



March 2024 NEWS

Spring Break – What’s Open On Campus March 11-17

We hope that you have big plans for Spring Break. This traditional change in holiday gives students an opportunity to

- x Tampa Campus Library <https://lib.usf.edu/about/librarieshours/>

Open: Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm

- x Marshal Student Center <https://www.usf.edu/studentaffairs/msc/visitthe-msc/buildinghours.aspx> Open: Mon-Fri 7am to 6pm; Closed Sunday March 10

- x Campus Dining <https://usf.campusdish.com/> NOTE: several locations closed. Locations open include The Club, The Corner Market, Argos BullsXpress, The Well, Central Market, 813 Quick Eats, Panera, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, and Einstein Bros. Bagels

Most student service offices are open for normal business hours. This includes the Office of International Services. Our daily virtual drop in and walk in hours remain the same during the break.

Travel Plans

If you are planning to travel outside the United States for Spring Break or during the summer, check to your valid travel signature. Signatures are valid for one year from the date of the signature. If you need a new one, please complete the Travel Signature eform in iStart.

USCIS Premium Processing Fee Hike in Effect February 26, 2024

Premium processing is an optional service offered by USCIS to expedite the processing time of certain petitions. The premium processing fee for OPT and STEM OPT petitions increased from \$1500 to \$1685 and the premium processing fee for change of status in the US to F-2, J-1, or J-2 increased from \$1750 to \$1965.

USCIS Petition Filing Fee Change: Despite the advantage of the current filing fees, for students changing their status, the fee will increase by \$5 from \$370 to \$420. The paper filing fee

OPT and CPT Workshops

- x Want to learn how to add an internship or job experience to your class learning? Join our team of advisors for an in-

Asian International Students Participants Wanted

We received a request from a doctoral student at the University of Northern Colorado for students of Asian background to participate in their IRB approved study on international student adjustment and acculturative stress. Participation in this study will involve completing several questionnaires that will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The link to access the survey is https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVxYUsBBAWqsEM5?Q_JFE=qdg. Students' responses will be confidential, and their participation will help in a small way to advance this field of study. Questions about the survey should be directed to duoian@unco.edu

USF Academic Reminders

Spring 2024 Semester Important Dates

- x March 11-17 – Spring Break
- x March 25 – Registration for summer and fall
- x April 26 – Last day of classes
- x April 27-May 2 – Exam week
- x May 4 – Official end of the semester for immigration purposes

Join our BullsConnect Group - <https://bullsconnect.usf.edu/INTLSVCS/clu>



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<https://www.usf.edu/world/international-services/>

Virtual Drop-In via Teams (E-Form in iStart) Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 11am-1pm & Thurs 1pm-2pm
Walk-in Hours (BFI Map) - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 1pm-5pm
Visit Schedule to USF St Pete & Sarasota <https://www.usf.edu/world/international-services/about-us/contact-us.asp>