

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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International Affairs provides leadership, advocacy, development, and support for all central and college-based international activities. International Affairs works in collaboration with the colleges and regional campuses to promote international education, research, outreach, and service programs. International Affairs is comprised of the Center for Africa and the Diaspora, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Office of International Student and Scholar Services, the Office of Study Abroad and Exchanges, and the USF Linkage Institutes. It is also closely allied with the English Language Institute. International Affairs leads the development of academic program offerings (area studies) and services, international exchanges, partnerships with business, industry, and government both in the U.S. and overseas, and to establish the venues for international activities, and enhance faculty, student, and staff training and development.

Center for Africa and the Diaspora

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The Center for Africa and the Diaspora is a joint venture between the Institute on Black Life and International Affairs. The Center works with IBL and International Affairs to provide leadership and advocacy for research, program development and community service initiatives that examine and illuminate the contributions of Africans and other peoples of the African Diaspora, as well as problems and issues that affect their lives. Through educational, cultural and economic exchanges, symposia, and other programs, USF students, faculty, and scholars and the local community are linked in tangible and productive ways to the world African community on issues of global relevance. The Center fosters interdisciplinary partnerships and collaborative arrangements with a wide range of institutions and organizations related to Africa and the African Diaspora in Tampa Bay and around the world.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program

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The mission of the Latin American & Caribbean Studies (LACS) program, as part of the University of South Florida's strategic plan for internationalization, is to enhance, coordinate and promote teaching, research, and service activities related to Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies. With the College of Arts and Sciences, the office offers a Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies for undergraduate students who want to enhance their major degree program, a graduate certificate in Cuban Studies, and a Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies that emphasizes interdisciplinarity. A B.A. degree is in the planning stages. LACS provides advising and support services to students.

The program offers research grants to USF faculty and graduate students to encourage and support research, conference participation, and course development in all fields related to Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies.

The program fosters greater knowledge of Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino issues through partnerships with community organizations as well as university departments to sponsor lectures and cultural programs open to the public throughout the year. Academic exchanges with Latin American and Caribbean educational institutions are coordinated by the Director of LACS. These exchanges foster the recruitment of international students and visiting scholars as well as development of joint research projects. LACS works/collaborates with

more than 40 teaching faculty in several disciplines who are experts in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino studies. The staff consults with university administrators on issues related to the Latino community and Latino students to provide good university-community relations.

Office of International Student and Scholar Services

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The University of South Florida welcomes qualified students from all over the world to our campus community. The resulting international educational exchange leads to the enrichment of our common life, the intellectual development of our students, the research endeavors of the University, and mutual understanding between the peoples of the world represented at USF. The ensuing exchange of life stories exposes all USF students, faculty, and staff to the likenesses and differences that exist between cultures, worldviews, experiences, and ideas.

ISSS is the main administrative and advising office for approximately 2,500 foreign students and 200 visiting faculty members and researchers at USF. ISSS has many administrative duties, including the issuance and maintenance of all visa documentation for foreign nationals at the University. ISSS staff persons are experienced in cross-cultural counseling and crisis management in a cross-cultural setting. Advisement is available related to immigration matters, adjustment to life in the United States, culture shock, and other personal and academic matters. To further assist internationals in adjusting to life at USF, ISSS provides letters of enrollment and expenses, orientation, and immigration workshops. International students and scholars may also contact ISSS to get information regarding Tampa area activities, transportation, housing, tourist attractions, and Florida drivers' licenses. ISSS also offers opportunities to be involved in outreach programs of community service groups such as the American Mentors Program, and Friends of Internationals.

Office of Study Abroad and Exchanges

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USF offers students the world as their classroom through its programs abroad. Whether a student chooses a short-term summer program, a semester or year spent at a university overseas, an internship, service learning or international co-op, there is a program for each student need. Studying abroad provides a unique learning environment, which extends and enhances courses taken on the home campus. Students can study abroad at any time in their academic careers. All disciplines offered at USF can be found in partner universities abroad, and so students have a wide range of study options.

USF overseas programs are designed to appeal to a wide audience. Students in any discipline can find a program of study to enhance their undergraduate degrees. Courses provide USF credit and thus students can be assured that if they plan carefully, they will continue to make steady progress towards graduation while they are abroad. Students seeking to round out their resumes with experiences abroad, which include internships, service learning, and co-op, will find options for them also. Several programs of overseas study lead to dual degrees, certificates, or double majors.

Many programs include organized cultural excursions, visits to important sites, and opportunities to interact with local people. All include unparalleled opportunities for cultural immersion and in-depth insight into the host country.

USF study abroad programs range in length from one week (over winter or spring break) to a semester. A large number of faculty-led summer programs of 2-6 weeks provide the opportunity to concentrate study abroad in a summer session and help students fulfill the 9-hour summer school requirement. All

programs are developed as cost-effectively as possible, recognizing the financial concerns of today's students. Federal and state financial aid can be applied to USF programs abroad, and some additional scholarship assistance is available through the Study Abroad Office.

For additional information or a copy of the individual program brochures, please visit the Study Abroad Office, or check the web site.

The English Language Institute

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The English Language Institute in the College of Arts and Sciences offers intensive academic English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to non-native speakers of English. Students are given a placement test upon registering for the

program. This test determines the proficiency level into which the student is placed, ranging from elementary, low-intermediate, high-intermediate, to advanced pre-university ESL.

Students attend non-credit classes 25 hours per week. International students on a USF I-20, F-2 and J-2 visa holders, as well as permanent residents may enroll part-time in the ELI. The integrated-skill, content-based curriculum includes training in listening comprehension, spoken English, grammar, reading, writing, culture, learning strategies, and a host of test prep elective courses (TOEFL, GRE, SAT, SPEAK) for upper-level students.

The English Language Institute is authorized to issue Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) to students who require a Student Visa (F-1) and who meet criteria set forth by the U.S. Bureau of Citizens and Immigration Services.

The cost of the program is \$3,150.00 per semester, including health fee, activities fee, and a non-refundable application fee.