

# *WELCOME TO USF*

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## 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



# GET READY TO LEAD THE STAMPEDE

FIND US ON  facebook.

### NEW USF BULLS

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



### **Transfer-A-Bull Community**

The Transfer-A-Bull Community is a Living Learning Community designed especially for transfer students who are new to USF, but not new to college. It offers

- Apartment style living in Holly Apartments
- Social events to help students build connections and make friends
- Transfer workshops hosted by New Student Connections
- Programs about the transition to USF, such as time management workshops

### **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 as well as meeting USF's admissions criteria and any other specific conditions of your admission included in your acceptance letter. You also must be in good academic standing at the last institution attended. If these conditions are not met, USF's offer of admission may be rescinded or your eligibility for financial aid may change.

If you are concerned that you may not meet the provisions of your offer of admission, you should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (813) 974-3350 and ask to speak with your Transfer Admissions Advisor. Your offer of admission to USF does not guarantee admission to a selective program of study.



### **Student Organizations**

Outside the classroom USF offers a vibrant campus community – there is something for everyone! There are over 400 student organizations, representing interests such as academics, multiculturalism, recreation and service. Transfer student organizations include

- TSO Transfer Student Organization
- MINTS Mature Independent Non-Traditional Students
- Tau Sigma National Honor Society at USF

# YOUR NEXT STEPS TOWARD USF

## 1

### Activate your USF NetID and Email Account

Visit [netid.usf.edu](https://netid.usf.edu) to 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) to update your personal information. 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

By applying to USF by the priority deadline for your entry term, 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). Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by USF's March 1 priority deadline for the aid year that starts the following fall to maximize consideration for need-based financial aid.

## 4

### Apply for Housing and Meal Plan

Living on-campus offers you the opportunity to immerse yourself in campus life. There are a wide range of on-campus housing options to put you within walking distance of your classes and USF's many campus activities. Additionally, a variety of meal plans are available for students to eat on campus at several dining locations. Visit [www.housing.usf.edu](https://www.housing.usf.edu) for more details.

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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, please visit [usf.edu/orientation](https://usf.edu/orientation) for more information.

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### Review your Transfer Credits

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will evaluate your transcript to determine which credits are transferable to USF. The college of your major will assign equivalent courses in determining which courses are applicable toward a specific degree at USF. USF reserves the right to not accept credit for specific courses.

## VISIT AS A BULL

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

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## Submit Final Transcripts

You must submit official final transcripts from each institution attended within 30 days of the beginning of the semester. Unless final transcripts are on file with the USF Office of Undergraduate Admissions, you may not register for future terms. Use OASIS at [my.usf.edu](http://my.usf.edu) to check the status of all essential admissions documents.

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## Complete Foreign Language Requirement

You must 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. If you completed this requirement in high school, you must submit an official high school transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If you do not meet this requirement, you will be required to do so prior to graduation from USF. Certain degree programs may have additional foreign language graduation requirements.

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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 on myUSF

Once you have registered for classes, you can check your account summary on [my.usf.edu](http://my.usf.edu). You should know 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 has been granted. You are encouraged to 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). 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?

USF's Week of Welcome (WOW) is jam-packed with exciting events that make new and returning students feel connected to the campus community. WOW has something for everyone! Make sure you play a part in USF's Week of Welcome! For more information, visit [www.usf.edu/wow](http://www.usf.edu/wow).



## **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)

### **Update Your Application to USF**

If you choose not to attend USF for the term to which you were admitted, you may update your application for reconsideration for up to one year from the originally requested term of entry. When updating your application, you must indicate any academic work attempted not reflected on the original application. If you do not enroll within one year of the originally requested term of entry, you must submit a new application and pay the \$30 application fee. Transcripts are required from all institutions attended from which coursework may be transferable. Your application will be subject to the admission criteria in place for the new term of entry. An offer of admission is not guaranteed, and standard application deadlines are applicable to all application updates. An update form can be obtained at [www.usf.edu/admissions/pdf/termofentry\\_update.pdf](http://www.usf.edu/admissions/pdf/termofentry_update.pdf).