasota-Manatee offer bachelors and master’s degrees in two distinctive waterfront settings with smaller class sizes and a number of niche programs. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference, with 17 men’s and women’s varsity teams competing at the NCAA-level. New facilities for practice and competition, along with a completely renovated USF Sun Dome in Tampa, put the university’s athletic facilities on par with virtually every top program in the country.

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, and doctoral level. Inquiries to the Commission should relate only to the accreditation status of the institution and not to general admission information. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution’s significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard. 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.

DEGREES* OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Degrees
Bachelor of Arts B.A.
Bachelor of Fine Arts B.F.A.
Bachelor of Music B.M.
Bachelor of Science B.S.
Bachelor of Science in Applied Science B.S.A.S.
Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training B.S.A.T.
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering B.S.C.H.
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering B.S.C.E.
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering B.S.C.P.
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science B.S.C.S.
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering B.S.E.E.
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering B.S.I.E.
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology B.S.I.T.
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering B.S.M.E.
Bachelor of Social Work B.S.W.

Graduate Degrees
Master of Accountancy M.Acc.
Master of Architecture M.Arc.
Master of Arts M.A.
Master of Arts in Teaching M.A.T.
Master of Business Administration M.B.A.
Master of Civil Engineering M.C.E.
Master of Education M.Ed.
Master of Environmental Engineering M.E.V.E
Master of Fine Arts M.F.A.
Master of Health Administration M.H.A.
Master of Mechanical Engineering M.M.E.
Master of Music M.M.
Master of Physician Assistant Studies M.P.A.S.
Master of Public Administration M.P.A.
Master of Public Health M.P.H.
Master of Science M.S.
Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology M.S.B.C.B.
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering M.S.B.E.
Master of Science in Biotechnology M.S.B.
Master of Science in Chemical Engineering M.S.C.H.
Master of Science in Civil Engineering M.S.C.E.
Master of Science in Computer Engineering M.S.C.P.
Master of Science in Computer Science M.S.C.S.
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering M.S.E.E.
Master of Science in Engineering Management M.S.E.M.
Master of Science in Engineering Science  
Master of Science in Environmental Engineering  
Master of Science in Health Informatics  
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering  
Master of Science in Information Technology  
Master of Science in Marketing  
Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering  
Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering  
Master of Science in Medical Sciences  
Master of Science in Public Health  
Master of Science in Real Estate  
Master of Social Work  
Master of Urban and Community Design  
Master of Urban and Regional Planning  
Advanced Graduate Degrees  
Education Specialist  
Doctor of Audiology  
Doctor of Business Administration  
Doctor of Education  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Doctor of Public Health  
Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Professional Degrees  
Doctor of Medicine  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
Doctor of Physical Therapy  

Advanced Graduate Degrees  
Education Specialist  
Doctor of Audiology  
Doctor of Business Administration  
Doctor of Education  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Doctor of Public Health  
Doctor of Nursing Practice  

Professional Degrees  
Doctor of Medicine  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
Doctor of Physical Therapy  

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, courses, majors and minors, and academic residence. Advisors, directors, department chairs, and deans are available to help the student understand and arrange to 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 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.

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University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
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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.

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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. The campus serves 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students.