



ANNUAL STUDENT NOTIFICATION

October 4, 2023

RE: Important Institutional and Financial Aid Information

Dear Student:

We hope your Fall semester has been going well. We want you to be successful in your educational endeavors at USF; therefore, we offer you the following information.

In compliance with the disclosure requirements under the Higher Education Act (HEA) and Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA; Public Law 110-315) and State Law, we are notifying you of important Institutional and Financial Aid Information available on our institution's web site.

- Availability of Institutional or Financial Aid. Students interested in obtaining financial support should contact the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) for assistance in obtaining institutional and financial aid information. Contact information is available on the OFA web site at: <https://www.usf.edu/financial-aid/questions/>
- Student Planner and Handbook. The *USF Student Planner and Handbook*, which includes the Student Code of Conduct, is available online at: <http://globaldatebooksonline.com/flipbooks/usf/#p=1>
- For up-to-date USF Policies, USF Regulations, and the Student Code of Conduct, please refer to the websites of: The Office of the General Counsel (<http://generalcounsel.usf.edu>) and The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development (<https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct-ethical-development/index.aspx>).
- Anti Hazing policy. USF prohibits any form of hazing of its students. The Prohibition of Hazing policy (<https://usf.app.box.com/v/usfregulation60023>) provides information on what is considered hazing, how to report hazing, and how the university will respond. Students can access resources and trainings on hazing prevention from the Dean of Student's website: <https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/dean-of-students/hazing/>.
- Vaccinations Policy. Students are required to have certain immunizations for infectious diseases (e.g. Measles, Rubella, Meningitis, Hepatitis B) in order to register and to be eligible for on-campus housing. More information about these medical requirements is available in the USF System Policy 33-002: Immunization Policy, available on the Office of the General Counsel web site at: <https://usf.app.box.com/v/usfpolicy33-002>.
- Privacy of Student Records. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of student educational records and affords students certain rights to inspect, review, request amendment, consent to disclosure, and file complaints regarding their educational records. More information about FERPA protections is available on the Office

of the Registrar web site at: <https://www.usf.edu/registrar/services/privacy.aspx> . Students also have the right under FERPA to refuse to permit USF to publish or disclose certain Directory Information items pertaining to them. Students can use Archivum to view and control the level of disclosure for their Student Directory Information as described at: <https://www.usf.edu/registrar/resources/privacy.aspx>

- Intercollegiate Athletic Program Information. Students may access intercollegiate athletic program participation rates, financial support data, and other information required by HEA/HEOA and the Equity in Athletics and Disclosure Act (EADA) by consulting the annual EADA Report available on the USF Bulls Athletics website at: <https://gousfbulls.com/sports/2018/10/4/eada-reports.aspx>
- Title IX. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX applies to USF programs and activities, as related to both education and employment. USF is committed to providing an environment free from sex discrimination, including sexual harassment ,sexual violence, and relationship violence. For policies and procedures see USF System Policy 0-004 Sexual Misconduct/Sex Harassment available on the USF Title IX web site: <https://www.usf.edu/title-ix/>

Title IX complaints are filed with Title IX-VAWA Compliance in the Office of Compliance & Ethics. Instructions can be found at website: <https://www.usf.edu/title-ix/fileareport.aspx>. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX may be referred to USF's Title IX Coordinator, Maggie Denney who can be reached at (813) 974-8616 or denney1@usf.edu.

- Smoking and Tobacco usage policy. USF is committed to providing a smoke-free, tobacco-free and vapor-free environment. Smoking and use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, are not allowed in any indoor or outdoor areas. Policy information, incident reporting and smoking cessation resources can be found at website: <http://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/environmental-health-safety/tobacco-free/>

Paper copies of the above information are available upon request. Please direct all such requests and any questions regarding this notification to the Office of the Dean of Students by calling (813)-974-6677 or by e-mailing us at deanofstudents@usf.edu .

The above information is in partial fulfillment of our HEOA notification obligations. Consult our Student Consumer Information page for more information every student should know under HEOA: <http://www.usf.edu/about-usf/student-consumer-information.aspx> .

Respectfully,

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