Admissions and Related Matters

Admission to the University of South Florida requires evidence of ability to handle academic work, capacity to think creatively, and strong motivation. The minimum admission requirements are designed to help identify applicants whose academic background indicates potential for success at USF. However, satisfaction of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance. The admission of new students at all levels is on a selective basis within curricular, space, and fiscal limitations. The selection process may include such factors as grades, test scores, pattern of courses completed, class rank, educational objectives, past conduct, school recommendations, personal recommendations, and portfolios. Preference for admission in any term will be given to those applicants whose credentials indicate the greatest promise of academic success.

The University encourages applications from qualified applicants of both sexes and from all cultural, racial, religious, ethnic, and age groups. In the admission process there is no discrimination on the basis of these factors or on the basis of handicap. Applicants who are racial and ethnic minorities, disabled, Vietnam-era veterans or above traditional college age and who do not meet minimum admission requirements will be considered for admission when there is sufficient evidence to suggest ability to do satisfactory work at USF. These policies are further described under “Applying for Admission” and “Requirements for Admission.”

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Students who have not been admitted to and enrolled in a USF degree-seeking status must file another application for admission when applying for a second degree program, another level of study or readmission (see Readmission). Anyone who has previously been admitted and enrolled as a degree-seeking student and who wishes to change the term of entry or degree program specified, whichever is earlier. Additionally, any issues related to criminal or academic misconduct that were not reflected on the initial application must be reported in writing to the Office of Admissions. A new application and fee must be submitted when applicants wish to be considered for admission for a term that begins more than 12 months after the originally requested entry date.

An applicant who requests a new entry date must meet the admissions requirements in effect for the new term requested. Entry dates for some programs are limited to specified terms.

General Admission Policies
- All official transcripts, test scores, and any other required credentials must be received directly from the issuing agencies. It is the applicant’s responsibility to initiate the request for credentials to the issuing agencies and to assure receipt of the USF Office of Admissions in Tampa.
- All credentials and documents submitted become the property of USF. The originals or copies of the originals will not be returned to the applicant or forwarded to another institution, agency, or person.
- An applicant admitted on a provisional basis must submit the requested missing credentials, such as official final transcripts or test scores, which must substantiate eligibility for admission before a second registration will be permitted. Receipt of final official credentials which fail to substantiate eligibility will result in rescission of admission, reclassification to non-degree status, and denial of continued enrollment in subsequent terms.
- Applicants who do not meet standard Board of Regents minimum admission requirements may be admitted to the University on academic probation. Students admitted on probationary status must accumulate 30 semester credits and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) each term enrolled with no single term GPA below 2.0 (GPA before the probationary status is removed). A term GPA below 2.0 in the first term of enrollment results in

Who Should Apply

An application for admission must be submitted by all students who have not been admitted to and enrolled in a USF degree program within the last three terms. Former or continuing USF degree-seeking students must file another application for admission when applying for a second degree program, another level of study or readmission (see Readmission). Anyone who has previously been admitted and enrolled as a degree-seeking student and has paid an application fee will not be required to pay another fee. The Director of Admissions may waive payment of the application fee for (minority and) disadvantaged applicants if the fee serves as a deterrent to application. In case of confirmed financial hardship, the Director of Admissions will authorize Finance and Accounting to pay the fee for the applicants.

Changing Requested Term of Entry

Applicants may request consideration of admission for other terms that begin within 12 months of the originally requested term of entry without submitting a new application and fee. All requests for changes of entry dates must specify any college(s) attended or college work attempted that was not reflected on the original application and must be received by the appropriate published application deadline for the new term of entry or degree program specified, whichever is earlier. Additionally, any issues related to criminal or academic misconduct that were not reflected on the initial application must be reported in writing to the Office of Admissions. A new application and fee must be submitted when applicants wish to be considered for admission for a term that begins more than 12 months after the originally requested entry date.

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When to Apply

Applications for admission are accepted as early as 12 months before the requested entry date. Applications for admission and the $20.00 non-refundable application fee should be submitted by the priority date (see academic calendar) for the requested entry date or by the application deadline for the requested degree program (see specific program in this catalog), whichever is earlier. The priority date is normally about ten weeks prior to the first day of classes in each term. Applications for admission and application fees from international citizens (non-resident aliens) must be received at least five months prior to the requested entry date. Applications submitted after the priority date will be accepted but processing for the requested term of entry cannot be guaranteed.

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Prior to beginning classes, all new undergraduate students and former students returning are **required** to participate in an Orientation/Academic Advising/Registration program on the USF campus where they will take all or the majority of courses in their first semester at USF. These programs are designed to help new students become acquainted with the University, choose courses, register for classes, and complete all other necessary procedures. New students receive Orientation/Academic Advising/Registration information after admission. Students enrolling for Fall Semester (August) at USF in Tampa are encouraged to participate in the Summer Orientation/Academic Advising/Registration program for new undergraduates and parents. The orientation packet will automatically be mailed to admitted students beginning in April.

**NOTE:** Prior to registration for classes which meet on campus, all students less than 40 years of age must submit acceptable proof of immunity to rubella to the Student Health Services. Students born before December 31, 1956 must also submit proof of immunity to measles. (See Immunization Policy.)

Performance in courses taken as a non-degree-seeking (special) student will not qualify an applicant for admission as a degree-seeking student. Similarly, courses taken as a non-degree-seeking student will not be utilized in determining an applicant’s grade point average for purposes of admission.

A non-degree-seeking (special) student who has been dismissed from USF is not eligible for admission to USF as a degree-seeking student at the undergraduate level. If extenuating circumstances contributed to the academic dismissal and the student meets other admissions requirements, a request for waiver of this rule may be submitted to the Faculty Committee on Student Admissions. This rule does not apply to a student who has earned a degree from a regionally accredited institution subsequent to academic dismissal.

Freshman applicants earning a high school diploma or a regionally accredited high school or the state-approved General Education Development (GED) diploma. Students admitted under the Early Admission Programs are exempted from this requirement. Other minimum requirements are outlined below.

1. Freshman applicants must submit an official test score from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT).

2. For freshman applicants earning a high school diploma, the following college preparatory academic units (year-long courses or equivalents) normally offered in grades nine through twelve are required: four units of English (three of the four must incorporate substantial reading requirements); three units of mathematics (algebra I and above); three units of natural sciences (two of the three must incorporate substantial laboratory requirements); three units of social sciences (history, civics, political science, economics, sociology, psychology and geography); two units of the same foreign language; and four additional units of academic electives. Substitution for any high school unit requirement may be provided for applicants who are hearing impaired, visually impaired, dyslexic or who have a specific learning
disability. Documentation of the disability and its relationship to the substitution of a unit requirement should be submitted with the application for admission.

3. Freshman applicants must minimally meet one of the following to be considered for admission in good standing; however, satisfying these minimum requirements does not guarantee admission:
   a. At least a "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), as computed by USF (an SAT or ACT score must be submitted but no minimum is required);
   b. A combination of high school GPA (as computed by USF) and admission test scores equivalent to a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and an SAT I verbal and quantitative combined score of 1010 or a comparable composite score on the ACT as indicated in the Admissions Scale below:

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   c. A GED diploma with an overall percentile score of at least 60 for all five tests and a percentile score of at least 50 on each of the five tests and an SAT I verbal and quantitative combined score of 1010 or an ACT composite score of 21;
   d. Appropriate alternative evidence of academic achievement, ability, motivation and responsibility that indicates potential for successful academic work at USF.

4. A first-time-in-college applicant whose native language is not English must present a minimum score of 550 on the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The TOEFL requirement may be waived on an individual basis when appropriate alternative evidence of English language proficiency is presented in writing. If otherwise qualified, applicants who present TOEFL scores and the applicant will be regarded as a freshman for the purposes of admission.

   USF reserves the right to evaluate specific courses and deny transfer credit. USF does not award transfer credit that is determined to be occupational or vocational in nature.

   **Lower-Level Transfer Applicants**

   (with fewer than 60 transferable semester credits)

   To be considered for admission, transfer applicants with fewer than 60 transferable semester credits must submit an SUS Application for Admission, a non-refundable application fee of $20.00, an official transcript from each previous college attended, an official high school transcript, official GED scores if applicable, official SAT or ACT scores, and a TOEFL score if applicable.

   Lower-Level transfer applicants must minimally meet the following requirements to be considered for admission in good standing; however, satisfying these minimum requirements do not guarantee admission:

   1. Be in good standing and eligible to return to the last regionally accredited institution attended as a degree-seeking student;
   2. Have an overall "C" average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) as calculated by USF in all college-level courses acceptable for transfer credit to USF. (In the calculation of the GPA, incomplete grades are computed as failures and course "repeats" are not forgiven when the courses are repeated at different institutions.);
   3. Have at least 60 transferable credits. Board of Regents rules and policies do not provide for exceptions to these requirements.);
   4. Complete (with passing grades) two years of the same foreign language in high school or 8 to 10 semester hours of the same foreign language at the post-secondary level (as certified by Florida Statute 240.233);
   5. Present a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if the applicant's native language is not English. The TOEFL requirement may be waived on an individual basis when appropriate alternative evidence of English language proficiency is presented in writing. If otherwise qualified, applicants who present TOEFL...
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USF also considers applicants who do not fully meet the minimum requirements as stated in #1. and #2. above but who have important attributes, special talents, or unique circumstances that may contribute to a representative and diverse student body. These undergraduate transfer applicants are considered for admission by a faculty committee on the basis of other appropriate evidence of promise for academic success. These applicants should also submit appropriate alternative evidence of academic achievement, ability, motivation, and responsibility that supports potential for academic success at USF.

**Upper-Level Transfer Applicants**
(with 60 or more transferable semester credits)

To be considered for admission, transfer applicants with 60 or more transferable semester credits must submit an USF Application for Admission, a non-refundable application fee of $20.00, an official transcript from each previous college attended, and a TOEFL score if applicable.

Any transfer student with 90 or more semester hours who designates a desire for admission to a limited access undergraduate program must meet the overall admission GPA criteria of that program in order to be admitted to the University.

Applicants with Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees from Florida public institutions will be admitted as juniors into the University within curricular, space and fiscal limitations. A.A. degree holders seeking admission to quota/limited access degree programs must also meet all requirements specified by the desired program. The admission of Florida community/junior college A.A. transfer students is governed by the Articulation Agreement between state universities and public community colleges in Florida.

Undergraduate transfer students who have not earned the A.A. degree from a Florida public institution or who have attended another college after receipt of the A.A. must meet the minimum requirements listed below to be admitted in good standing.

1. Be in good standing and eligible to return to the last regionally accredited institution attended or have attended another college after receipt of the A.A. must meet the minimum requirements listed below to be admitted in good standing.
2. Have an overall "C" average as calculated by USF.
3. Be currently in "candidacy" status will not be considered for transfer credit. Credits earned at an institution that is currently in "candidacy" status will not be considered for transfer credit until such time as the awarding institution receives full accreditation.
4. Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree holders from Florida public accredited institutions will be considered as having met USF general distribution requirements and are automatically awarded 60 semester hours of credit. A course-by-course transfer credit evaluation will be done for all out-of-state and private in-state A.A. degree holders.
5. Effective Fall Quarter 1976, all courses from a Florida Community College/University bearing the same State Common Course prefix and last three numbers as a USF course are automatically transferred and transfer students may not be required to repeat these courses, unless a college age-of-record policy is involved. Excluded are graduate courses, studio courses in art, internships, practicums, and performing arts courses such as dance, acting, vocal, and instrumental music.
6. At least 60 semester hours must be earned from a baccalaureate-granting institution regardless of credit hours transferred from a community/junior college unless the student has received prior approval for waiver of this policy from the college of his/her intended major. This policy does not affect approved articulated programs based on the A.S. degree programs, consult the Office of Adult and Transfer Student Services.
7. Credit will not be awarded for GED tests.
8. Service school courses will be evaluated with reference to the recommendation of the American Council of Education when official credentials have been presented. Such recommendation, however, is not binding upon the University.
Graduate Applicants
Graduate applicants should refer to the USF Graduate Catalog.

International Applicants (non-resident aliens)
To be considered for admission, international applicants (non-resident aliens) must submit a USF International Student Application for Admission, a non-refundable application fee of $20.00 payable in U.S. dollars, a TOEFL score if applicable, a Statement of Financial Responsibility, undergraduate or graduate admissions test scores as specified for appropriate applicant category, transcripts showing subjects and grades from the first year of secondary work to the time of application, and a Visa Clearance Form (if currently in the U.S.). Transcripts in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation. International credentials must be evaluated by an independent evaluation service, with associated costs to be paid by the student. Information about recommended and approved independent evaluators is available from the Office of Admissions. An international applicant (non-resident alien) must meet all admission requirements for the appropriate applicant category (freshman, undergraduate transfer, graduate). Other minimum requirements are as follows:

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2. International applicants must be in good standing at the last institution attended.

3. International applicants must submit the USF Financial Statement substantiating availability of financial resources sufficient to cover all educational, maintenance, and personal expenses while attending USF, without financial assistance from the University.

4. International applicants seeking admission to limited access undergraduate degree programs must also meet all requirements specified by the program.

Transient Applicants
An undergraduate transient student is one who comes to the University from another regionally accredited institution and wishes to take courses at USF for one term only before returning to the parent institution. Transient students may enroll at USF as non-degree-seeking students. (See Non-Degree-Seeking Students.)

Honors Program
Superior students in all majors may avail themselves of Honors opportunities at USF. University Honors Program-Four Year Track is designed for first-time-in-college students. University Honors Program-Two Year Track is designed for transfer or upper-level students. These exciting programs are grounded in the liberal arts tradition and intended for students regardless of major. The primary goals of University Honors are the development of critical thinking skills, an appreciation of the liberal arts tradition and the development of creative, independent thought. (See complete Program description in Undergraduate Studies.)

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St. Petersburg Campus Honors Program
The St. Petersburg Campus offers an interdisciplinary Campus Honors Program to superior students in all majors who have transferred to USF with or without an A.A. degree, The Campus Honors Committee and Director determine admission to the program. Applications should be submitted to the Director on the St. Petersburg Campus. (See complete Program description in Academic Programs and Services.)

Scholars' Community
The USF Scholars' Community is for students who have earned the distinction "Florida Academic Scholar" and those admitted to the University Honors Program. Students in the Community who wish to participate in Honors should discuss this with the Director of Honors. Students in the Community and in Honors have the option of living in Lambda Hall, the Honors residence on campus. Living in Lambda gives students the opportunity to socialize and study with academic peers, enriching the college experience. The Scholars' Lounge in Campus Hall serves as a social hub for students. Organized social activities and social projects are carefully planned for students in the Community. Scholars'

A continuously-enrolled USF degree-seeking student

Grades earned in transferred courses are not computed in the student's USF GPA except for the purposes of admission to limited access programs, the awarding of honors at graduation, and class ranking of baccalaureate students.

International credentials must be evaluated by an independent evaluation service, with associated costs to be paid by the student.

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Community students are among the first to register each semester. Special advising and counseling are always available to students in the Community.

**Other General Information**

**Evening Courses**
The admission requirements and achievement levels in the day and evening courses are the same. Any student accepted to the University may enroll in any appropriate courses offered in the evening.

**Opportunities for Accelerated Progress Toward Undergraduate Degrees**
USF provides several options by which students may accelerate their progress toward completing the baccalaureate degree. These options recognize knowledge which has been acquired prior to or during attendance at USF and provide the opportunity to earn University credit. Options which may be used include the following:

1. Recognition of satisfactory performance on tests offered through the College Level Examination Program (see CLEP).
2. Recognition of satisfactory performance on tests offered through Advanced Placement Programs of the College Entrance Examination Board (see Advanced Placement Credit Programs).
3. Dual enrollment as a non-degree-seeking student at USF prior to graduation from high school or a community college (see Dual Enrollment [High School]). Community college students should follow eligibility criteria for non-degree-seeking students (below) as well as their home school procedures.
4. Early admission for high school students (see Early Admission Freshmen).
5. Open University (O.U.) courses by television.

Credits may be earned through a combination of the above options. Students should contact their college advisors for further information concerning the application of this credit toward their degree requirements.

Internal devices (such as auditions, portfolio reviews, and placement tests) utilized in the various departments for the sole purpose of determining a student's most appropriate area, level, or section placement in a program of study are not to be construed as examining mechanisms for the granting of credit.

**Non-Degree Seeking Student**
Non-degree seeking student enrollment is on a space-available basis and has been established for those individuals who, while not desirous of earning a degree, would like to enroll in all levels of university courses. Teachers needing to take courses for certification purposes, high school students (with the permission of their respective guidance counselor), individuals desirous of taking courses for self enrichment, and senior citizens are examples of those eligible to utilize this enrollment method. Former USF undergraduate degree-seeking students may only enroll as non-degree seeking students if they have completed their previous degree program or earned an equivalent degree at another institution. Should the latter be the case, an official transcript (reflecting the degree) from that institution must be sent to the USF Office of the Registrar (Attention: Student Records Area) prior to registration.

Individuals enrolling as non-degree seeking students who plan to make formal application to the University may not apply more than 14 semester hours toward an undergraduate degree.

Applicants denied admission to USF as degree-seeking undergraduates may not enroll as non-degree seeking students. Performance in courses taken in this category will not qualify an applicant for admission as a degree-seeking student.

A non-degree-seeking student who has been dismissed from USF is not eligible for admission to USF as a degree-seeking student at the undergraduate level. If extenuating circumstances contributed to the academic dismissal and the student meets other admissions requirements, a request for waiver of this rule may be submitted to the Faculty Committee on Student Admissions. This rule does not apply to a student who has earned a degree from a regionally accredited institution subsequent to academic dismissal.

Non-degree-seeking students are subject to the same academic policies as undergraduate degree-seeking students and must adhere to procedures published in the University Schedule of Classes. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible to receive University honors or participate in the USF/Florida Public Community College cross-registration program. Non-degree-seeking students also are not eligible to live in University housing nor to receive financial aid. Non-degree-seeking students are subject to the academic probation and dismissal policy listed in this catalog. Non-degree seeking students who are academically dismissed from the University may appeal to the Academic Regulations Committee (ARC) through the ARC representative for Academic Support and Achievement/Center for Academic Advising to return. Potential non-degree seeking students should also refer to the section of the catalog of the college(s) offering the course(s) of interest to them to determine whether any special college requirements exist which must be met prior to enrolling.

**NOTE:** Prior to registration for classes which meet on campus, all students less than 40 years of age must submit acceptable proof of immunity to rubella to the Student Health Service. Students born after December 31, 1956 must also submit proof of immunity to measles. (See Immunization Policy.)

**Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver**
Florida residents who are 60 years of age or older by the first day of a respective semester/term may enroll in certain undergraduate courses, on a space-available basis, without paying tuition. Academic credit is not awarded, examinations are not required, and grades are not given.

An orientation-registration session is held at the beginning of each semester for the Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver program. Information, registration forms, and advising for senior citizens are available at these sessions or by contacting the Division of Senior Programs for further details.

* See Florida residency requirements in this catalog.

**Dual Enrollment (High School)**
Dual enrollment in USF classes is open to academically qualified students currently enrolled in high school who are recommended by their guidance counselor, on a space-available basis. The University has articulation agreements with Hillsborough, Polk, Collier and Broward County school boards to allow high school students to enroll in classes at USF. Please contact your high school guidance counselor or principal. The college level examination program (see Advanced Placement Programs) of the College Level Examination Board is also available at these institutions or by contacting the Division of Senior Programs for further details.

**Readmission (Former Students Returning)**
A former student returning (FSR) is any degree-seeking undergraduate student who has not earned his/her degree, who has not been enrolled at USF in any of the last three terms, and who wishes to re-enroll in the University. Former students returning must be readmitted to the University. In order to be considered for readmission, a former student should file a new Application for Admission with the Office of Admissions by the deadline indicated in the Academic Calendar for the term of requested re-entry. A new application fee is not required. (Former College of Education majors must contact the College of Education Advising Office for additional readmission requirements.)
To be readmitted, a student must meet the following requirements:
1. Be eligible to return to the University of South Florida;
2. Be in good standing and eligible to return to the last institution attended as a degree-seeking student; and
3. Have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 as calculated by USF on a 4.0 scale on all college-level academic courses attempted at institution(s) attended since last enrolled at USF. Students who have attended one or more institutions since their last enrollment must request official transcripts of all work attempted at the other institution(s) be sent to the USF Office of Admissions. Acceptability of transfer credits toward completion of USF degree programs will be determined by the college of the student's major.

Prior to registering for classes, former students returning who have been readmitted are required to participate in an orientation program on the USF campus where they will take all or the majority of their courses. Former students returning will receive orientation information after readmission.

Transient students and non-degree-seeking students are not considered former students returning. These students who wish to enter as degree-seeking students must file an application with the Office of Admissions prior to the deadline listed in the Academic Calendar for the requested term of entry. Former USF students who have earned the baccalaureate degree at USF or at another institution and who now wish to return to USF to earn another undergraduate degree must file an Undergraduate Application for Admission with the Office of Admissions. No application fee is required. A student may not work on a second undergraduate degree if he/she has been accepted into a graduate program.

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Florida Community College System

High school graduates planning to start their college education at a Florida community college should confer with the community college counselor and ask that their academic program be planned with the assistance of the USF Undergraduate Catalog (USF's Community College Counseling Manual has been incorporated into this catalog) which is available in all counseling offices. This catalog, prepared by the USF Office of Undergraduate Studies, explicitly describes the undergraduate program requirements and Florida's common prerequisites that should be followed to ensure maximum ease of transfer into the students’ upper-level programs on a par with their native USF counterparts.

Articulation Agreement

An articulation agreement, in effect since April 13, 1971 and later adopted by the Florida Legislature in statute form as Florida law, governs an effective and orderly transfer of Florida community college students into the State University System (SUS).

The agreement defines and establishes the Associate of Arts degree from a Florida public community/junior college as the basis for all articulation rights. Among these guarantees, the following are central to the transfer process:

Admission into the State University System

1. A.A. graduates will be granted admission to a university within the SUS, but not necessarily to the university or program of choice.
2. A.A. graduates will have the same opportunity to enroll in a university limited access program as the native university student.
3. Upon transferring to a state university, A.A. graduates will be awarded at least 60 credit hours towards the baccalaureate degree, exclusive of occupational courses and basic required physical education courses.
4. Credits that are part of the A.A. degree earned through articulated acceleration mechanisms, such as dual enrollment, International Baccalaureate, early admission, advanced placement and credit by exam, will be transferable to the state university.
5. As participants in the Statewide Course Numbering System, receiving institutions must accept all courses taken at the transfer institution if the courses at each institution have the same prefix and the same last three digits of the course number.
6. The university catalog in effect the year the A.A. degree student first enrolled at the community college will remain in effect for the student’s entire program, provided the student maintains continuous enrollment as defined in that catalog.
7. Once a student has completed the general education core and this fact is noted on the transcript, regardless of whether or not an A.A. degree is awarded, no other state university or community college to which the student may transfer can require additional courses to the general education core. Included in these transfer guarantees is the right of appeal. Students may appeal to the university and to the Statewide Articulation Coordinating Committee. Students who have questions or want more information about the articulation agreement should contact the Office of Adult and Transfer Student Services.