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Application Files**

**USF St. Petersburg Archives
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University of South Florida St. Petersburg**

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Introduction to the Collection

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC) serves as the regional accrediting body for postsecondary academic institutions in the southeastern United States. Regionally accredited institutions generally recognize course work, academic programs, and transfer credits from other similarly accredited colleges and universities. Since its inception as the first branch campus of the University of South Florida (USF) in July 1965, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg's academic programs have received full recognition under the umbrella of the colleges and academic divisions of the USF Tampa campus. Changes in legislation and a memorandum of delegation between USF and USF St. Petersburg have provided for increased autonomy in academic, curricular, and fiscal matters. After hiring a substantial number of new faculty and creating distinct colleges and programs of distinction at USF St. Petersburg, members of the campus community compiled and submitted an application to SACS-COC seeking separate accreditation of academic programs. The materials in this collection represent an archival copy of the SACS-COC application that campus administrators sent to the SACS office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Preservation Note

The documents in this collection consist of binders and booklets. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Although no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection. At the time of publication, some portions of this application also existed in electronic format.

Provenance of the SACS Application Files

The items in this SACS application fall under Record Group 302 (Accreditation Documents, Academic Affairs) of the USF St. Petersburg Archives. The Special Collections and Archives department of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library received the initial accession from the Office of Academic Affairs, USF St. Petersburg, in March 2004, with a subsequent accession in October 2007.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy 3.35 linear feet. This collection includes the application and supporting documentation, strategic plans, master plans, curricular information (undergraduate and graduate catalogs), meeting minutes, and outcomes and assessment measures. Patrons may inspect all public records in this collection without restriction under the provisions of Chapter 119, Laws of Florida.

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Chapter 9: University Policies

USF SP #6 New Student Orientation Manual and Student Handbook, 2003-2004

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USF SP #9 Safety and Security Plan
USF St. Petersburg Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan
Emergency Operations Plan
Physical Plant Procedures

USF SP #10 Facilities Master Plan
USF St. Petersburg Campus Master Plan Update 2003

USF SP #11 Parking Master Plan
USF St. Petersburg Comprehensive Parking Master Plan

USF SP #12 Financial Plan

USF SP #13 Technology Plan
Campus Computing

USF SP #14 Auditor General's Audit, FY Ended June 30, 2003

USF SP #15 Academic Programs: Statement of Objectives

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