

Student Testimonial

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Why did you choose USF?

The most important reason is that USF campus is one of the biggest and most beautiful campus in the US. Also, Tampa is a good city. From my research, Tampa Bay is a second biggest city in the state of FL. I think Tampa will provide me with a lot of opportunities.

What was your first impression when you came to USF?

I was impressed that the campus was so beautiful and the weather so warm. It's very different from my hometown of Qiqihar, which is a very cold city.

What would you say about USF campus diversity?

Students here come from all over the world, and so do the instructors. You could call USF a big melting pot, where all students get the same opportunities.

What classes did you particularly like at INTO USF/USF and why?

I enjoyed my English for International Students class when I was in the Pathway Program because it taught me a lot about Academic English. As an international student, it's important to gain a solid understanding of the English language so you can get the most out of your studies. The INTO USF Program gives international students a good experience and lots of support to learn the language better. Since the students who are studying with you in the Academic English Program are also from different countries and learning English too, it makes it more comfortable to speak and practice while in class. We're able to relax and not worry so much about mistakes.



English for International Students helps students learn and improve as soon as they enter into the instructors' class.

The instructors are also very nice. They are always very patient and try very hard to understand me and what I am trying to say.

What students services have you used at INTO USF/USF and how have you benefitted from them?

The INTO USF Tutoring Center is a huge help. The tutors there are really supportive and help you improve your study techniques. The tutors also help with writing in English and will catch grammar mistakes in your papers. The tutoring center helped me improve my academic writing a lot.

What 3 pieces of advice would you give to prospective students?

- Take advantage of the resources provided by the USF INTO Program and USF
- Enjoy the campus life, such as clubs and on-campus events
- Make studying a priority