Mission

The University of South Florida’s mission is to deliver competitive undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, to generate knowledge, foster intellectual development, and ensure student success in a global environment.

Vision

The University of South Florida is a global research university dedicated to student success and positioned for membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU).

As Florida’s leading metropolitan research university, USF is dedicated to:

• Student access, learning, and success through a vibrant, interdisciplinary, and learner-centered research environment incorporating a global curriculum.

• Research and scientific discovery to strengthen the economy, promote civic culture and the arts, and design and build sustainable communities through the generation, dissemination, and translation of new knowledge across all academic and health-related disciplines.

• Partnerships to build significant locally- and globally-integrated university-community collaborations through sound scholarly and artistic activities and technological innovation.

• A sustainable economic base to support USF’s continued academic advancement.

Values

The University of South Florida values:

• High-quality education and excellence in teaching and learning
• High-impact scholarship, research, and creative activities
• Diversity of students, faculty, and staff
• Affordable and accessible education
• Global research, community engagement, and public service
• Social, economic, and environmental sustainability
• Focus and discipline in aligning the budget with institutional priorities
• A campus life with broad academic, cultural, and athletic opportunities
• Success and achievement of its students, faculty, staff, and alumni
• Shared governance within all components of the institution
• Collegiality, academic freedom, and professional responsibility
• Entrepreneurial spirit, partnerships, and innovation
• Efficiency and transparent accountability
• First-class physical infrastructure and a safe campus environment