Additional USF Degree Requirements

This side lists degree requirements for students attending USF prior to Fall 09

Liberal Arts Requirements: 33 hours total

- **General Education:** Students are required to meet a total of 36 hours of general education courses. Bio, Bio-marine, and Micro majors will automatically meet the 12 hours of math and science with their major requirements; therefore, only 24 hours are listed below. General Education courses must be chosen from the list published in the catalog or Schedule of Classes. All 36 hours must be completed with an overall 2.0 GPA. Courses may be approved in more than one area, but students may use each course in only one (1) area.

- English Composition 1 and 2 (6 hours) ENC 1101 ENC 1102
- Two courses in Social Sciences (6 hours)
- One course in Fine Arts (3 hours)
- One course in ALAMEA Perspectives (3 hours)
- Two courses in Historical Perspectives (6 hours)

- **Exit Requirements:** Exit requirement courses must be taken at USF and chosen from the list in the Catalog or Schedule of Classes. Courses may be approved in more than one area, but students may use each course in only one (1) area. Must be Junior-level standing. Grades of “C-” or better are required; however, if one of the Major Works and Major Issues courses is taken outside the student’s major disciplinary cluster, it may be taken for S/U credit with the consent of the instructor.

- One course in Literature and Writing (3 hours)
- Two classes in Major Works and Major Issues (6 hours)

Other University and College Requirements:

- **120 hours:** Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours to graduate. Bio, Bio-marine, and Micro majors regularly need 8-13 additional hours outside of major requirements to reach 120 hours. A maximum of 2 hours of Physical Education and 9 hours of ROTC coursework can count towards the 120 hours required for the degree. Up to 20 hours may be S/U grading options.

- **48 hour rule:** Out of the required 120 credits necessary to graduate, a minimum of 48 hours must be at a 3000+ level. Regularly, Bio, Bio-marine, and Micro majors need 2-7 hours of additional 3000+ level coursework outside of their major. After completing English Composition I & II It is recommended that students choose at least one of the Gen Ed courses at 3000+ level to assist in meeting upper-level requirements for graduation.

- **Summer rule:** Students entering USF with fewer than 60 semester hours are required to earn at least 9 semester hours during one or more summer semesters at one of the universities in the Florida State University System.

- **GPA Requirement:** Students must earn an Overall 2.0 GPA and USF 2.0 GPA

- **USF Residency:** Students must complete 30 hours of the last 60 hours in USF coursework.

- **FLENT:** (Foreign Language Entrance Requirement) Met with two years of the same foreign language in high school, or by completing the second semester of a college-level foreign language. Students who are fluent in a foreign language may see the World Language Education Department (CPR 419, 974.2548).

- **Gordon Rule:** Gordon Rule Computation will naturally be met in the supporting sciences. Gordon Rule Communication requires students to complete a minimum of four courses (12 semester hours) which meet the Gordon rule writing standards. Only courses designated as Gordon Rule 6A can meet this requirement. Most students will complete 9 of the 12 hours in ENC1101, ENC1102, and the LW Exit requirement. Must receive a C or better in each course.

- **CLAST:** (College Level Academic Skills Test) All students must satisfy the CLAST requirements by the time they have completed 45 semester hours.

The final responsibility for meeting all graduation requirements stated in the catalog rests with the student. See the USF catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements. [http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs.htm](http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs.htm)