Over $200,000 in scholarships available for students

Up to 46% job growth rate in college majors

Up to 100% hire rate from internships & field placements

Average time to degree is 3.7 years for new college students
Point of Pride

93% of CBCS graduates were employed or furthering their education within the first year after graduation.
Academic Overview
usf.edu/cbcs/

Get hired with a CBCS degree!
The College of Behavioral and Community Sciences (CBCS) provides career opportunities that are growing in demand every year. Learn skills that truly make a difference in lives, families and communities throughout our nation. Gain hands-on knowledge through field experiences and internships with federal, state and local agencies. Make lasting career and community connections with future employers.

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Study Abroad Courses
As the workplace takes on an increasingly global setting, it is now more important than ever for students to obtain a sense of cultural awareness. The USF Education Abroad Office and the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences offers students the opportunity to study abroad and gain not only hands-on education in their field, but a chance to become a global citizen.
Point of Pride

Employment of behavioral analysts is projected to grow 31% from 2012 to 2022. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
The ABA Minor teaches students skills they need to provide ABA services to help people change their behavior. Behavior Analysts work in areas such as autism, intellectual disabilities, special education, education, parent training, and organizational behavior management, just to name a few.

 Degrees Offered
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Minor

 Certification as a Behavior Analyst
Students who study ABA can become certified as a Behavior Analyst once they obtain their degree. Individuals who are certified at the bachelor’s level are in high demand in the Tampa Bay area and throughout the US.

 Parallel Degree Options within this College
Pair with a major in Language-Speech-Hearing or Behavioral Healthcare

 Careers
- Autism
- Behavioral Health Administration
- Case Management
- Child Protective Services
- Developmental Disabilities
- Education
- Juvenile Justice
- Mental Health
- Public Administration
- Rehabilitation
- School and Mental Health Administration
- Social and Behavioral Researcher
- Social and Community Service Manager
- Substance Abuse Counseling
Point of Pride

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders annually provides over 30,000 hours of clinical and interpreting services to the Greater Tampa Bay community.
Department of
Communication Sciences & Disorders
usf.edu/cbcs/csd/

Communication Sciences & Disorders focuses on understanding the processes of communication via multiple modalities. Students learn essential skills needed to work with individuals with speech, language, and hearing disorders and those who are Deaf. The curriculum prepares future scientists, clinicians, and interpreters who work according to best practices to diagnosis and treat people with communication disorders and interpret for the Deaf and hard of hearing.

Degrees Offered

• Language-Speech-Hearing Science (LSH), B.A.
• Interpreter Training Track (ITT), B.A.
• Deaf Studies (DST), B.A.
• American Sign Language (ASL), Minor

Internships and Field Placement

Students in both the LSH and ITT tracks have multiple opportunities to observe in real-world settings and participate in internships and practica experiences.

Parallel Degree Options within this College

Pair with a minor in Aging Studies, Behavioral Healthcare, or Criminology

Clubs and Organizations

• NSSLHA: National Student Speech Language Hearing Association
• ASL Bulls
• Student Academy of Audiology

Careers

• Sign Language Interpreters
• Non-Profit Caseworker
• Vocational Rehabilitation Case Managers
• ADA Coordinators
• Residential School for the Deaf staff
• Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
• Audiology Assistant
• Teacher of English as a Second Language

Alumni Profile

Ioanna Tagarelli

Ioanna Tagarelli completed her degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders with a minor in American Sign Language. She is currently completing her Doctor of Audiology degree. Her doctoral project focuses on the electrophysiological measures of binaural hearing. She will be completing her residency at The Silverstein Institute, a leading research center for diagnosing and treating ear, nose, and throat disorders. Her interests lie in cochlear implants and diagnosing/treating balance disorders.
Point of Pride

40-45% of students who participated in the Department of Criminology internship program were hired immediately following degree completion.
Department of
Criminology
criminology.cbcs.usf.edu/

This course of study prepares students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, the courts, investigations, juvenile justice, private and homeland security, and related social and human services. Our faculty represent a variety of nationally recognized researchers in juvenile justice, policing, substance abuse, corrections, models of criminal behavior, psychopathy, corrections, sociopathy, and violence.

Degrees Offered
Criminology, B.A.
Criminology, Minor

Internships and Field Placement
Criminology has more than 100 federal, state, and local agencies that provide students the opportunity to gain experience in conjunction with their degree. Students interning have a 40-45% rate of hire upon graduation.

Parallel Degree Options
Pair with a minor in American Sign Language, Behavioral Healthcare, or Gerontology

Clubs and Organizations
• Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society
• American Criminal Justice Association

Careers
• Law Enforcement Officer
• County Sheriff
• Canine Officer
• Detective
• Child Protection Investigator
• Probation Officer
• Correction Officer
• Juvenile Probation Officer
• Federal Marshal
• Forensic Analyst
• Crime Scene Investigator
• Lawyer
• Private Investigator
• Victim Advocate
• Court Clerk
• Loss Prevention Officer
Point of Pride

The first graduates from the new Behavioral Healthcare Major received their degrees May 2013.
Department of
Mental Health Law & Policy
mhlp.fmhi.usf.edu/

In the Behavioral Healthcare major students will explore service delivery, treatment modalities, and behavioral health problems that include mental health and substance abuse, as well as issues in the organization, financing, and outcomes of behavioral health services.

Degrees Offered
• Behavioral Healthcare, B.S.
• Behavioral Healthcare, Minor

Internships and Field Placement
The Multidisciplinary Behavioral Healthcare Program views supervised Field Experience as the most effective method for students to experience the application of knowledge obtained in the academic setting and the development of practical skills fundamental to human services and caregiving. Students take the Field Experience course during their junior or senior year after completing pre-requisite core courses.

Parallel Degree Options
Pair with a minor in American Sign Language, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Criminology, or Gerontology

Clubs and Organizations
• Active Minds
• Behavioral Health Student Organizations

Careers
• Mental Health Counselor
• Behavioral Disorder Counselor
• Substance Abuse Counselor
• Rehabilitation Counselor
• Case Manager
• Health Educator
• Community Outreach Specialist

Alumni Profile
Candice Vega
Candice Vega, a Tampa native, came to USF in 2009. She explored various disciplines until she found the behavioral healthcare program, which she pursued with a concentration in children’s mental health. Now, as one of the first graduates from the major, she began working for Gracepoint with adults experiencing mental health and substance abuse crises. Candice plans to pursue a master’s degree in rehabilitation and mental health counseling to become a counselor.
Point of Pride

Faculty in the School of Aging Studies have received numerous undergraduate teaching awards and take pride in providing high quality undergraduate education.
School of Aging Studies
usf.edu/cbcs/aging-studies/

Globally, unprecedented numbers of people are living longer, healthier lives than at any time in human history. This longevity revolution provides unparalleled opportunities for majors in gerontology. In the School of Aging Studies emphasis is placed on applied gerontology, with the goal of educating students for the myriad of professional and business careers sustaining or improving the quality of life for older persons and their families.

Degrees Offered

- Gerontology, B.A.
- Long Term Care Administration, B.S.
- Gerontology, Minor

Internships and Field Placement

Aging Studies has partnered with many outstanding programs including the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, USF Muma College of Business, and the VA Medical Center. Faculty and staff work closely with community agencies including the Alzheimer’s Association, Area Agency on Aging, and local hospices, retirement communities, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Parallel Degree Options

A minor in Gerontology is a great complement to majors in Business Administration, Health Sciences or Psychology.

Clubs and Organizations

- Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society
- ACHCA – American College of Healthcare Administrators student chapter
- SAAS – Student Association of Aging Studies

Careers

- Geriatric Care Managers
- Health Educators
- Patient Representatives
- Residential Care Service Providers
- Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Residential Community Administrators
- Graduate Schools in Aging Studies, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Psychology or Social Work
Point of Pride

The School of Social Work has obtained approval for the first Study Abroad Program into Northeast India.
The BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting body for social work education programs. The BSW graduate is highly employable, in a wide range of opportunities that contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable populations. Students will develop an understanding of various methods of intervention and skills in their application to a variety of client systems. For example, intervention methods may take the form of individual and group counseling, resource development, consultation, teaching, advocacy and community organizing.

Degrees Offered
- Social Work, B.S.W.

Internships and Field Placement
Field placement is an integral component of the curriculum in social work education. Each student can choose among hundreds of placement options including in child welfare, health care, community mental health, veterans services, adoption, hospice care, juvenile justice, elder care, early childhood services, substance abuse, disability services and forensic mental health.

Parallel Degree Options
Pair with a minor in either Criminology or Gerontology

Clubs and Organizations
- Phi Alpha National Honor Society
- Social Work Society
- BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic and Tampa Bay Street Medicine

Careers
- Youth Mentor Supervisor
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Family Resource Specialist
- Human Trafficking Outreach Coordinator
- Homeless Families Case Manager
- Child Protective Investigator
- Juvenile Justice Caseworker
- Hospital Discharge Planner
Point of Pride

Our undergraduate researchers have high acceptance rates to graduate school, publish in academic journals, and win awards for their outstanding research.
Undergraduate Research

CBCS offers unique opportunities for students to conduct research as an undergraduate. In addition to obtaining valuable research experience with faculty mentors, CBCS students have presented their research at conferences, participated in research poster sessions, and published their work in peer-reviewed journals. These experiences help students build a portfolio that can enhance their applications to graduate school or employment.

Research Opportunities

Undergraduate Research Certificate
- 16 hour program designated on your USF transcript
- Compatible with other CBCS majors: Behavioral Healthcare; Criminology; Gerontology; Long Term Care Administration; Language-Speech-Hearing; Social Work

Undergraduate Research Assistantships (URA)
- Promotional opportunities at four levels: URA I, II, III, and IV
- Faculty mentored research experience
- Member of a research team
- Student research stipend

Special Opportunities
- USF Office of Undergraduate Research Workshop Series
- Research Travel Grants
- Presentations and posters at USF Undergraduate Research Symposium
- CBCS Undergraduate Research Interest Group (URIG)
- Summer Research Institute in Mental Health: 10 week intensive research experience

Careers

Undergraduate research can assist students in preparing for graduate school and careers.

- Clinical Researchers
- University Faculty
- Grant Writers for Community Organizations
- Human Services Program Evaluators
- Public Policy Analysts
- Implementation Scientists
- Research Associates/Assistants in Human Service Agencies

Alumni Profile

Megan Porter

Megan Porter received her B.S. in Language-Speech-Hearing in 2015 and completed the Undergraduate Research Certificate. She participated in the Summer Research Institute and started a research project. Her research was published in the journal *Chronic Illness*. Her research was also accepted for a presentation at the 2015 USF Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Megan is in graduate school in Speech-Language Pathology studying swallowing disorders.
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The College of Behavioral and Community Sciences offers over $200,000 in scholarships available for students.
Scholarships & Financial Aid Services

usf.edu/financial-aid/

USF Scholarships and Fellowships
Scholarships may be based on academic merit, extracurricular activities (e.g. Boy Scouts, ROTC, Robotics, etc.), special talent (e.g. music, multi-lingual, etc.), demographics (e.g. Donor specific High School, Florida County Resident etc.).
- USF Foundation Scholarships
- USF Office of National Scholarships
- Additional Scholarship Search Resources
- Bright Futures Scholarships
- The Mom’s Project

Grants
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Federal TEACH Grant
- First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG)
- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)
- USF Grant

Loans (must be repaid)
- Federal Direct Grad PLUS
- Federal Direct Loan Program
- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Federal Perkins Loan
- USF Loan

Other State Aid Programs
(Transferrable State Programs)

Work/Employment
Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)
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The average time to complete a degree is 3.7 years for new college students.
The College of Behavioral and Community Sciences has several advisors dedicated to promoting your success and persistence from your initial orientation to your graduation. Contact the appropriate advisor for your program.

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- Petition Processing
- Mentorship
- Refer to Student Resources
- Employability Resources
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