Office of International Services (OIS) Welcomes You to: How to Maintain Your F Status
Welcome to USF

DID YOU KNOW: that the ‘Go Bulls’ hand symbol 1st started as a good luck symbol for basketball free-throw shots, the “Go Bulls!” hand symbol is now used as the premier symbol of USF cheering and greetings.
Map and Directions to the Patel Center (CGS)

Directions:
Take I-75 or I-275 to the Fowler Avenue exit. From I-75 go west, from I-275 go east to the USF Tampa campus. Turn into the University (Leroy Collins Boulevard) from Fowler Avenue, turn right onto USF Alumni Drive. The Center is located on your right along USF Alumni Drive. Visitors may need to stop at the Campus Information Center (CIC) for a visitor parking pass. Students may park in lot 23T or lot 22 with a valid parking permit.
Glo-Bull Start

• Deadline to complete Glo-Bull Start process is:
  - August 20th, 2015

• Scanning assistance is available at our office during regular office hours.
Document Check

During Document Check...

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Passport

Primary identification

All immigration documents should match passport

Should be valid at least 6 months into the future

Do not let your passport expire
Visa

- Grants entry into the US
- May expire while in the US
- Must be valid to re-enter the US
Date you entered the US: JUN 12 2013

Port of Entry: FI

Visa Status: OHS

Date you need to depart the US: Duration of Status (D/S)
Port of Entry Stamp

Check for ACCURACY or you’ll be all like...

I DUNNO MAN
I'M SO CONFUSED
WHUT?!

....when you come back to the U.S.
The Form I-20 contains your:

- SEVIS ID Number
- Program of Study Beginning and End Dates
- Travel Signature
- Employment Information
- Requests for Benefits
Other Status

• If you are not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident you are an International Student
• Come see us if you have questions about your status
• If you are a dependent of a parent you may need to change your status when you turn 21
  • We do not charge legal fees to help you with this
• Let us know if you become a US Citizen or Permanent Resident or if you change your status
Form I-94
Entry/Departure Record
Can be obtained by going to: www.cbp.gov/i94
Review for accuracy
Two possible versions

Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 89000988062
Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 10/10/2012
Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name: LI
First (Given) Name: LYDIA
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 01/01/1990
Passport Number: P123123213
Passport Country of Issuance: Mexico
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY): 04/11/2012
Class of Admission: B1
Keeping up with Your Documents

- Keep your non-immigration documents in a safe place
- Carry copies with you
- Review your document frequently
- Make sure your information is the same on all documentation
Full-Time Enrollment for F-1 & J-1

Fall & Spring
• Required
• 12 hours

Online Courses ➔ Only 3 credit hours can count toward Full-Time status

9 On-Campus
+ 3 Online
12 Total

6 On-Campus
+ 6 Online
12 Total
Summer Enrollment

Summer = annual vacation...
Summer Enrollment

Summer CONTINUED......

UNLESS

• FIRST TERM: must enroll full time
• GRADUATION TERM: must enroll in at least one class (not online)
What if I Cannot be Full-Time?

May submit **Reduced Course Load Form**

- Not all requests can be approved
- Requests based on academic reasons need to be signed by your Academic Student Advisor
- Approvals are only given for one semester
- **Must be approved BEFORE going below Full-Time**
- A Reduced Course Load could negatively affect a scholarship, government sponsorship, and/or employment
Caution!

- **Dropped**
  - First day non-attendance
  - You dropped the course in OASIS

- **Cancelled**
  - Unpaid bill
  - Student Health Services (Insurance/Immunization)
  - Course cancellation

- **Withdrawal**
  - You withdraw from all courses (current or past)
  - Academic Probation or Dismissal
On-Campus Employment

- Student Employment
- Temporary (OPS)

Note: International Students do not qualify for Federal Work Studies (FWS)

- Aramark
- Barnes and Noble (USF Bookstore)
- On Campus Food Vendors such as:
  - Pollo Tropical
  - Subway
  - Marshall Center Food Court

- 20 hours or less in the Fall and Spring Terms
- May work up to 40 hours during breaks and annual vacation (Summer), HR may require an Eligibility Form
- Must cease employment when you graduate

If in doubt, ask OIS before accepting employment! Places such as Moffit, the USF Research Park, and Tutor-a-Bull are NOT on-campus employment.
### Off-Campus Employment for F-1

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<th>Curricular Practical Training (CPT)</th>
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| • Must be an integral part of your program of study  
  • Required by all students to graduate  
  • Internship/Practicum  
  • Part of Thesis/Dissertation  
  • Co-op | • Must be related to your current field of study  
  • Generally used after a program of study | • Only available in special circumstance and requires proof of why you need to work |

**TO QUALIFY:** You must complete one academic year of full-time coursework in a degree seeking program at USF.
How to Obtain A Social Security Number (SSN)

Timing is Important!!

Receive job offer
Request SSN letter from OIS
Must bring offer letter
All New Students:
Wait >48 hours after you receive your SSN letter from OIS
Go to SSN Office
Take letters and immigration documents

Timing is Important!!
Illegal Employment

Just Say No.

• Who’s to KNOW??
  • Internship on your résumé, not on the I-20.
  • You tell your friends about it on Facebook!!!
  • You are wearing your uniform to visit OIS.
  • Your app is for sale on App Store.
  • You bring your handicrafts to sell to your advisor.
Traveling

1. Review OIS Travel Webpage
2. Review your travel documents
   - Check Expiration Dates
   - Make sure you have appropriate Travel Signature
   - Make Necessary Appointments
3. Carry your documents at all times

IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW OUR TRAVEL TIPS
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A BAD TIME

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When Things Go Wrong With Travel

Delayed at the Port of Entry

Granted temporary entry with a Form I-515A

Denied entry into the US
Don’t let THIS be YOU at the airport!
Moving

• Must have a physical US address at all times

• Update your address in OASIS within 10 days of your move

**OASIS instructions available on OIS website**

http://housing.usf.edu/resources/mail/mail.html
Ask an International Student Advisor
Grace Period

F-1 Student • 60 Day Grace Period

During your Grace Period you may...

• Change of level
• Transfer to another institution
• Apply for work authorization
• Apply for a change of status
• Travel in the US and make plans to depart the US
Staying in Touch

Advisor-on-Duty

Tuesday 9:00-11:00
Thursday 2:00-4:00
Friday 2:00-4:00

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How do I Make An Appointment?

www.global.usf.edu/is
Services

- Advise on Immigration Compliance
- Updates to I-20/DS-2019
- Travel Signatures
- Assist Students with Cultural Adjustment
- Campus Partnerships

Letter Requests

- Enrollment
- Expense
- Invitation
- Social Security
- CADIVI
E-Mail Events Update

Event updates sent every Monday

Life @ USF Speaker Series –
Where: Marshall Student Center – RM 3713
When: October 23rd from 5:30pm-6:30pm
Event Description:
a) USF CAMPUS RECREATION: Don’t have a car but want to explore Tampa, Clearwater, St. Petersburg and beyond? Come and find out how to join our friends in USF Campus Recreation as we highlight activities such as moonlight canoeing, Fall foliage backpacking, and a safari trip through the Florida Everglades to name a few that you can join!
b) USF WRITING CENTER: If anyone having confusion formating a paper in MLA, Chicago, APA, etc, have any questions about writing styles, need assistance with grammar/punctuation, we have the perfect speaker for you. The USF Writing Center will highlight their services and how you can use this great resource to improve YOUR writing!

Students of India Association, Delta Phi Omega, and Kudhi Hona Presents: The 2014 Diwali Showcase –
Where: Marshall Student Center Ballroom
When: October 24th from 7:30pm-11pm
Event Description: Join us in celebration of Diwali as we bring you the 2014 Diwali Showcase in association with Delta Epsilon Pi, Sigma Beta Rho, Aahana, and the Bangal Students Association. Diwali in India is the festival of lights, and we let you know it by illuminating practically everything. Join in a unique celebration of culture and tradition as we provide an amazing night of performances and entertainment, followed by a full course Indian dinner, ending with the highlight of the celebration: the lights.

Trick-Or-Treating with the Greeks –
Where: University of South Florida Greek Village
When: October 29th from 6pm-7:30pm
Event Description: Are you looking for a safe and fun Halloween activity for your family? Want to simply learn what Halloween is all about in American culture? The houses in USF’s Greek Village will open their doors on October 29th from 6pm-7:30pm for the 3rd Annual Trick or Treat with the Greeks Halloween Event. Parents are encouraged to bring their children of all ages. Along with door to door trick or treating, the Greek community will provide additional activities for your children to enjoy. The event is free and open to the public. USF Faculty, Staff and Students with children are encouraged to attend! Please feel free to pass along the attached flyer.

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