

## *USF St. Petersburg SACS Accreditation*

### **I. CORE REQUIREMENT ONE**

#### **Statement**

**The institution has degree-granting authority from the appropriate government agency or agencies.**

Formally established as a regional campus of the University of South Florida (USF) in 1968, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg became a fiscally autonomous campus of USF effective July 1, 2001, through F.S. 240.2011 ([Attachment A](#)) and the Florida Education Governance Reorganization Implementation Act. (A summary of State Bill 1162 is provided in [Attachment B](#), (with full text available in [Attachment B-1](#)). As a result, USF St. Petersburg received authority to operate as a "separate organizational and budget entity of the University of South Florida ." ([Attachment B-1](#), page 136).

Effective July 1, 2001 , the government entity that authorizes which degrees can be awarded is the Florida Board of Education ([Attachment C](#)). A list of Academic Degree Programs authorized to be delivered by the University of South Florida is found in [Attachment D](#). Also attached is a list of degree programs offered at USF St. Petersburg ([Attachment E](#)).

#### **Minimum Documentation Required**

**A copy of the charter or letter of authorization from the appropriate agency/organization indicating that the institution may award degrees and specifying which degrees may be awarded.**

#### **Supporting Documents**

<a href="#">Attachment A:</a>	F.S. 240.2011 State University System defined.
<a href="#">Attachment B:</a>	Senate Bill 1162 Florida Education Governance Reorganization
<a href="#">Attachment B-1:</a>	Full Text of Senate Bill 1162, 2001 Legislature
<a href="#">Attachment C:</a>	F.S. 229.007 Florida 's K-20 education performance accountability system; legislative intent; performance-based funding; mission, goals, and system-wide measures.
<a href="#">Attachment D:</a>	Academic Degree Programs Inventory – Programs Approved for the State University System of Florida (September 2002).
<a href="#">Attachment E</a>	Academic Programs Offered at USF St. Petersburg .

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