Checklist

Please make sure you have completed everything on this checklist before you leave home.

☐ Visa and Passport
  To obtain your F-1 student visa, you must confirm that your passport will not expire within six months; receive your I-20; pay the SEVIS I-901 fee; and schedule a visa application interview at a US Embassy or Consulate. An overview of the visa application process can be found on page 4.

☐ Immunizations
  Submit your completed immunization form, signed by you and your doctor to INTOimmunization@usf.edu and bring all official copies of records with you if you have not been cleared on your immunization requirements. See pages 6 and 7 for more information.

☐ Net ID
  Follow emailed instructions from the orientation team to create your Net ID. Once created, go to istart.usf.edu to start submitting your immigration documents.

☐ Book Travel
  Find suggested airport and temporary accommodation information on page 8.

☐ Find Housing
  Review your options for on-campus and off-campus housing and secure housing arrangements prior to arriving. To learn more about INTO USF Housing, visit www.usf.edu/intousf/arriving/accommodation-and-housing-plans/index.aspx

☐ Transcripts
  Students who do not submit original hard copies of transcripts prior to class registration will not be allowed to register for classes. You must bring all admissions documents with you for orientation. For more details about orientation, see page 14.

☐ Arrange Airport Pickup
  Send your arrival details (flight number, airline name, arrival date and time) to www.INTOarrivals.com/usf and save the arrival phone number just in case of an emergency: +1 813 947 1415. See page 11 for more information.

☐ Check Your Finances
  Bring enough US currency for the first few weeks and find out how you will transfer money from your home country to a US bank account. For more information, see page 18.
Getting Your Student Visa

As an international student, you are required to have a visa that permits study in the US. Below, we provide you with information about applying for an F-1 visa, which is a student visa and will allow you to study at a US university. You will need to schedule an appointment to apply for this visa at a US Embassy or Consulate in your country and complete a visa interview.

Get additional support with PASS: Pre-Arrival Support Service
INTO USF offers you PASS, a pre-arrival Service which helps students have a better understanding of the visa application process. Take advantage of this free service and connect with a PASS Specialist by emailing PASS@intoglobal.com to set up a welcome call and get helpful support.

Steps to getting your F-1 Student Visa
Please ensure you follow the instructions from the US Department of State, the below is for general guidance.

1. Obtain the Form I-20 from the University
With your confirmation package, you should have received the Form I-20. Carefully read the instructions included with the I-20 before visiting the US Embassy or Consulate for your F-1 student visa. Keep this document in a safe place because you will need to bring the original signed form for your visa interview.

2. Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee
The I-901 fee is required to get the F-1 visa. At least three business days before you schedule your visa interview, pay the SEVIS I-901 fee by going to the SEVIS I-901 fee website at www.fmjfee.com/901fee/index.html. You must follow the instructions to pay the SEVIS Fee and print the receipt. This fee is not the same as the visa application fee. You will need your SEVIS ID number when you pay the fee. It can be found on the top right-hand side of your I-20. You will also need the university school code, which is below:
USF school code: MIA214F00043000

3. Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160
After paying the SEVIS I-901 fee, you must complete the online visa application, form DS-160. When you have completed and have submitted the application, print the DS-160 confirmation page and bar code page. Please note you will need to upload a photo during this process, so ensure that you have one ready that meets requirements. Check photo requirements: travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/photos.html
Learn more about completing the DS-160: travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html

4. Schedule Your Visa Appointment
To schedule your appointment, go to the US Embassy and Consulate webpage: www.usembassy.gov/. Find the location where you want to have an appointment, and follow the specific instructions for scheduling.

5. Prepare for Your Interview
Gather Required Documents
- Passport – ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay in the US (unless exempt by country-specific agreements).
- Form DS-160 Confirmation page and bar code page
- Application Fee (I-901 fee) payment receipt
- Photo – bring a hard copy of the photo you used for your DS-160 application form.
- Form I-20 issued to you by University of South Florida.
- Proof of funding documents that you used during your confirmation
- Additional documents: Please see additional documents that are required or recommended on the Travel.State.Gov website at the top of this page. Additionally check with Embassy or Consulate where you will be applying to see if there are additional requirements.

Schedule a PASS Welcome call
While this is not required, it is strongly recommended to have prior to your visa interview. Please email PASS@intoglobal.com to set up a welcome call and get helpful support.

Questions about visas? Contact a USF international Student Advisor at: INTOimmigration@usf.edu
For information about traveling to the US: studyinthestates.dhs.gov
For information about SEVIS I-901 fee: ice.gov/sevis/901

Transferring from Another US School
If you are transferring from another school in the US and you already have an F-1 visa, you must complete the F-1 Students Transfer Eligibility form at least 15 days before the start date of your program. If you plan to travel outside of the US before beginning your program at USF, please contact USF to obtain an I-20 for re-entry.

Visa Delays
If you are unable to obtain a visa before the start date for which you have been admitted, contact USF immediately. You may defer and apply your deposit toward the tuition for the next semester.

It is always important you check for any updates and specific requirements online at the US Embassy or Consulate near you: www.usembassy.gov/ and follow the instructions from the US Department of State: travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html.
Immunizations
All INTO USF students are required to provide proof that they have met the immunization and screening requirements set by the University of South Florida. The student and his/her doctor must fill out the USF Medical History & Immunization form. Prior to arrival, this form must be stamped, signed and dated by the doctor and submitted to INTOimmunization@usf.edu
To download the USF Medical History & Immunization packet, visit https://www.usf.edu/intousf/documents/immunization-packet.pdf

All Students Living on Campus
You will not be able to move in to your residence hall until we have received proof that you have ALL of the required immunizations. There are no exceptions. It is in your best interest to have the USF Medical History & Immunization form completed and submitted to the INTO USF Immunizations department prior to your arrival.

Immunization/Screening Requirements
- MMR – Must have two doses after your first birthday. Second dose should be taken at least 30 days after first dose. Please refer to USF Medical History & Immunization form for requirement options.
- Hepatitis B Vaccine – This vaccine is optional. You must decline it on the USF Medical History & Immunization form if you do not receive it.
- Meningitis Vaccine – This vaccine is optional. You must decline it on the USF Medical History & Immunization form if you do not get it.
- Tuberculosis Screening – Tuberculosis screening must be completed 6 months prior to your academic start date. The skin test must be read with 48-72 hours. Results must be written as a single digit, with no decimals or symbols in the reading. QFT or T-spot blood test or a chest x-ray report must have your name and date of birth.
- Sign your USF Medical History & Immunization form.

To download the USF Medical History & Immunization form, visit https://www.usf.edu/intousf/documents/immunization-packet.pdf

Health Insurance
All INTO USF students are required by the University of South Florida to have health insurance. For this reason the INTO USF Student Health Insurance Plan is automatically added to the invoices of all INTO USF students. The INTO USF health plan covers all students from the program start date through the program end date and any breaks in-between including winter, spring and summer.

Purchasing Alternate Health Insurance
If you have decided to purchase an alternate insurance policy, you will need to submit the INTO USF Compliance form. This form must be completed by the student and signed by the alternate insurance company. The form provides proof that the alternate insurance meets the University of South Florida’s insurance requirements. All INTO USF Compliance Waiver forms must be submitted by the first week of class or they will not be accepted.

To download the USF Compliance form, visit https://www.usf.edu/intousf/documents/compliance.pdf
For a list of alternate insurance providers, visit https://www.usf.edu/intousf/documents/alt-insurance.pdf

Health insurance questions and/or waiver forms should be sent to: INTOinsurance@usf.edu
Health, immunization requirements and medical document questions should be sent to: INTOimmunization@usf.edu

Students have access to doctors on campus at the Student Health Services clinic.
Book Travel

Book Your Flight
As an F-1 student, you are allowed to enter the US no earlier than 30 days before the program start date listed on your I-20. If you arrive after the start date listed on your I-20, you may be denied entry to the US.

When booking your flights, remember that you should arrive in Tampa at least one day before your program start date. Students are informed of the date and time that they can move in to their on-campus residence halls in a housing confirmation email. All students are expected to arrive at Tampa International Airport (TPA) which is located 25 km away from campus.

Let Us Know You Are Coming
Submit your arrival details online at www.INTOarrivals.com/usf at least 72 hours before arriving in the US so we can arrange a transfer service to greet you at the airport and take you to your accommodations.

You will need to provide the following information:
- Application ID
- Personal contact details
- Flight number
- Arrival date and time
- Where you will be travelling to: the campus, a hotel or local apartment, etc.

Hotels in Tampa
If you arrive before your move-in date, you will be responsible for arranging and paying for your temporary accommodations. Some hotels recommended by USF are:

Embassy Suites Hotel (on the USF campus)
3705 Spectrum Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33612
+1 813 977 7066

La Quinta Inn & Suites (across from the USF campus)
3701 East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33612
+1 813 910 7500

Wingate by Wyndham
3751 E Fowler Ave
Tampa, Florida 33612
+1 813 867 2878

For a complete list of recommended hotels near campus, visit www.usf.edu/intousf/arriving/usf-area-hotels.aspx

Getting Ready
When you are coming to the US for a period of time, it is hard to decide what to pack. You will want to bring everything “just in case” but remember that you will have to carry your luggage sometimes, so pack only as much as you can carry.

Also remember that excess luggage charges can be very high. Most airlines allow 20-23 kg (approximately 45-50 lb) of checked luggage and there are strict size and weight restrictions now on all hand luggage. Please check with your airline for up-to-date instructions before you fly.

Weather in Florida
- Summer months are bright and hot with highs around 32°C.
- Fall tends to be warm with calm breezes.
- Winter is irregular and highs are near 21°C.
- Spring brings rain; weather is mild with highs around 25°C.

What to Include in Your Luggage
- Light clothing that can be layered
- An umbrella
- Formal or special occasion clothing
- Photographs, books, posters and/or other mementos
- Cultural items such as national dress

Addressing Your Luggage
Always label your luggage clearly, whether you are carrying it or sending it separately. The label should have your full name and the address of your accommodation.

What to Pack in Your Hand Luggage
- Passport
- Visa
- SEVIS I-901 fee payment receipt
- I-20
- INTO USF offer letter and confirmation letter
- Original financial documents showing funds to support your studies
- Health insurance card and a copy of the INTO USF Compliance form you submitted (if not signing up for the INTO USF Student Health Insurance Plan)
- Bring enough cash in US dollars to cover initial expenses (about $400)

Converters, Adapters and Appliances
There are different types of electrical outlets all around the world, so you’ll most likely need to bring an adapter plug for any of your small appliances (if you don’t purchase them here). Some devices, such as hair dryers and irons, may also need a voltage converter. North American devices run on 110/125V electricity. Extension cords and cheap power strips are not allowed in the residence halls.

Everything should be plugged into a surge protector, not directly into the wall. The residence halls have Wi-Fi access, but also having an ethernet cable (for faster speeds) is not a bad idea. If you would like a television in your room, you will need to purchase a coaxial cable, a cord needed to connect to cable television.

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Tampa, Florida 33612
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Tampa, Florida 33612
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Meeting Immigration Officials at the Airport

When you arrive at a US port of entry, you should be prepared to answer some questions. You may have to complete the US Customs Declaration form during your flight to present to the immigration official when you enter the US. The immigration official will stamp it and return it to you. You will then present it to the customs official at a separate checkpoint – do not lose this form. If you are traveling with dependents, you will need to complete only one of these forms.

For more information about preparing for arrival at a US port of entry, visit www.ice.gov/sevis/students

US Immigration Form I-94

The I-94 arrival/departure record is usually a paperless document. Once you arrive in the US, you must print out or save a copy of your I-94 number from the US Customs and Border Protection website www.cbp.gov/i94

US Customs Declaration Form

You may receive a US Customs Declaration form to complete during your flight. You must complete this form and present it to the immigration official when you enter the US. The immigration official will stamp it and return it to you. You will then present it to the customs official at a separate checkpoint – do not lose this form. If you are traveling with dependents, you will need to complete only one of these forms.

For more information about preparing for arrival at a US port of entry, visit www.ice.gov/sevis/students

Airport Transfer Service

INTO USF Transfer Service

Remember, you have a choice to arrange your own transportation or utilize free airport transfer through INTO USF. The free airport transfer can only be requested if your arrival flight lands at the Tampa International Airport. If you would like to reserve the free airport pick-up service, please use the following link to submit your arrival details 72 hours before your arrival to the Tampa International Airport: www.INTOarrivals.com/usf

When Your Plane Has Landed at TPA, Follow These Steps:

- Exit the plane and take the airport transfer shuttle to the main terminal.
- After you exit the airport transfer shuttle, a driver will be waiting for you near the bottom of the escalators to the baggage claim area with a USF sign.

If you do not request an airport pickup service from INTO USF at least 72 hours in advance of your arrival, you will need to take a taxi, or use Uber or Lyft, if you are familiar with those apps. Once exiting the plane, follow the signs to the main terminal for ground transportation. All ground transportation (including taxis) are available on the curbside outside of baggage claim. A taxi fare to USF could cost between $45-$50.

If you have on-campus housing and you arrive before your designated move-in date (located in your housing confirmation email), you will need to find other accommodations. The following link will provide you with a list of nearby hotels, some which offer free shuttle service to campus: www.usf.edu/intousf/arriving/usf-area-hotels.aspx

Please use this phone number to contact INTO USF during your travel to and arrival in Florida and Tampa.

INTO USF Arrival Phone

+1 813 947 1415

Please use this phone number to contact into USF during your travel to and arrival in Tampa. Please be sure to notify us immediately of flight delays, lost luggage, or any other situation or emergency related to your arrival. Someone is always available to help you. Please also contact INTOArrival@usf.edu with any questions.
Living on Campus
At USF a residence hall is a community. The residence halls provide opportunities for you to meet people from around the US and the world, develop new friendships, enjoy dining with friends and become involved with the on-campus community.

Housing Deposit
You must pay your housing deposit before you can be assigned housing. You also must return your completed USF Medical History & Immunization form to be able to check into your on-campus room.

Residence Halls
If you would like to stay in a residence hall and have not yet signed up for an on campus accommodation, please contact INTO Admissions at INTOAdmissions@usf.edu. If you wish to make changes to the accommodation you ordered, or have questions about living on campus, please contact INTOHousing at INTOHousing@usf.edu.

Bed Linens
If you will be living on campus, you will be offered a bed linen pack on arrival. These items are purchased by INTO USF and you do not need to return them when you leave. Your bed linen pack will include:
- Mattress cover
- Bed sheets (1 flat, 1 fitted)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Duvet
- 1 towel, 1 wash cloth

Living off Campus
INTO USF students who choose to live off campus and have not yet signed up for an on campus accommodation, please contact INTO Admissions at INTOAdmissions@usf.edu. If you wish to make changes to the accommodation you ordered, or have questions about living on campus, please contact INTOHousing at INTOHousing@usf.edu.

Dining on Campus
Meal plans are required for students living on campus and are included in the housing fees. Students use their USF ID card to gain entry into any of our three all-you-care-to-eat dining halls. The campus is also home to a variety of other options such as a food court, convenience stores and coffee shops around campus where students can use cash or “dining dollars” to purchase food.

The Hub
Enjoy unlimited servings from a variety of dining stations including a Mongolian grill, True Balance (a station free of seven of the most common eight food allergies, including shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, eggs, wheat, and soy), and a sushi bar, serving fresh sushi daily.

Juniper Dining
Choose from six different exhibition-style cooking stations. Menu items include halal, vegetarian and vegan entrees, salad bars, fresh produce, traditional American cuisine, grilled and barbecued items, international cuisine and delicious specialty desserts.

Champion’s Choice
Located in the southeast section of campus, this dining facility offers a variety of nutritional and healthy cuisine options for meal plan members, student athletes and the entire community. At the five stations, nutritional information of the food is prominently displayed as it is cooked.

Food Court at USF Student Center
The food court in the USF Student Center offers selections such as Panda Express, Chick-fil-A, Subway, Moe’s Southwest Grill and Papa John’s Pizza. In addition, the student center offers Panera Bread, Jamba Juice, On Top of the Palms and other on-campus restaurants. Students can use cash or “dining dollars” (a limited amount is included in the meal plan) to purchase food from the food court.

For questions about dining hall plans or options, please contact INTO Dining at INTOHousing@usf.edu.

USF offers allergy-friendly, kosher, halal, gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan food options to accommodate a variety of dietary needs.

To get a better idea of what living in Tampa is like, visit our City Guide: intostudy.com/usf/living
Orientation

Your First Days
Orientation lasts three to four days from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and will begin on your program start date. You are advised to arrive at least one day before your orientation begins. Orientation is mandatory and your attendance is required at all sessions in order to be registered for classes. You will receive an orientation information email from INTOOrientation@usf.edu with more information. You can also go to bit.ly/intoorientation to view more information about orientation.

What To Expect
Once you arrive at the INTO USF Center, you will be welcomed by our experienced student services team. You will receive a schedule of our orientation activities which include:

- An English level evaluation or a GRE/GMAT practice exam, depending on your program.
- Learning about your resources, facilities and services at INTO USF and USF
- Confirming you have provided all required health and admissions documents
- Paying any balances you owe
- Learning about your student visa regulations
- INTO USF and USF social activities and a welcome party
- Academic advising and program information
- Campus tour (wear comfortable shoes for walking)
- Learning about opening a bank account and getting a mobile phone
- Learning about other on-campus resources

Directions to INTO USF
The INTO USF Center is located on the first floor of the Faculty Administrative Office (FAO) building on the USF campus.

The address for the INTO USF center is 4201 USF Willow Dr. Tampa, FL 33620. If arriving by car, taxi, or shuttle, you can also follow these directions:

- Go in main entrance of USF from Fowler Avenue
- Take a right onto Alumni Drive (first traffic light)
- Then take a left onto Genshaft Drive (next traffic light)
- Go over two speed bumps and take a left into the Social Sciences building parking lot #37
- The FAO building is in front of you slightly to the left; “INTO USF” is displayed on the outside of the building

Parking on Campus
If you will be parking a vehicle on campus, INTO USF will provide a complimentary parking pass for the whole week of orientation. View information about how to get a parking pass for orientation at bit.ly/intoorientation. After orientation, you will be responsible for purchasing your own parking pass. Find more information about this at parking.usf.edu

Math Placement Test
All undergraduate students must take the math placement test prior to arrival at INTO USF to determine their math level so advisors can register students in the correct math course. All the necessary information on how to take the test will be sent to students after they confirm their offer. Students have the option to take the test twice and the higher of the two scores will be used to determine the student's math level. After the first test, students will have a series of review questions and practice tests and will have the opportunity to take the test a second time. Students can opt to take the test once if they choose.

For additional resources, visit: www.khanacademy.org/.

Campus Resources

Student Services Team
The INTO USF Student Services team helps international students transition to USF life. At the INTO USF center we offer a range of support services for our students including:

- Orientation prior to classes starting
- Full-time staff to assist with arrival, housing, dining and wellness and welfare concerns
- First point of contact for any non-academic issues
- Urgent concerns phone
- Student Orientation leaders and language ambassadors

Trips and Activities
While the main reason for coming to Tampa is to study, involvement in non-academic activities will help you adjust to life in the US and help you to develop a network of friends. We offer opportunities to:

- Socialize and make new friends
- Experience the arts and cultural exhibits
- Play sports and attend sporting events
- Visit amusement parks and places of interest in Tampa and Florida

To see our INTO USF calendar, please visit bit.ly/intousfevents

Academic Support
INTO USF offers several opportunities to ensure that students are successful while attending an American university. Each student is assigned an academic advisor to help with classes, attendance/performance, progression and more.

Services Include
- INTO USF Learning Resource Services has more than 10 tutors in various subjects available six days a week.
- Computer Lab where students can print, work on homework, socialize, participate in study groups and access the Internet.
- Test preparation for GMAT, GRE, SAT, ACT, TOEFL and IELTS
- Academic advisors
USF Student Health Services
Whether you are sick or injured, managing a chronic health problem, or working to develop a healthier lifestyle, Student Health Services (SHS) is here to help. Please call +1 813 974 2331 and select option ‘2’ to schedule an appointment, or you may walk into SHS and schedule your appointment in person at the front desk. Don’t forget to bring your health insurance card with you.

Clinic Hours
SHS is located near the USF Bookstore.
Fall & Spring Semesters: Mondays and Fridays: 8am - 5:30pm Tuesday - Thursday: 8am - 8pm
Summer Semester & Break Weeks: 8am - 4:30pm
Closed during holidays and university closings.
Phone: +1 813 974 2331

USF Bulls Country Pharmacy
USF Bulls Country Pharmacy offers full prescriptions services. This pharmacy also carries a variety of over-the-counter medications, vitamins, first aid supplies, toiletries and nutritional snacks.

Pharmacy Hours
USF Bulls Pharmacy is located in the Marshall Student Center on the first floor.
Fall and Spring Semester: 9am - 5:30pm
Summer Semester and Break Weeks: 9am - 5pm
Closed on weekends and holidays
Phone: +1 813 974 2071

Counseling Center
The Counseling Center is located in the student services building (SVC - Across from the Marshall Center) on the 2nd floor in Suite 2124.

Hours for Same-day Appointment Sessions:
Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 6:00pm
Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Summertime Hours:
Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Closed during weekends and holidays.
Phone: +1 813-974-2831 (24-hours)

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The Counseling Center is located in the student services building (SVC - Across from the Marshall Center) on the 2nd floor in Suite 2124.

Fall and Spring Hours:
Monday: 8:00am – 6:00pm
Tuesday – Thursday: 8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Med Express
13610 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612
Hours: Mon - Sun: 8am - 8pm
+1 813 977 2777

AdventHealth Centra Care Temple Terrace
5802 East Fowler Ave
Temple Terrace, FL 33617
Hours: Mon - Fri: 8am - 8pm
Sat - Sun: 8am - 5pm
+1 (813) 442-7493

AdventHealth Tampa
3100 E. Fletcher Ave.
Tampa, FL 33613
Hours: Open 24 hours a day,
7 days a week
+1 813 971 6000

Smoking banned on campus
On January 4, 2016, the USF Tampa Campus became entirely tobacco and smoke free

After-Hours Health Care
When the student health clinic is closed, call the Nurse Advice Line at +1 813 974 2331. The nurse can answer your health-related questions and help you to decide if you should seek immediate medical care at an urgent care or emergency room facility, or wait to be seen at the student health clinic when it opens. The after-hours advice nurse is not located at student health and cannot access your medical record at the time of the call.

Med Express
13610 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612
Hours: Mon - Sun: 8am - 8pm
+1 813 977 2777

AdventHealth Centra Care Temple Terrace
5802 East Fowler Ave
Temple Terrace, FL 33617
Hours: Mon - Fri: 8am - 8pm
Sat - Sun: 8am - 5pm
+1 (813) 442-7493

AdventHealth Tampa
3100 E. Fletcher Ave.
Tampa, FL 33613
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Safety on Campus
Tampa and USF are safe and welcoming communities. However, it is important to be aware of possible threats and take steps to help ensure the safety of you and your property.

Safety Tips
• Don’t leave your items unattended.
• Always lock your bike through the frame.
• Keep your USF ID with you at all times.
• Don’t keep a lot of money with you or in your apartment/residence hall room.
• Avoid dark, vacant areas.
• Use SAFE Team, a free service that provides transportation, when necessary.
• Call ahead to schedule a ride at: +1 813 974 7233 (SAFE)

• Register your valuables with USF police at usfweb.usf.edu/property_registration/registration.aspx

USF Safe Team is available to accompany students by golf cart or walking from one location on the USF campus to another in the evenings.
Money and Banking

Bringing Money to the US
Bring enough money to cover any outstanding fees and any items you might need the first couple of weeks after arriving. It is safer to bring large sums of money in travelers’ checks, which can be cashed in banks, post offices and airports.

Currency Exchange
Before leaving your country, exchange your local currency into US dollars. You also can do this once you arrive at Tampa International Airport by visiting Travelex Currency Exchange, located on Level 3 near the Armstrong (blue) elevators.

Opening a Bank Account in the US
It is a good idea to open a checking account in the US as it makes it easy to deposit foreign checks and pay your bills. Once you arrive at INTO USF, you will be able to meet with banking representatives who will help you open an account.

The USF Federal Credit Union offers checking and savings accounts, loans and credit cards. You also may wire money internationally with the USF Credit Union.

Credit/Debit Cards
In the US, the most widely accepted bank and credit cards are Visa and MasterCard. Bank cards can either be debit which pulls funds from your bank account or credit, which you pay off at the end of each month. Apply for a credit card in your home country before you travel since it may be difficult for you to get one after you leave.

Tampa Living Costs
- Cell phone plan: $60-$80 per month. Local representatives will be on campus during orientation to help you set up a plan and answer any questions.
- USF’s Bull Runner bus is free to ride for students. Additionally, USF students can ride the HART city bus, MetroRapid and Flex routes for free with USF ID card.
- Don’t forget to tip! To reward good customer service, Americans tip between 15-20% in addition to the total bill price. This is optional, but common for restaurant wait staff, taxi drivers, salons, etc.

Don’t forget to bring some cash with you during your travels before you’re able to open a bank account in the US.

Getting Around Tampa
Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) is the transportation company serving Tampa. Check out the schedules at www.gohart.org/Pages/maps-schedules.aspx. You can receive real-time HART arrival and departure information via OneBusAway Tampa. Simply locate your three or four Stop ID number (ex. 4804) and search HART 4804 to 41411. Within moments, you will receive estimated arrival times for your stop.

Transportation

Cars and Taxis
Planning to drive in Florida? You must get a Florida driver’s license if you are here more than 30 days. All car owners and drivers must have their car registered with Florida Department of Motor Vehicles and have Automobile insurance. For more information, visit www.dmvflorida.org/drivers-license-nc.shtml

Bicycles
Many students like to ride bikes on campus. Remember to wear a helmet, lock your bike up on the bike racks provided around campus and at stores, and ride safely. Bikes can be rented from USF’s Outdoor Resource Center for an affordable rate on a day, week, weekend, and semester-long basis. Bike rentals must be made in person during outdoor resource center hours. The outdoor resource center is located in the main campus recreation center on the lower floor in REC 013. For more information, call +1 813 974 5557.
Contact Information

Center Information

INTO USF Website
www.INTOstudy.com/usf

INTO USF Phone
+1 813 905 4886 (INTO)
The INTO USF Front Desk is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5pm to assist you with all of your questions.

INTO USF Arrival Phone
+1 813 947 1415
Please use this phone number to contact INTO USF during your travel to and arrival in Florida and Tampa. Please be sure to notify us immediately of flight delays, lost luggage or any other situation or emergency related to your arrival. Someone is always available to help you.

INTO USF Important Emails
INTOadmissions@usf.edu
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INTOorientation@usf.edu
INTO-studentengagement@usf.edu

Emergencies & Urgent Concerns

For Care and Conduct Concerns
+1 813 974 8876
For urgent concerns, please reach out to Brian Goercke, our Student Services Manager for Care and Conduct. Recommended hours for contact are 7:30 am – 8:30 pm EST.

Campus Police Non-Emergency Phone
+1 813 974 2628

Emergency Police, Fire and Ambulance Services
911
USF Student Health Services
+1 813 974 2331
www.shs.usf.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

Housing, Arrivals, and Dining

How do I find my housing assignment?
To see your housing assignment, visit the USF Housing & Residential Education website: www.usf.edu/housing

• Click “housing portal”
• Log in using your NET ID and password (Please refer to your pre-arrival orientation email from INTO Orientation to set-up your NET ID, if you have not done so already)
• Click “select” next to “profile information”
• Click “select” next to “future housing assignment information”

How do I submit my arrival details?
Please submit your arrival details using the following link at least 72 hours prior to your arrival to Tampa International Airport: www.INTOArrivals.com/usf

When does my meal plan begin?
Your meal plan will begin on your designated check-in date.

Immunization

What vaccinations do I need to attend USF?
Students are required to have two MMR vaccines, and a tuberculosis screening. It is also recommended that students have three hepatitis B vaccinations and one meningitis vaccination prior to their arrival.

Orientation

Do I have to attend all 4-5 days of orientation?
Yes, orientation is required. Attendance will be recorded during various sessions to ensure students are approved to receive a schedule.
Note: This map and all parking designations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please see usf.edu/parking.
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