Frequently Asked Questions

DOES PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMER SESSION ENSURE ADMISSION IN THE FALL?
Successful completion of the summer program ensures continued enrollment eligibility for the fall semester. Students must complete program requirements, and end the summer term in good academic standing (GPA equal to or greater than 2.0) and in order to continue fall semester.

WHO WILL PROVIDE MY ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL COUNSELING?
You will be assigned a counselor with the SSS Program upon acceptance. Our goal is to ensure you succeed and ultimately graduate.

WHAT CLASSES WILL I TAKE, AND WILL I EARN COLLEGE CREDIT?
Your class schedule is based on standardized test scores, high school transcript, and intended major. You will earn 9 credit hours during the summer term.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR MY SUMMER CLASSES AND KNOW WHAT MY SCHEDULE WILL BE?
The Student Support Services staff will register you for the summer semester and guarantee class placement. During your orientation you will discuss your Fall courses and learn the registration process.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?
You may complete your 2019-2020 (summer) and 2020-2021 (fall and spring) FAFSA online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/. The 2019-2020 FAFSA uses your parent’s 2017 tax information. When you file your 2019-2020 FAFSA, take advantage of the IRS Data Retrieval feature that lets you import you and your parent’s 2017 tax return information directly from the IRS. For instructions on the IRS Data Retrieval Process click here.

For more financial aid information, go to the USF Financial Aid website: http://www.usf.edu/finaid, or call (813) 974-4700.

HOW AND WHEN DO I PAY MY BILL FOR SUMMER SESSION B?
Students eligible for financial aid will have their fees paid for from their financial aid award when it disburses through the student account.

For students who have an EFC (family contribution) tuition is due on the fifth day of the term. To confirm the total amount due, you can view your fees on OASIS via the USF website. For more information regarding tuition and fees please visit: http://www.usf.edu/business-finance/controller/student-services/tuition-rates.aspx.

WHERE CAN I BUY MY BOOKS FOR THE SUMMER?
The USF Bookstore is located beside the Marshall Student Center on the USF Tampa Campus. Bookstore website: USF Tampa Bookstore

CAN I PURCHASE BOOKS USING MY FINANCIAL AID AWARDS?
If you are eligible to receive financial aid, you will qualify for a bookstore authorization to defer payment on the books and supplies (up to $360) purchased at the USF Bookstore, Summer Session B. This program is known as the Bookstore Advanced Purchase Program (BAPP). The amount that you charge for books and supplies will be posted to your student account and deducted from the financial aid proceeds.
HOW DO I PURCHASE MY MEAL PLAN USING MY FINANCIAL AID AWARD?
When you select your annual SSS housing contract beginning on October 1st (Juniper-Poplar Hall for summer and Beta Hall for fall/spring), you will select your dining options.

**Summer 2020 Meal Plan**
All summer students who meet low-income requirements will have unlimited entry to the dining hall and $200 Dining Dollars to use for eating anywhere on campus. You will select the “Open Access” Meal Plan and that amount will be deducted from your financial aid proceeds.

**Fall 2020 Meal Plan**
We recommend that you select the “Any 15” Meal Plan which will allow you to eat three meals a day; however, it is your choice. Failure to select a meal plan as soon as possible will delay your housing assignment for the fall semester.

AM I REQUIRED TO LIVE IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS?
YES. All SSS students must live in the residence halls for one year during the summer, fall and spring semesters. SSS students will live in Juniper/Poplar for the summer semester. There is a great demand for on-campus housing – complete the summer and fall housing contracts as soon as possible. Student Support Services is a Living Learning Community (SSS LLC). All SSS students will live in Beta Hall (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021) to facilitate SSS programming and increase student persistence and student success. The SSS LLC location also ensures cost remains at a minimal level because financial aid does not increase based on housing selection.

HOW IS MY HOUSING PAID?
Students eligible for financial aid will have their housing charges paid from their financial aid award when it distributes through the student account.

HOW AM I ASSIGNED A ROOMMATE AND WHEN CAN I MOVE INTO MY DORM ROOM?
Roommates are randomly assigned. After check-in, SSS participants will move into the residence halls on Sunday, June 21, 2020 for summer semester.

CAN I HAVE A CAR ON CAMPUS?
It is recommended that students do not bring their car on campus during the summer semester. However, if you opt to do so, you must purchase a parking permit from Parking Services in order to park your car on the campus premises. Students living in the residence halls may not use their cars to get to classes. Parking lots are restricted according to permit type. **You will be responsible for all parking citations.** See the USF Parking Services website for more information concerning parking and transportation and purchasing your permit at: [http://www.usf.edu/parking_services/default.asp](http://www.usf.edu/parking_services/default.asp).

HOW DO I OBTAIN A USF CARD?
You will be given an opportunity to purchase your USF Card during Orientation. The card costs $10 and requires a photo ID. Your USF Card provides you access to your residence hall and your meal plan, as well as several other services on campus.

If you would like to obtain a USF card before orientation, you can stop by the USF Card Center Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., or on the first Saturday of each month between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with your $10 payment and photo ID.

The USF Card Center is located in the Student Services Building, Room 1032 and can be reached at (813) 974-2357 or online at: [http://www.usf.edu/it/class-prep/usf-card.aspx](http://www.usf.edu/it/class-prep/usf-card.aspx)
WHAT ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS?
As a prerequisite to enrollment or registration, the State University System of Florida requires all students born after 1956 to present documented proof of immunity to MEASLES, MUMPS and RUBELLA. Student Health Services will evaluate and maintain the medical requirements for registration for all University of South Florida students. **NOTE: ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION PRIOR TO MOVING INTO THE RESIDENCE HALLS.** You must provide either proof of immunization against Meningitis and Hepatitis B, or a signed waiver declining these two vaccines.

New students received a Medical History/Immunization Form with their first SSS acceptance letter. If necessary, upon request, Student Health Services will mail or fax a Medical History/Immunization Form to you, or you may download and print the form from the Student Health Services website: [https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-health-services/immunizations/medical-history-immunization-form-july2019.pdf](https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-health-services/immunizations/medical-history-immunization-form-july2019.pdf)

WHAT ABOUT TRANSCRIPTS?
**Dual Enrollment:** Do you have dual enrollment credit? If so, it is important that you call and request to have transcripts sent to USF by the Registrar’s office of the college you attended. This will ensure completion of your admissions and your financial aid funds can be released. **Please check your USF OASIS account in order to confirm that USF has received your dual enrollment transcript.**

**High School:** Request to have your final high school transcript sent to USF electronically to avoid your classes being dropped.

WHAT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?
Students or parents with further questions may contact the Student Support Services department at (813) 974-4301 or email UGS-AskSSS@usf.edu