

You may be asking yourself...

Who am I at USF St. Petersburg campus?

How do I want to get involved and engage with campus?

How am I going to make the most of this experience?

What does it mean to be a transfer student at USF St. Petersburg campus?

What type of student do I want to be?

What can I do as a transfer student?

Where do I even start, as everything is virtual?

All these questions are normal for transfer students to ask themselves, but we understand that you may not be able to answer all of them, being new to our virtual campus.

That's why COMPASS is here to help! Below you can start exploring what opportunities we have for you on the USF St. Petersburg campus so you can **begin to write your personal narrative** for the **type of transfer student you want to be here**. This is an exciting time! You have so much time to learn, grow, make an impact, and **be who you want to be at USF**.

While at USF, I want to focus on...

Academics | Job involvement | Personal Finances | Myself & Well-being | Getting Engaged with Campus Life | Planning My Next Steps

Academics

I want to focus on...

- Gaining [academic strategies](#) for success
- Finding [tutoring](#) for specific courses
- Finding [specialized process tutoring](#) that works for me and is accessible for my needs
- [Research](#) – how do I do it for class?
- [Research](#) – how do I get this experience at USF?
- Learning all this new [technology](#) needed for the virtual campus we're in
- [Managing my time](#) better
- Overcoming [procrastination](#)
- [Acing exams](#)
- Getting a higher [GPA](#)
- Making academic [goals](#) for myself
- Finding the [major](#) right for me

Job Involvement

I want to focus on...

- Getting an [on campus job](#)
- Getting an [off campus job](#)
- Updating or creating my [resume/ cover letter](#)
- Nailing [interviews](#)
- Learning the essential skills employers look for ([career readiness](#))
- Finding what [career path](#) is right for me
- Learning more about my [professional self and skillset](#)
- Determining what I can do with my [major](#)

Personal Finances

I want to focus on...

- [Budgeting](#) and balancing [my personal finances](#)
- [Managing my money](#), loans, debt, credit, and savings
- Finding the [right type of loan & how to borrow loans](#)
- [Repaying student loans](#)
- Finding [scholarships](#) & how to apply
- [Reduce debt](#)
- [Saving for Study Abroad](#)
- [Budgeting as an Out-of-State student](#)

Myself & Well-being

I want to focus on...

- [Managing my Stress](#)
- [Getting in the right headspace to do life \(meditation\)](#)
- [Managing my worries](#) and [anxious feelings](#)
- [Experience happier feelings](#)
- The important [relationships](#) in my life
- [Navigating my identities](#)
- Learning more about how to be an [Ally](#)
- Making [personal goals](#) for myself
- [Understanding myself](#) and [my strengths](#)
- [Acclimating to USF](#)
- My well-being as a [Veteran](#)
- Maintaining my [physical health](#)
- [Enhancing my leadership skills](#)

Getting Engaged with Campus Life

I want to focus on...

- Finding a [Student Org](#) I'm interested in
- Getting to know a group of students who have similar [interests](#) to me
- [Volunteering](#) and [engaging](#) with the St. Petersburg [community](#) through [service \(community service\)](#)
- How to find [virtual events](#) and meet people
- Joining a [student org](#) with students who share [some of my identities](#)
- Making USF St. Petersburg a more [inclusive place for everyone](#)
- [Becoming an ally](#)
- Getting active with [Campus Recreation](#)
- Finding [involvement opportunities](#)
- Finding [campus employment](#)
- Finding [research opportunities with professors](#)
- Making more [friends](#)

Planning Next Steps

I want to focus on...

- [Academic Planning](#)
- Getting to [graduation](#)
- [Career Planning](#)
- [Money management planning](#)
- Figuring out what happens after graduation ([grad school?](#)) ([job search?](#))
- [My fitness plan](#)
- [My wellness plan](#)

Now that you've explored opportunities at USF... what works for you? What do you want to focus on before you graduate? Who are you and who do you want to be? Fill out the guiding questions below to determine what you want to be at USF and beyond.

Who am I?

(Name)	(Identities)	(Things I'm proud of)
(Interests)	(Values)	
(Major)	(Strengths)	

What am I passionate about?

What are my goals?

(Personal)	(Academic)	(Professional)
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What kind of student do I want to be?

Why did I apply to my first college? What did I expect of myself from this experience?

Why did I transfer?

How did I feel before transferring?
How did/do I feel during my first semester?
How am I going to make the most of my transfer experience?

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What resources are available for me as a transfer student (that I want to use)?

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Why did I apply to USF? What did I expect of myself from this experience?

Am I meeting my expectations of why I started college?

- If so, what am I currently doing?
- If not, why & what will it take to meet the expectations I once had?

What do I have to do to meet my expectations of myself? (List 3 action steps for each expectation)

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3. _____

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How do I want to be involved and engage with campus? Type of involvement/engagement → USF St. Petersburg Resource of interest

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TIME TO WRITE YOUR NARRATIVE!

My name is _____. I am a (*classification*) transfer student studying (major/minor/concentration). This is my _____ semester at USF St. Petersburg campus. I also _____ (outside involvement/responsibilities/work). Before applying to USF, I attended (*previous college/university*) for _____ semesters, studying (major/degree received). I applied to (*previous college/university*) because _____ (*reason/expectations*). During my time there, I was able to _____ (*achievements/involvements/how your expectations were met*). However, I still wish I could have _____ (expectations not met/experiences not had) and was not able to because _____ (reason). I decided to transfer to USF St. Petersburg campus because _____ (reason/expectations). During my first semester, I feel/felt _____ and my experience was _____ (*adjective*) because _____ (*reason/were your expectations met*). Moving forward, I really want to _____ (*goal/expectation*) during my experience at USF. I can do this by _____ (*action*) and connecting with _____ (*USF resource*). My (goals/expectations of myself) during my time at USF is/are _____. In order to meet this/these, I'm looking forward to doing _____ and connecting with _____ (resource/involvement). I want to be _____ (personal goal), which aligns well with wanting to pursue _____ (*desired involvement or major/intended career*). I know I can reach this aspiration by utilizing _____ (*USF services/resources*). I am excited and motivated to graduate in _____, and I know I can do this because I will/can _____ during my transfer experience.

Offices/Departments I want to connect with:

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Call to action:

I will contact _____ (office/person/department/involvement) to engage with _____ on ___/___/___ to (receive service/get involved/gain experience) by _____ semester.

Commitment Statement:

I, _____ (name) will prioritize the goals and expectations I set for myself, being _____. It is important to me that I reach these because _____. I deserve this because _____.

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