

USF ACHIEVEMENTS

College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences serves almost half of USF's undergraduate majors and provides general education for USF undergraduate students. Strong traditional undergraduate programs are augmented by such innovative approaches to teaching and learning such as interdisciplinary Learning Communities. The College houses nationally ranked doctoral programs in Organizational/Industrial Psychology, Applied Anthropology, and Communication as well as applied graduate programs in areas such as Aging Studies, Anthropology, Environmental Science, Social Work, Audiology and Physics. The college has a strong focus on interdisciplinary and global studies, the physical sciences, coastal biology, disease prevention and treatment, and urban social issues.

College of Business Administration

Awarding more than 1,300 undergraduate and 650 graduate degrees a year, the College of Business Administration has a particular focus on workforce enhancement and economic development. Through the work of the Small Business Development Center, recipient of the Excellence Award from the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, approximately 65 business start-ups are initiated each year and over 1,400 jobs are created or retained. The College offers outstanding programs in all business fields. Students earning advanced degrees in the School of Accountancy have posted the highest national pass rate on the CPA exam for the past decade. The management information program is ranked among the top five in the nation.

College of Education

Graduates of the College of Education, the largest in Florida, are among the best in the nation, scoring in the top quartile on the National Report Card. The College houses the nationally acclaimed Gus A. Stavros Center for Free Enterprise and Economic Education. The School Psychology program is recognized as one of the top five programs in the nation. The College has partnered with the Hillsborough County School District to operate the first public University Charter School in the nation. Recognized as a leader in distance education, the College has achieved international recognition for web-based instructional programs and materials such as the award-winning "Teacher's Guide to the Holocaust."

College of Engineering

Awarding more than 500 undergraduate and graduate degrees a year, the College of Engineering is a major contributor to the regional work force. The College is a leader in providing graduate education in engineering through distance learning technology. The College focuses on interdisciplinary research in urban transportation, nanomaterials and nanomanufacturing, clean energy, biomolecular delivery, rehabilitation engineering, hydrologic and aquatic systems, communications and signal processing, computer-integrated manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, and wireless and microwave technology. The College's Center for Urban Transportation Research houses a national research center of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The College also houses the National Institute for Systems Test and Productivity and national centers in Water Treatment Technology, and Robotic Assisted Urban Search and Rescue. Unique community outreach programs include the College's Research Experience for K-12 Teachers (RET) program, Engineering EXPO, and rehabilitation engineering and technology design projects.

College of Marine Science

The College of Marine Science focuses on the oceanography of coastal waters, fresh and marine water quality and quantity, coastal erosion, red tide, storm surge, and other Florida phenomena. The college collaborates with NASA in collecting and processing oceanographic data, conducts NSF-funded research on the Antarctic and other areas; advances computer modeling of oceanic ecosystems and changes within the ecosystems; develops technology for monitoring the quality of drinking water; contributes to economic development by advancing interdisciplinary research on micro-electro-mechanical systems; nanotechnology; and nationally recognized programs to encourage young women to study science and oceanography.

College of Medicine

The College of Medicine has excelled in its mandate to provide physicians for the people of Florida with more than 2,200 graduates who score above national norms on board examinations. The college, which is internationally recognized for research in neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics, immunology and infectious disease, ranks 34th in the nation in medical research expenditures and 79th in National Institutes of Health funding. The college anchors the advanced medical care delivery system for the Tampa Bay Region, integrating medical faculty and students into a number of community hospitals and clinics.

College of Nursing

The College of Nursing is a critical component of the Health Sciences Center and a major supplier of practitioners, clinical specialists, nursing educators, and researchers for the healthcare workforce in Florida and the Southern Region. Programs are designed to fulfill ongoing and critical needs of the region. Graduates are prepared to meet the unique challenges inherent in the demographics of Florida, including health promotion and prevention, acute and long-term care, and mental health. Master's programs prepare nurse practitioners and clinical specialists in adult and

child and family health, midwifery, oncology, occupational health, psychiatric nursing, gero-psychiatric nursing, leadership, and informatics. The doctoral program, a research focused degree, prepares nurse scientists and academic leaders.

College of Public Health

The College of Public Health, the only such college in Florida, is engaged in prevention initiatives including biodefense research, smoking prevention in youth, agricultural safety research, health of pregnant women and babies, domestic violence, and disaster management assistance. The College is a leader in public health instructional technology, and developed the first MPH degree in the world to be offered through distance learning.

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Through the College of Visual and Performing Arts, USF has emerged as a premier institution in contemporary art. The USF Master of Fine Arts is ranked among the top seventy programs nationwide. Internationally acclaimed artists work with Theater students in the British International Theater program. The School of Music offers collaborative programs with the Master Chorale, Florida Orchestra, and other major cultural institutions in the Tampa Bay area. The internationally recognized Graphicstudio has the only university collection permanently archived by the National Gallery of Art. The Contemporary Art Museum's exhibitions include premieres of major installations by internationally noted artists.

School of Architecture

Focused on urban architecture and design, the School of Architecture engages in projects to assist with community development issues such as the impact of trees on urban ecology and the Hillsborough County lake atlas project. In recent state competitions sponsored by the state registration board and the American Institute of Architects, USF students ranked among the best in the state winning 10 out of 15 prizes including 4 of 5 first place awards.

Honors College

The Honors College is recognized as one of the top honors programs in the state with more than 200 graduates annually. Honors students are accepted into the most prestigious professional and graduate programs in the country. More than 150 Honors students are engaged in thesis research each year; 30 presented research at national conferences in 2001-02. Honors students are involved in a wide range of collaborations, including research with the Museum of Science and Industry and sponsorship of a musical ensemble.

De La Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI)

FMHI is the largest research and training institute in the United States that focuses exclusively on improving services for persons with mental, addictive or developmental disorders. It is a nationally recognized leader in children's mental health, housing three national research and training centers for children with severe behavioral problems. The Institute is an international resource for research on the interface of legal and mental health systems and is committed to becoming a national leader in the area of mental health and aging. In 1999, FMHI was chosen to lead the legislatively created Florida Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse whose recommendations led to significant revisions of Florida's mental health statutes and whose findings were used to brief President Bush's National Mental Health Commission in 2002.

Academic Support Units

The USF Library System, with more than 1.8 million volumes and an extensive electronic information resource collection, is recognized as a national leader in virtual library development and houses special collections in areas such as Florida History and Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

International Affairs promotes worldwide interdisciplinary research and engagement, with a primary focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. USF serves more than 2,800 international students and nearly 200 post-doctoral researchers a year. Nearly 500 students a year participate in study-abroad and overseas internship opportunities.

Undergraduate Studies is focused on providing excellent academic experiences for undergraduates through such opportunities as the undergraduate leadership program, ROTC, applied science programs, and interdisciplinary studies.

Graduate Studies is focused on providing nationally competitive fellowships and graduate stipends for top-quality doctoral programs and offering interdisciplinary graduate programs such as Cancer Biology and Applied Behavior Analysis.

Educational Outreach provides a strong foundation for USF's commitment to lifelong learning, overseeing the largest distance learning program in Florida. Educational Outreach initiated the Community College/University Business and Industry Training consortium to advance regional economic and work-force development, and supports on-site graduate and undergraduate degree offerings at several community colleges, the USF Downtown Center, and other off-campus locations.

The Center for Community Partnerships creates opportunities for interdisciplinary, collaborative projects among faculty and community partners. The Center provides support in garnering extramural funding for community-based teaching and research that addresses quality of life issues and facilitates the translation of knowledge into practice.

Administrative Support

The Office of Research administers more than \$200 million in external funds, is upgrading USF's system for ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations governing research, and coordinates the University's economic development activities. This office is developing an aggressive patents-and-licensing effort to support the research discoveries of USF faculty, staff, and students.

The Division of Student Affairs is leading one of the most extraordinary campus transformations in the nation. Through revitalization and expansion of the USF housing system, USF has developed a substantial residential population for both undergraduate and graduate students. With a newly focused student recruitment and admissions operation, development of campus amenities and new opportunities for student leadership and extracurricular engagement, USF is rapidly becoming the first choice of colleges for students in Florida.

The Division of University Services supports the academic and student programs through the development and maintenance of the physical environment and administration of the financial, human resources and information technology systems. The division is the first state university in Florida to implement a state-of-the-art financial management system and has as one of its goals the establishment of fiscal self-sufficiency for the university. The American Institute of Architects and the Society for College and University Planning presented the 2002 Excellence in Planning Award to USF for the 1995-2000 Campus Master Plan in recognition of the transformation of the campus physical environment to support a research university.

The Division of University Advancement works with the USF Foundation to generate private support for USF's teaching and research missions and links the University to key external constituencies through alumni affairs, media relations, and marketing. This division operates the University's public television and radio broadcasting operations, including WUSF-FM, one of the nation's most highly rated public radio stations.