



Glo-Bull Beginnings Week

August 10 - 16, 2015

Glo-Bull Beginnings Week is an exciting opportunity to experience what it's like to be a USF student, both in and out of the classroom. This program is designed to serve as an engaging and interactive experience to prepare you to be a student at USF and for life in the U.S.



Welcome to USF

Welcome to your new home! We are proud that the University of South Florida is a remarkably diverse community – with students from over 100 countries! Our international students contribute to the distinct culture of USF's campus. We know that coming to study in the United States can be a very different experience from your home country.

It is our hope that Glo-Bull Beginnings Week will provide you with valuable insight and tangible experiences to support your success as a student at the University of South Florida.

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What is Glo-Bull Beginnings Week?

One on one attention

Handling paperwork and preparing to start classes on your own can be a daunting task. As part of Glo-Bull Beginnings, we will provide personalized assistance to make these processes less stressful:

- Fall semester course registration
- Submission of immigration documents
- Submission of health and insurance documents

Adjusting to USF academic life

We know that the USF's academic structure and policies may be different than what you are used to, so we have included sessions that assist in this adjustment:

- Attend a lecture by USF faculty
- Understand your program and degree requirements
- Understand tuition and fee payment process and deadlines

Experience campus life as a Bull

There is more to being a Bull than going to class. Our campus has many opportunities to get involved and have fun! Throughout Glo-Bulls Beginnings, we will have events to get you connected to campus!

- Evening and late-night programming throughout the week
- Optional trips to area attractions such as the beach, theme parks or museums
- Opportunities to meet other international students and current USF students

Assistance with living in the U.S.

We're excited you'll be joining us in the United States. We know moving to the U.S. is a big decision since your friends, family, and the comforts of home are far away. We will support you to ensure you're comfortable in your new home:

- Acquiring a cell phone
- Transportation to purchase living materials such as sheets, toiletries, and towels
- Assistance with establishing a bank account

Assistance with living in Tampa

Tampa is a vibrant city in an urban environment. We will provide information about living here:

- Public transportation
- Introduction to shopping (such as, what to buy and where)
- New cultural experiences

Additional Value

- 6 nights of lodging at the Embassy Suites at USF in a triple-occupancy suite (including your own bed, shared bathroom, 24-hour fitness center, dusk-to-dawn pool, and free wireless internet in public areas)
- 17 meals between lunch on Monday, August 10 and breakfast on Sunday, August 16
- Hotel shuttle service to and from campus and surrounding area
- Access to the USF Bull Runner campus transit system
- Printed and electronic Orientation materials, staffing, supplies, and space reservations
- Access to USF staff members for personalized assistance

International students who have lived in Florida for more than one year and will be graduating from a Florida high school, may be eligible to attend a traditional Orientation session.

To learn more and submit a date change request (if you qualify), visit <http://www.usf.edu/mygbwdatechange>.

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