

USF - A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

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Mission, Goals, Values and Vision

Vision

The University of South Florida envisions itself as a premier 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,

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- 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.

Commitment to Honor & Living the Commitment

As an ethical community, the University of South Florida is dedicated to the ideals of excellence in scholarship, academic learning and student development. By joining this community, each member is expected to accept and live these commitments.

I *resolve* to maintain the honor and integrity of the university community in pursuit of scholarship, academic learning and student development.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution upholds our core values of honesty, diligence and trust within our academic and professional lives. This means that authentic and sincere efforts motivate our work while we strive for genuine, trustworthy interactions.

I *resolve* to respect the dignity and intrinsic value of all persons.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution requires appreciation for another's personal right to explore freely, to express oneself responsibly, and to participate actively in building an environment of mutual respect and inclusion for each individual. This means that we will support equal rights and opportunities for all people, while exhibiting behaviors which are compassionate and considerate to others.

I *resolve* to contribute to the progress and greater good of the community.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution motivates us to serve the University with words and actions that generate a positive impact on the future of the whole community. This means that active and creative thought and contributions within a collegial environment will expand both the nature and scope of knowledge and the quality of community life.

I *resolve* to strive for excellence and discovery for myself, others, and the University.

Living the Commitment: A commitment to this resolution confirms the shared values that make the University a strong community. We hold high expectations for our own academic and professional work. Concurrently, we endeavor to support the success of others as we all seek to contribute to the mission of the University.

ABOUT USF

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida opened its doors in 1960 to 2,000 students. Since then, the university has achieved distinction in all areas — academics, sports, research and funding. USF is the ninth largest university in the nation with more than 46,000 students enrolled at campuses located in Tampa, Sarasota, and Lakeland or at USF St. Petersburg and is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference. The university has a yearly budget of \$1.8 billion and an annual impact on the regional economy of \$3.2 billion.

USF is among the nation's top 63 public research universities as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. With a strong focus in medical treatment and research, bioengineering, life sciences, and the arts, USF is one of Florida's top three research universities and was awarded more than \$360 million in research contracts and grants during the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

USF is one of 39 U.S. public colleges and universities designated by the Carnegie Foundation 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 132 countries around the world. More than 30 percent 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 6,962 bachelor's degrees, 2,231 master's degrees, 257 doctorates in 36 fields, and 115 MD degrees.

The College of Arts & Sciences, the university's largest college, received \$36.1 million in total research funding during the last fiscal year — a 32 percent increase over the previous year. It houses several nationally ranked programs. The Industrial/Organizational Psychology program is one of the top 10 in the country. The School of Mass Communications is ranked in the top 20 percent of nearly 500 American journalism and mass communications programs.

The university's newest college, the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, is home to the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute as well as highly ranked doctoral programs in aging studies, audiology and criminology and master's program in speech-language pathology.

The College of Business is one of just 169 institutions worldwide to receive dual international accreditation for excellence in business and accounting programs. In 2008, USF's Business Administration doctoral program, with an emphasis in accounting, landed its first ranking in Public Accounting Report's annual assessment of the nation's top accounting education programs making its debut at number 25. The Center for Entrepreneurship's graduate program has been ranked fifth best in the nation by Entrepreneur magazine and the Princeton Review, and Hispanic Enterprise ranks the Executive MBA program as one of the country's top programs of its kind for Hispanics.

The College of Education is the seventh largest college of education in the nation and has graduated the largest number of educators in the state over the last five years. The college is ranked in the top 17 percent of all graduate schools of education by U.S. News & World Report and is known for its innovative approaches to today's education challenges. 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 and the internationally recognized Center for Urban Transportation.

The College of Marine Science offers one of the finest graduate programs in its field and is strategically located in the largest concentration of marine scientists in the southeastern United States.

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

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. USF ranks as one of the nation's top centers for researching new treatments for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases. Following a total of \$369 million in grants, USF has become the epicenter for juvenile diabetes research around the world. The university has pioneered the concept of brain repair — replacing cells in the brain to help fix damage from illness or injury.

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 212,000 students representing all 50 states and 124 countries.

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.

FACILITIES

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

USF Tampa, which includes USF Health, 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 an on-campus elementary school and daycare facilities.

The USF Tampa campus is in a construction boom with more than \$300 million recently completed or planned projects including the new 233,000 square-foot Marshall Student Center, which opened in August and a new learning facility for the College of The Arts. The campus also offers a wide variety of recreational facilities, including a multi-million dollar recreation center

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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.

USF St. Petersburg, 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. The campus includes a new 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 15,000-square-foot, two-story Barnes & Noble bookstore offering students coffee, literature, textbooks, lab materials and campus merchandise.

The USF Sarasota-Manatee regional campus serves more than 2,000 students in its 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 classrooms, several computer labs, seminar rooms and video-conferencing areas, and a 190-seat lecture/exhibition hall. There is also a technology and learning center, a dining area, training facilities for the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, a daycare center, faculty and staff offices, and several student gathering places. Students may also take classes in south Sarasota County at the Manatee Community College Venice site.

In 2008, the Florida legislature established USF's regional campus in Lakeland as the state's first polytechnic campus naming it USF Polytechnic. USF 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 features 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 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 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.
- USF Polytechnic 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 presentations.

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. An advocate is available after hours and on weekends and holidays by contacting the University Police. Please visit our web site at <http://www.usf.edu/advocacy>.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

The USF Advocacy Program	SVC 1138
Victim Help Line	974-5757
Office Number	974-5756

Guide to Resources for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 Of the Rehabilitation Act, The Americans with Disabilities Act and The ADA Amendments Act, the University of South Florida provides reasonable classroom accommodations for otherwise qualified students who have documented disabilities. Students seeking accommodations must register with the Services for Students with Disabilities Office. See www.sds.usf.edu for a list of common accommodations and more information on the accommodations process.

Admissions: Students with disabilities apply under the same guidelines as all 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 CLAS Requirement 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 if additional help with accessibility is needed, contact the ADA Coordinator in Diversity and Equal Opportunity (DEO) at www.usf.edu/eoa.

USF CONTACTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVICES**Tampa Campus - Reasonable Academic Accommodations and Services for Students**

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USF - Sarasota-Manatee Campus - Reasonable Academic Accommodations and Services for Students

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