Orientation at USF
First Year Student Agreement

By registering for Orientation on USF’s Tampa Campus, you indicate that you have read and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Orientation is mandatory for all new students, as required by the University of South Florida System. In order to register for classes and subsequently attend classes at the University of South Florida students are required to be participate and be present for the entire duration of their Orientation session – defined as the time between check-in and check-out. Parents, family members, or friends may not attend in place of a student.

2. All physical activities offered as part of the Orientation program are on a voluntary participation basis and carry various degrees of risk and injury. Participants assume sole responsibility for any and all such risk or injury that may result due to voluntary participation. It is each individual’s responsibility to be knowledgeable of his/her own physical condition when participating in any activity. Students seeking accommodation requests should call the Office of Orientation before attending their Orientation session.

3. The University of South Florida assumes no responsibility and shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to your personal property while you are attending Orientation, including items kept in the residence hall.

4. Students must abide and comply with all Orientation policies, by the USF Student Code of Conduct, residence hall policies, state and federal laws as applicable, and conduct themselves in a professional manner. Violations may result in the student being removed from the session and/or referral to USF Student Rights and Responsibilities office for disciplinary action. At the discretion of the Office of Orientation (or designee), the student may be eligible to attend another Orientation session in order to meet the requirement and be eligible to register for classes.

5. Student fees are generally non-refundable; however, refunds are considered in limited circumstances. Refund information is available at this link. Refunds require approval from the Director of Orientation.

6. The family program is an optional, added experience for family members only available through the First-Year Traditional program. The fee for family members to attend is separate and additional from the student fee. This fee is also non-refundable; however, refunds are considered in limited circumstances. Overnight accommodations are not provided for family members. Family members must be registered with a completed payment in order to participate in Orientation programming or have access to any rooms/locations/facilities being used for Orientation, including meals served as part of the Orientation session.

7. Reservations are confirmed only once payment in full is received. A confirmation email will be sent at this time. Travel arrangements should not be made until the reservation is confirmed.

8. A $25 fee is placed on the reservation of students who change their date within 3 business days of their scheduled session or miss their scheduled session and reschedule to a later date as certain costs are incurred by Orientation regardless of the student’s attendance.

9. Orientation provides courtesy golf cart transportation during the Orientation session to individuals requiring special accommodations. This service is offered as a courtesy and not required. Golf cart transportation is governed by the policies available at this link.
10. USF’s Tampa campus is a tobacco and smoke-free campus. Smoking and use of tobacco products are not allowed in any indoor or outdoor area, including parking garages, grounds, sidewalks or recreational areas. This includes the use of e-cigarettes. More information on this policy is available at this link.

11. I do hereby grant to Photographer, USF Office of Orientation, and to his/her employees or assigns, permission to photograph and/or capture video of me during Orientation and use such images in any manner consistent with the promotion of the University of South Florida and its affiliated agencies. Such use may include, but is not limited to: publication, display, advertising, editorial illustration, web use, broadcast, etc. I hereby swear that I am of sound mind and body, and agree to all terms stated above.

12. Orientation reserves the right to update this agreement at any time. Updates will be posted on the policy page linked here.

Policies Regarding Overnight Stay in USF Residence Hall

1. The following items are prohibited in the residence hall:
   a. Weapons
   b. Illegal Drugs
   c. Alcohol
   d. Open Flames

2. Visitors (family and friends) are only permitted inside the residence hall on Day 2 of Orientation after the Orientation programming has concluded.

3. Vandalizing University property and other residents’ personal property is prohibited. When you have a guest in the building, you are responsible for that guest’s conduct. Should your guest participate in vandalism or other prohibited acts, you will also be held accountable.
   a. Should you experience vandalism of any kind, please contact the resident assistant on duty immediately.

4. You are responsible for damages that occur to your room – whether accidental or malicious.

5. In order to be respectful of others, you are asked to keep noise and distractions to a minimum at all times.

6. Keys and Card Access
   a. You will be issued a key to your room when you check-in and are responsible for this key until you check out. If this key is not returned, Housing & Residential Education will charge your student account $30 to replace the key and the door’s lock.
   b. If the key is returned with any damages (bent or broken), Housing & Residential Education will charge your student account $15 to replace the key.
   c. You may also be issued a swipe card for access to the residence hall when you check-in and are responsible for this key until you check-out. If this card is not returned, Housing & Residential Education will charge your student account $15 to replace the swipe card.