

USF - A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

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USF Mission, Goals, Values and Vision

Vision -

The University of South Florida envisions itself as a pre-eminent research university with state, national and global impact, and positioned for membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU).

Mission -

As Florida's leading metropolitan research university, USF is dedicated to excellence in:

- Student access and success in an engaged, and interdisciplinary, learner-centered environment,
- Research and scientific discovery, including the generation, dissemination, and translation of new knowledge across disciplines; to strengthen the economy; to promote civic culture and the arts; and to design and build sustainable, healthy communities, and
- Embracing innovation, and supporting scholarly and artistic engagement to build a community of learners together with significant and sustainable university-community partnerships and collaborations.

Goals -

The University of South Florida will pursue its rising stature as a pre-eminent research university with a state, national and global impact, and position itself for membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU) through:

- Expanding world-class interdisciplinary research, creative, and scholarly endeavors.
- Promoting globally competitive undergraduate, graduate and professional programs that support interdisciplinary inquiry, intellectual development, knowledge and skill acquisition, and student success through a diverse, fully-engaged, learner-centered campus environment.
- Expanding local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen and sustain healthy communities and to improve the quality of life.
- Enhancing all sources of revenue, and maximizing effectiveness in business practices and financial management to establish a strong and sustainable economic base in support of USF's growth.

Values -

The University of South Florida values:

- Excellence in teaching and learning; scholarship and research (both basic and applied/translational); together with community engagement and public service based on the highest standards of discovery, creativity and intellectual attainment,

- Outstanding research and scientific discovery, including the application of new knowledge to solve state, national and global problems,

- Recruitment and retention of world-class faculty and high potential undergraduate and graduate students,
- Access to a world-class, globally relevant and affordable education, including utilization of alternative modes of delivery,

- Student competitiveness, success and academic achievement through knowledge, communication and critical thinking skill acquisition,

- Cultural and ethnic diversity and inclusion along with an enhanced global experience, understanding, and appreciation,

- Integrated, interdisciplinary inquiry and collaboration across departmental, college and campus boundaries,

- Facilitating the optimal development of personal and professional potential of students, faculty, and staff, and enriching the quality of an engaged campus community,

- Shared governance structures that empower all USF stakeholders, campuses and entities to reach their full potential,

- The creation and support of a premier university system that adds value to the region, state and nation while ensuring necessary levels of autonomy and preserving the distinctive regional and strategic identities of all member campuses and entities,

- An environment of collegiality based on the principles of academic freedom, respect, integrity, civility, the freedom to engage in debate, the exchange of ideas and intellectual discovery, and professional responsibility,

- Mutually beneficial partnerships and community engagement that increase the understanding of, and present solutions to, local and global challenges, with a mind to strengthening the economy and building sustainable healthy communities,

- An entrepreneurial spirit and innovation with a focus on defining, informing and generating "next best practices",
- The utility of proven and emerging technologies to enhance instruction, learning, research and engagement, and to improve service quality and efficiencies in institutional business practices,

- Focus and discipline in aligning the budget and fiscal resources with institutional priorities and action, and

- Transparent accountability along with timely and effective communication.

ABOUT USF

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida opened its doors in 1960 to 2,000 students. Today, the university is the ninth largest in the nation and a member of the Big East Athletic Conference. More than 45,000 students are enrolled at campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota and Lakeland. USF is a research (very high activity) university with a strong focus

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in medical treatment and research, bioengineering, life sciences and the arts.

USF has achieved distinction in all areas of academics, sports, research and funding. The impact of the university on the Tampa Bay region is intellectual, cultural and economic. The university has a yearly budget of \$1.6 billion and its annual impact on the regional economy reached \$3.2 billion in 2005.

The University of South Florida is among the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only three Florida public universities classified in the top tier of research universities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF is the second highest ranking research university in Florida. USF was awarded more than \$300 million in research contracts and grants in 2006.

USF is one of 39 U.S. public colleges and universities designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as being most engaged with their communities, and one of only ten public research universities across the country designated as both "very high research" and "community engaged." USF is the only university in Florida - public or private - to receive both classifications.

Students come to USF from every state, every U.S. territory, and 127 countries around the world. The University of South Florida ranks number 17 among the Best 366 Colleges in the nation for diversity according to The Princeton Review's 2008 Guide. More than 30% of the student body is African American, Hispanic, Asian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American or other ethnicity.

The university has 11 colleges and offers more than 219 degree programs at the bachelor, master, specialist, and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. With more than 1,900 faculty members from some of the world's most prestigious universities and research institutions, USF is the university chosen by many of the nation's brightest students. Last year, USF awarded 6,743 bachelor's degrees, 2,095 master's degrees, 230 doctorates in 36 fields, and 116 MD degrees.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college at USF and houses several nationally ranked programs. The Industrial/Organizational Psychology program is one of the top 10 in the country. The School of Mass Communications, one of the largest programs of its kind in the United States, is ranked in the top 20 percent of nearly 500 American journalism and mass communications programs. The School of Aging Studies is one of only two gerontology education programs in the country to have awarded over 1,000 gerontology degrees.

Established in 2003, the Humanities Institute provides a wide range of scholarly exchanges, research opportunities, lectures and seminars with world-renowned thinkers and scholars in such classic disciplines as literature, classics, philosophy, the arts, history, languages, political thought and religion. The Institute has been instrumental in bringing many notable lecturers to the Tampa Bay community, including Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz and Mexican novelist and diplomat Carlos Fuentes.

The College of Business Administration is one of just 20 schools earning membership in the prestigious Kauffman Mentor program. USF accounting majors have been listed number one in the nation, with the highest percentage of candidates with advanced degrees passing all parts of the CPA exam - placing USF among the top 10 universities more times than any other school in the country. In 2005, Hispanic Trends Magazine ranked the Executive MBA program number 10 in the nation for Hispanics.

USF's graduate entrepreneurship program was ranked ninth in the nation for 2007 by the Princeton Review and Entrepreneur Magazine. USF's program is ranked fourth among public universities in the U.S., and USF is the only Florida university to be included in the ranking of the top 50 programs.

The College of Education is the fifth largest college of education in the nation and graduates more educators than any other university in Florida. The college is ranked in the top 25%

of all graduate schools of education by U.S. News & World Report and is known for its innovative approaches to today's education challenges. Over half of the college's students are enrolled in graduate programs. The college sponsors the "USF on iTunesU" website. With the click of a button, students and teachers can access a wide array of educational digital content.

The College of Engineering is home to several research centers, including the Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing Research Center, where engineers fabricate nano-sized devices that are changing the world. The college is also home to the Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue, which is developing the next generation of rescue robots and surveillance helicopters.

The university offers an Honors College for high-ability students, an extensive study abroad and internship program, interdisciplinary research opportunities, and a new Center for Global Solutions that offers students the opportunity to address real-world challenges affecting communities around the world.

USF ranks as one of the nation's top centers for researching new treatments for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases. The university has pioneered the concept of brain repair - replacing cells in the brain to help fix damage from illness or injury. USF Health, which includes the colleges of medicine, nursing, and public health, leads the nation in developing an integrated model for education and care where students from different health disciplines learn in teams.

Research that drives and supports technological and economic development has earned USF a leadership role in microelectronics, information technology, applied physics, biophysics and urban transportation. The university is a leader in the Florida High Tech Corridor, an unprecedented partnership that includes more than 5,200 technology companies from the Space Coast to Tampa Bay.

In its 50-year history, USF has graduated more than 200,000 students. Approximately 90,000 alumni live in the university's six-county service area.

DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

It is the goal of the University to create and maintain a work and study environment free of discrimination and harassment. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, disability or age is prohibited by University policies, federal and state laws. The USF system protects its faculty, staff, and students from discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation. Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination may file a complaint with the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, ADM 172. The telephone number is 974-4373. It shall be prohibited for any employee of USF to discriminate or take retaliatory action against any individual who, in good faith, has opposed an alleged unlawful practice or has made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under the provisions of applicable law or the university equal opportunity policies.

Guide to Resources for Students with Disabilities

All University programs, events, and services are open and available to persons with disabilities. The University of South Florida is committed to the principles of Equal Educational and Employment Opportunities without regard to disability.

Academic Assistance for Students with Disabilities: Students with Disabilities Services (SDS) exists to ensure that students with disabilities have the academic support necessary to achieve success at the University of South Florida. Course related assistance and academic accommodations

are provided to eligible students with documented disabilities. Services may include advocacy, alternative text formats, interpreters, alternate exam administration, note takers, and assistive technology such as FM systems and large print computer access. Students are encouraged to contact our office as early as possible prior to enrollment to make arrangements for appropriate services. Documentation of a disability and significant current functional impairment resulting from that disability is necessary in order for accommodations to be provided.

Admissions: Students with disabilities apply under the same guidelines as other students through the Offices of Undergraduate or Graduate Admissions.

Course Substitution: Students with disabilities requesting substitution of course work for General Education, foreign language requirements, or CLAST should contact Students with Disabilities Services. Students with declared majors requesting substitution of departmental graduation requirements will need to contact the chair of their department. In either case, students will be requested to submit documentation to SDS to support their request for an exception.

Parking: Students with state parking privileges need only supply their state card as documentation for eligibility to Parking and Transportation Services. Students without state privileges need medical documentation to be considered for on-campus parking. Contact: http://www.usf.edu/parking_services

Housing: Accessible on-campus residence hall housing is available for students with special needs. Specific information is available through Housing and Residential Education. Contact: <http://www.housing.usf.edu>

Diversity and Equal Opportunity: Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate fully in all University events, programs, and other campus activities. Information on whom to contact to request accommodation or assistance should be listed on program information and advertisements. If unable to secure the requested assistance or additional help with accessibility is needed, contact the ADA Coordinator in Diversity and Equal Opportunity (DEO) at www.usf.edu/eoa.

The following are USF resources for students with disabilities:

USF CONTACTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVICES

Tampa Campus

Students with Disabilities Services
SVC 1133 (voice) 813-974-4309
(TTY) 813-974-5651
(VP) 813-974-1585

Web: <http://www.sds.usf.edu>

Sarasota Manatee Campus

Coordinator for Students with Disabilities Services
SMC C107 (voice) 941-359-4714
(TTY) 941-359-4666

Web: <http://sarasota.usf.edu/disability/>

Lakeland Campus

Students with Disabilities Services
LTB 1155, USF Offices (voice) 863-667-7063

Web: http://www.lakeland.usf.edu/Departments/Student_Services/disability_services.html

St. Petersburg Campus

Students with Disabilities Services
DAV 118 (voice) 727-873-4990 or
(voice) 727-873-4837

Web: <http://www.stpt.usf.edu/saffairs/studentsev/>

FACILITIES AND ATMOSPHERE

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

The USF Tampa campus features more than 200 buildings valued at over \$800 million, including modern science and

engineering labs; a communications building with a full range of broadcast facilities; foreign language listening labs; fine art studios and display spaces; education teaching labs; a public television station; a listener-supported radio station; a dozen computer labs with free internet access; and even an on-campus elementary school and daycare facilities. The campus also offers a wide variety of recreational facilities, including a multi-million dollar recreation center featuring a 6,500-square-foot weight room, an indoor pool, racquetball courts and various fitness studios; three outdoor swimming pools; 22 lighted tennis courts; an 18-hole golf course; a running trail; three softball fields; four outdoor basketball and volleyball courts; and 10 lighted multi-purpose fields. In addition, USF offers a wide range of living options for students who wish to live on campus, including traditional-style, suite-style and apartment-style resident halls. Greek housing is also available for members of USF's sororities and fraternities.

The USF St. Petersburg campus, located on Tampa Bay, opened its first residence hall in 2006. The seven-story building, which features 79 four-bedroom single occupancy and seven two-bedroom double occupancy apartments, as well as a lobby, catering kitchen, lounge, and laundry facilities, offers students apartment-style living right on campus. In addition, the campus recently added a new campus parking structure featuring more than 1,500 spaces. The first floor of the garage houses the USF St. Petersburg Police Department and the Parking Services department, as well as a new 15,000-square-foot, two-story Barnes & Noble bookstore offering university students great coffee, literature, textbooks, lab materials and campus merchandise.

The USF Sarasota campus recently opened its beautiful new Crosley Campus Center, a three-story, 108,000-square-foot Italian Mediterranean-style structure inspired by some of the beautiful historic mansions located on nearby Sarasota Bay. Behind the architectural beauty is plenty of academic muscle - including 24 new classrooms, several additional computer labs, more seminar rooms and video-conferencing areas, and a 190-seat lecture/exhibition hall. There is also a technology and learning center, a new dining area, training facilities for the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, and a daycare center.

USF Lakeland began serving central Florida students in 1988, operating on a campus shared with Polk Community College at the intersection of US 98 and the Polk Parkway. The campus is known for its abundant shade trees, outdoor study areas, and plentiful free parking. In 2006, the university opened the new Lakeland Technology Building, a high tech teaching and student services facility on the west side of campus. This new facility doubles available classroom space and makes student services such as registration, advising, financial aid, and counseling even more convenient.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

The University of South Florida Police Department provides a full range of public safety services to the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the Tampa Campus. All University Police officers are certified by the State of Florida after completing minimum standards training at the local Regional Police Training Academy. The University of South Florida Police Department is accredited through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards, and has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism.

General services provided by the University Police include car patrol, foot patrol, bicycle patrol, criminal investigation of all misdemeanors and felonies, traffic law enforcement, traffic crash investigation, special events management, and crime prevention programs.

The University Police Department has an excellent working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies. The

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University Police maintain 24-hour contact with local, national, and international law enforcement agencies via computer networks such as the Florida Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and other local, state, and federal agencies are available to assist the University Police upon request.

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CAMPUS LOCATIONS:

- On the *Tampa Campus* the University Police Department is located at the corner of Fletcher Avenue and Maple Drive. The emergency number is "9-1-1" and the non-emergency number is (813) 974-2628.
- The *Lakeland Campus* of the University of South Florida is located at Polk Community College. Basic public safety services are provided by the security department of the community college. Law enforcement services, including the investigation of criminal acts, are provided on a routine basis by the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Lakeland. The University Police Department provides law enforcement or crime prevention services at this location on an as needed basis.

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Advocacy Program provides free and private services to USF students, faculty and staff, both men and women, who have experienced crime, violence or abuse, for incidents occurring on or off campus, recently or in the past. Services may include: crisis intervention, emotional support, personal and systems advocacy, court accompaniment, victim helpline, safety planning and information, options, and referrals. We also provide prevention and education presentation.

Appointments are available in our office or other safe locations on campus. Walk-ins are welcomed, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please visit our web site at <http://www.usf.edu/advocacy>.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

The USF Advocacy Program	SVC 1138
Victim HelpLine	974-5757
Office Number	974-5756
CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPABAY	
24-Hr. Crisis Line	234-1234 OR 211