The University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida, USA
www.usf.edu

Fast facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 47,214
- Number of campuses: 5
- Academic year: August – May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: August – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – May

Location

The USF campus is about 20-30 minutes from downtown Tampa and Tampa International airport. The campus covers 1700 acres of land so students do have to get used to walking around to get to lectures!

Things to do

There is a lot going on at USF including sports facilities, food and drink outlets, shops and an active students’ union. There is also a theme park located 20 minutes’ walk from campus and a water theme park a short drive away.

Further information is available from:
http://www.usf.edu/Campus-Life/

Top attractions: Tampa Theatre, Tampa’s Lowry Park Zoo and Walt Disney World

Travel opportunities

The Sunshine State offers fantastic travel opportunities including Miami, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale. Florida’s world famous theme parks such as Disney World, Universal Orlando and SeaWorld Orlando are within easy reach, along with dozens of smaller attractions and water parks. Florida beaches, whether quiet and secluded or bustling with activity, are ranked among the best in the country for beauty, accessibility and facilities. Further afield, the Bahamas, Cuba and New Orleans are popular tourist destinations.

Climate

The weather in Tampa is characterized as a humid subtropical climate characterized by hot, humid summers and chilly to mild winters. It rains frequently during warm weather so bring a raincoat, waterproof shoes, and an umbrella. The average temperature range in Tampa is 17°C to 27°C.

Finance 2018/19

Bursaries available:

- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See http://www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website.

Compared to the rest of the country, Tampa’s cost of living is 11.80% lower than the U.S. average.

More information:
http://www.usf.edu/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/

Accommodation

Most exchange students live in university campus accommodation and so the student residences are the main focus for students’ social lives as well as the student centre and student societies/clubs. Accommodation is offered in both catered and self catering options. In catered options, students are required to purchase a meal plan card which they use as a debit card across campus. The meal plan enables students to store up their money and spend it when they prefer including campus outlets such as Starbucks, Burger King and Ben& Jerry’s on campus.

Further accommodation information is available from:
http://www.housing.usf.edu/

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Application success rate

2015/16 = 44% (percentage of students placed at this partner out of total applications received)