

## Summer at USF

Dear USF Parents and Families:

Happy 2014! I hope this newsletter finds you still enjoying the memory of having your student home for the holidays. By now, classes are in full swing as students begin their spring semester—and believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about summer.

In the next few weeks, your USF student will meet with his or her academic advisor and map out an academic plan for summer and fall classes (registration for both begins in March). You might wonder why your son or daughter would want to take summer courses. I'm here to help provide some answers.

**Summer at USF** extends the undergraduate academic experience into the summer months. Summer courses offer students the opportunity to catch up or stay on track toward their graduation; to enroll in courses that are often full during the fall and spring semesters; to improve their grade point averages by retaking courses in which they desire better grades; to take prerequisite or pre-professional courses; or to meet USF's nine credit hour summer enrollment requirement. Summer courses are offered in a more condensed time frame (six or ten weeks) and are often smaller classes which allows students to focus more intensively on a single subject area. Summer is also a time on campus where students can easily find parking spaces, snag a treadmill in the recreation center, and spend time enjoying the beautiful USF grounds.

Students have the option of three different summer sessions. First, your student may choose to stay on campus and complete Session A, in which case he or she will be able to come home in the middle of June. If your student needs a break after spring semester, he or she can come home in early May and return the last day of June to begin classes in Session B. What if your son or daughter has a 12-month lease, or simply wants to stay on track and/or get ahead academically? They have choices as well—register for our 10-week Session C, or opt to take courses in both Session A and Session B. Summer session dates are available at: <http://www.registrar.usf.edu/enroll/regist/calendt.php>

What if this sounds like the perfect fit, but your student desires to come home this summer or travel around the globe? **Summer at USF** is still an excellent choice. We offer a variety of online classes in the summer that can be taken from anywhere. These are USF courses and will appear on your student's USF transcript just like regular classes, with the added advantage of the flexibility and independence that online learning provides.

**Summer at USF** is a great way for your son or daughter to meet educational goals and still have time for social activities and work commitments. For more information, please feel free to email: [summer@usf.edu](mailto:summer@usf.edu) or call 813-974-3077.

I would like to end by saying thank you. Your support as a USF Parent is sincerely appreciated.

I hope to see your student enjoying **Summer at USF** this year.



**Dr. Cynthia DeLuca, Director, Summer@USF**  
[summer@usf.edu](mailto:summer@usf.edu), 813-974-3077