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# WELCOME TO REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITIES

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## NEW USF BULLS

- Learn about USF
- Ask questions
- Meet your future classmates & friends

## Congratulations on your offer of admission to the University of South Florida!

We are excited that you now have the opportunity to choose to attend one of the top public research universities in the United States: USF is currently ranked 16th as an “Up-and-Comer” among national universities in *U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges* 2011 edition. Significantly, USF is one of only 41 public research universities nationwide in the top tier of research activity that also is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. What this means for you is that your professors at USF will help you to connect what you learn in the classroom with what actually happens in the real world. In these economic times, gaining this valuable experience of “putting theory into practice” has never been more critical in ensuring that you will be competitive in the job market once you graduate from USF.

As USF’s Vice Provost for Student Success, I coordinate key areas that impact our undergraduate students’ experiences both in and out of the classroom, including undergraduate admissions, university scholarships and financial aid services, and registration. I work closely with faculty and professional colleagues in USF’s academic colleges and schools, in undergraduate studies and in student affairs to ensure that students like you are both challenged and supported appropriately so that they can achieve both academic and personal success. Ultimately, my goal is to help you and your classmates graduate from USF in May 2016 proud to be a USF Bull, prepared to enter graduate or professional school or move into a career.

As you move into this final stage of the college selection process, please let our Student Success team know if you have any questions that we can answer or concerns that we might address. Contact information is available in this guide. I hope to see you on campus for orientation, at which time we will be proud to welcome you as a USF Bull.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Dosal





## We're just a call (or click) away!

To the right are a few phone numbers and Web addresses you may find helpful as you're getting prepared to join the USF community.

### **Housing & Residential Education**

Phone: (813) 974-0001

Fax: (813) 974-5152

[www.housing.usf.edu](http://www.housing.usf.edu)

### **Office of Orientation**

Phone: (813) 974-3060

Fax: (813) 974-5907

[usf.edu/orientation](http://usf.edu/orientation)

### **Office of Undergraduate Admissions**

Phone: (813) 974-3350

Fax: (813) 974-9689

[usf.edu/admissions](http://usf.edu/admissions)

### **USF Dining Services**

Phone: (813) 974-4499

[usfdining.com](http://usfdining.com)

### **University Scholarships & Financial Aid Services**

Phone: (813) 974-4700

[usf.edu/finaid](http://usf.edu/finaid)

### **New Student Connections**

Phone: (813) 974-2896

[newstudent.usf.edu](http://newstudent.usf.edu)

## **Provisions of Your Admissions Offer**

Your academic credentials have shown that you have the potential to be successful in your academic career at USF! Your offer of admission, however, is provisional based on completion of all coursework in progress or listed on your application at a level consistent with your previous academic history and USF's admissions criteria. All freshmen must submit an official final transcript by June 30th that includes the date of their high school graduation. If you have dual enrollment through another college, university or community college, you must also provide an official transcript from the postsecondary institution offering the courses regardless of whether the coursework is on your high school transcript. Freshmen who have taken dual enrollment courses are required to have a minimum postsecondary GPA of 2.5 to maintain their offer of admission. Also, test scores from any exam possibly resulting in college credit (AP, IB, AICE or CLEP) should be sent to USF electronically from the testing agency as soon as they are available.

Please note that failure to meet these provisions may result in you being placed on probationary status or even the rescission of your offer of admission. If you are concerned you may not meet the provisions of your offer, you should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (813) 974-3350 and ask to speak with your Admissions Counselor.

# YOUR NEXT STEPS TOWARD USF

## 1

### Activate your USF NetID and Email Account

If you haven't already done so, visit [my.usf.edu](https://my.usf.edu) and activate your USF NetID and USF email address. Your USF email address will be used by all University offices for official communications.

## 2

### Verify Personal Information on myUSF, Check your Residency Status and Access your University ID (UID)

Visit [my.usf.edu](https://my.usf.edu). Check the accuracy of all personal information on the letter offering you admission to USF. You can update your personal information on myUSF. Make certain your address, telephone number and email addresses are current to ensure that you receive pertinent information from USF in a timely manner. In addition to noting your University ID number, check your residency status for tuition purposes.

## 3

### Apply for Financial Aid and Explore Scholarship Opportunities

Provided you applied to the University on or before January 2nd, you will be considered automatically for scholarships awarded by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Explore other scholarship opportunities at [usf.edu/scholarships](https://usf.edu/scholarships). The deadline for applying for other scholarships offered by USF is February 1st. By submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before March 1st, you will maximize consideration for need-based financial aid from USF, especially grants, which do not have to be repaid.

## 4

### Pay Admissions Deposit – Deadline is May 1st

Freshmen are required to pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit by May 1st in order to secure their place at USF. The deposit will be applied towards your first semester's tuition and fees, and may be paid at [my.usf.edu](https://my.usf.edu). If the deposit is not paid by the deadline, your offer of admission may be cancelled along with any scholarship offers.

## 5

### Apply for Housing and Meal Plan

Freshmen live on campus and purchase a meal plan for their first year at USF.\* Housing assignments are made based on the date of a completed housing application, so do not delay! You will be required to submit a separate \$50 application fee and a \$200 pre-payment.

\*Exceptions may apply for certain students. Contact housing for more information.

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### Reserve your Place in Orientation

All new students to the University of South Florida must attend an orientation session on their home campus. Once you have activated your NetID and paid your admissions deposit, please visit [usf.edu/orientation](https://usf.edu/orientation) for more information.

## VISIT AS A BULL

Now an admitted student at USF, you want to view campus through the eyes of a Bull. Sign up for one of our daily campus visits ([usf.edu/campusvisit](https://usf.edu/campusvisit)), where you can interact with faculty and students, tour the residence halls and learn more about the new student experience.

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## Submit Final Transcripts and Test Scores

You must submit an official final transcript noting the date of your high school graduation by June 30th. If you have dual enrollment, you must also provide an official college transcript regardless of whether the coursework is on your high school transcript. Failure to do so will result in your admission offer being rescinded.

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## Submit all Immunization and Medical History Forms

University of South Florida requires all new students to submit and sign the official USF Medical History form and provide proof of immunizations to Student Health Services prior to registering for classes. Students living on campus must provide evidence of meningitis vaccination in order to receive their housing assignment. To learn more, visit [shs.usf.edu](http://shs.usf.edu).

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## Review Tuition and Fee Information in myUSF

Once you have registered for classes, check your account summary by term on [my.usf.edu](http://my.usf.edu). Please note that USF does not mail out bills for tuition. Be sure to pay your tuition by the 5th day of the term unless a financial aid deferment is granted. Sign up for e-deposit to permit financial aid & student refunds to be directly deposited into your personal bank account. For cash collection information, visit [usf.edu/controller](http://usf.edu/controller). To review tuition and fee information, visit [my.usf.edu](http://my.usf.edu).

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## Before Classes Begin

Obtain your USF ID card from the USF Card Center in the Marshall Student Center. If you plan to park on campus, purchase your USF parking permit online through [usf.edu/parking\\_services](http://usf.edu/parking_services). Complete the Life Skills for Collegiate Success Tutorials (AlcoholEdu for College, Personal Safety & Wellness and Financial Literacy 101). To complete, visit [my.usf.edu](http://my.usf.edu). Finally, purchase your textbooks and other related course materials from the USF Bookstore.

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## You are a BULL! What's the Next Step?

Start connecting with your peers through UConnect, USF's online community for new students. Create a profile and start interacting with other students. Experience one of USF's greatest traditions - Week of Welcome. WOW is jam-packed with exciting events that introduce you to college life! For more information, visit [newstudent.usf.edu](http://newstudent.usf.edu).



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