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FUSE: A Successful Student Pathway Model from College to University

SUNY Guided Pathways
Institute #5



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Background

- ▼ Over 80 percent of community college students intend to earn at least a bachelor's degree.¹
- ▼ Nearly half of students graduating from public universities start in community colleges.²
- ▼ Transfer students entering a public university with a junior status into their major's college are more likely to graduate.
- ▼ Students who are engaged are more likely to complete.

¹ <https://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/media/k2/attachments/what-we-know-about-transfer.pdf>

² <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2015/03/26/nearly-half-four-year-college-graduates-attended-two-year-college>



Value Proposition

- ▼ If we can build a solid articulation program where students feel a strong connection to the institution(s), they will be more engaged and more likely to complete their degree.



FUSE Program



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cECzU9GFvL4>



fuse Overview

- ▼ **fuse** is an articulation agreement between the University of South Florida System (USF-Tampa, USFSP, USFSM) and eight FCS Institutions.
- ▼ Students admitted to **fuse** will be **Guaranteed Admission** to the USF System provided that they meet all the Requirements and Expectations of the Program



USF's *fu*se Partners



- ▼ Hillsborough Community College
- ▼ St. Petersburg College
- ▼ College of Central Florida
- ▼ Pasco-Hernando State College
- ▼ Polk State College
- ▼ Santa Fe College
- ▼ South Florida State College
- ▼ State College of Florida



fyse Smooth Transition

- ▼ For students who choose to start at a State College and Complete their AA degree and transfer to USF/USFSP for their Bachelor's degree
- ▼ To increase the number of students completing an AA degree at a State College and transferring to USF/USFSP
- ▼ Academic pathways that have been approved by both institutions for selected majors
- ▼ Pre-requisites for each degree that have been approved by Deans at the Sate College and USF/USFSP
- ▼ To admit students to a selected major at USF/USFSP



Sample Grad Path: Accounting



Students completing the following courses and requirements in combination with an AA from St. Petersburg College will have automatically satisfied requirements to begin upper level coursework.

COLLEGE- BUSINESS

Intended Program of Study-B.S. Accounting

- Limited Access- Yes (2.50-2.75 GPA*, Pre-Requisite completion, Passing Score Accounting Competency Exam Test)
*Current admission requirements are 2.50 GPA, and students will be given at least one year notice if we increase the minimum GPA requirement
- College Application Required- Yes
*Please note that any college requiring an application will need to be submitted following admission to the University.
- (College) Foreign Language Exit Required- No
- Tests Required- Accounting Competency Exam (<http://www.usf.edu/business/departments/accountancy/competency-exam.aspx>)

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

(Common State Pre-requisites) (C or Higher in all courses; except where identified)

USF Courses

*ACG 2021 (Pre-req for ACG 2071)
*ACG 2071
CGS 2100
ECO 2013
ECO 2023
MAC 2233
QMB 2100

SPC Course Equivalent

ACG 2021
ACG 2071
CGS 1100
ECO 2013
ECO 2023
MAC 2233
STA 2023

* USF Accounting Department requires a grade of C or better in ACG 2021 and ACG 2071

* USF Accounting Department requires all intended accounting students to pass a competency exam with a score of at least 75%. Students must register to take this exam after being accepted to USF.

Start at St. Petersburg College

The following course sequence is purely a suggested semester by semester plan for completion of requirements of the A.A. and pre-requisite courses. A unique plan developed in consultation with an advisor at both SPC and USF may differ depending on student circumstances.

YEAR 1 SPC

FALL		SPRING	
ENC 1101 (GE Communication)	3	ENC 1102 (GE Communication)	3
MAC 1105 (GE Mathematics)	3	BUL 2241	3
ECO 2013 (GE Social Science)	3	ECO 2023	3
BSC 1005C (GE Natural Science)	3	GEB 1011	3
HUM 2270 (GE Humanities)	3	EVR 1328 (GE Natural Science)	3

TOTAL: 15

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YEAR 2 SPC

FALL		SPRING	
CGS 1100 (SMP/Comp Lit)	3	PHI 1600 (GE Ethics)	3
POS 2041 (GE Social Science)	3	SPC 1608 (GE Communication)	3
MAC 2233	3	ACG 2071	3
ACG 2021	3	STA 2023 (GE Mathematics)	3
HUM 1020 (GE Humanities)	3	MAN 2021	3

TOTAL: 15

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Graduate with A.A. from SPC

***YEAR 2 Fall/Spring**

USF Application should be submitted by early spring of year 2 (or last term of year leading into intended transfer) to ensure timely review. Once student is admitted as a Bull, College application may be submitted. Will need to register for and pass accounting competency exam during spring semester (or the last term of year leading into intended transfer).

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USF START

YEAR 3 FALL USF

ACG 3103 Intermediate Financial Accounting I	3
ACG 3341 Cost Accounting & Control I	3
QMB 3200 Business & Economic Statistics II	3
ISM 3011 Information Systems In Organizations	3
ENC 3250 Professional Writing	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 4 FALL USF

ACG 4632 Audit I	3
TAX 4001 Concepts of Federal Taxation	3
BUL 3320 Law & Business I	3
Upper Level International Business Course	3
Non Business Elective	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 3 SPRING USF

ACG 3113 Intermediate Financial Accounting II	3
ACG 3401 Accounting Information Systems	3
FIN 3403 Principles of Finance	3
MAN 3025 Principles of Management	3
MAR 3023 Basic Marketing	3

TOTAL: 15

YEAR 4 SPRING USF

Approved Upper Level Accounting Elective	3
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GEB 4890 Strategic Management & Decision Making	3
Non Business Elective Free Elective	3

TOTAL: 12

The following are additional requirements of the Muma College of Business:

- The Muma College of Business has a SEPARATE APPLICATION PROCESS from that of the University of South Florida. Please allow enough time to apply and receive acceptance to USF before applying to the Muma College of Business.
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50-2.75
- All pre-requisite courses must be completed with a C- or better, Accounting majors must earn a C or better in ACG 2021 and ACG 2071, but must maintain a 2.00 GPA or better within the prerequisite courses.
- Students should not take any accounting courses beyond ACG 2021 and ACG 2071 at HCC as they will not transfer to USF.
- Students can register for accounting competency exam review sessions while registering to take the competency exam.
- Students have two (2) attempts to pass the accounting competency exam. If the exam is not passed after the second attempt, and student would still like to pursue an accounting degree, student must retake ACG 2021 at USF Tampa. Student will then be given one (1) more attempt to pass the accounting competency exam. A passing exam score is good for one (1) year.
- Students must take ACG 3103 and ACG 3341 in the same semester, and are limited to two attempts between those courses. Withdrawals count as an attempt.
- Students must successfully complete both ACG 3103 and ACG 3341 before being allowed to attempt any other major level accounting courses.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better, NOT C-, in all accounting courses.
- Once students have started the accounting major courses they must complete all degree requirements within five (5) years.
- Students must earn a grade of C- or better in all business courses, with the exception of the above stated courses, but must maintain a 2.00 GPA or better.

Students interested in the Muma College of Business may contact Shaun Gonzalez at smgonza3@usf.edu

For general transfer advising inquiries please contact transfer-advising@usf.edu

Example FUSE Programs

www.usfsp.edu/fuse

USFSP ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- [B.A. Anthropology](#)
- [B.S. Biology](#)
- [B.S. Finance](#)
- [B.S. Information Systems Management](#)
- [B.S. Marketing](#)
- [B.S. Political Science](#)
- [B.A. Psychology](#)

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USF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- [B.A. Art History](#)
- [B.A. Studio Art](#)
- [B.F.A. Studio Art](#)
- [B.S. Biomedical Sciences](#)
- [B.A. Criminology](#)
- [B.S. Accounting](#)
- [B.S. Finance](#)
- [B.S. Marketing](#)
- [B.S. Cell and Molecular Biology](#)
- [B.S. Environmental Biology](#)
- [B.S. Environmental Microbiology](#)
- [B.S. Integrative Animal Biology](#)
- [B.S. Marine Biology](#)



Benefits of fuse

- ▼ Advised on an academic pathway leading to timely completion of their baccalaureate degree at USF/USFSP
- ▼ Dual academic advising between the State College and USF/USFSP to ensure that all FUSE students are on the appropriate degree path and meeting all program requirements
- ▼ Reduce the risk of accumulating extra student credit hours
- ▼ Greater integration with USF/USFSP *before* students transfer
- ▼ Sense of belonging to both the State College and University communities
- ▼ Smooth transfer not only into USF/USFSP but straight into the major



Requirements and Expectations

- ▼ Maintain a specific GPA
 - ▼ 2.0 – 2.5 depending on major
- ▼ Graduate from the State College with an Associate of Arts degree
 - ▼ Must be completed within 3 years or less
- ▼ Must meet with State College FUSE advisor at least once per semester
- ▼ Highly encouraged to take full time course load
 - ▼ 12 credit hours per semester
- ▼ Highly encouraged to meet with USF System advisor at least once per semester
- ▼ Highly encouraged to be active in extra-curricular activities



Students enter **fyse** through three Channels:



1. Apply to USF/USFSP and are deferred to State College based on county of residence
2. State College Advisors and Admissions and Records recruit **current** students based on approved criteria
3. Advisors recruit **FTIC** based on approved Criteria



1. USF Applicant Process

- ▼ Student applies as FTIC to USF or USFSP
- ▼ USF and USFSP Admissions identifies and refers students to State College FUSE Program:
 - ▼ who were not immediately admissible to USF/USFSP but demonstrated potential for successful transfer upon obtaining an A.A. degree.
 - ▼ Pinellas county students are referred to SPC. Hillsborough county students to HCC.
 - ▼ Student receives a congratulatory letter from USF/USFSP inviting them to participate in FUSE
 - ▼ Student applies to State College and follows up with a FUSE advisor



2. **fuse** Criteria for Current Students:

- ▼ Current Students
 - ▼ Intention of USF or USFSP Transfer
 - ▼ Interest in an approved FUSE major
 - ▼ GPA (Must have a 2.0 or higher)
 - ▼ Minimum of 9 Credit Hours of college level coursework
 - ▼ Declare FUSE intent no later than 30 credit hours
 - ▼ Must be able to complete AA degree within 2-3years
 - ▼ Pre-Requisite Courses in FUSE pathway must be completed
 - ▼ Student needs to be consistently enrolled Fall and Spring
 - ▼ In good academic standing at State College



3. **fyse** Criteria for FTIC:

- ▼ FTIC students
 - ▼ Intention of USF or USFSP Transfer
 - ▼ Interest in major with available grad path
 - ▼ Ability to complete the AA degree in two-three years at the State College
 - ▼ Can include developmental courses if AA can be completed in three years.
 - ▼ Student needs to be consistently enrolled Fall and Spring
 - ▼ No high school GPA requirement (follow State College admissions policy)
 - ▼ If any Dual Enrollment courses, need to be in good academic standing



USF/USFSP Activities

firse students can participate in:

- ▼ Football and basketball events at USF (for free)
- ▼ Education workshops
- ▼ Homecoming Events
- ▼ University Lecture Series
- ▼ Mentorships
- ▼ Community Engagement Activities
- ▼ Week of Welcome Events



Local College Access Network



- ▼ As one of 13 local college access networks in Florida, LEAP Tampa Bay works to provide greater educational opportunities to residents of Hillsborough and Pinellas counties and in turn, build a stronger, more-competitive workforce and regional economy.
- ▼ Launched in 2016, LEAP Tampa Bay's cross-sector network of community partners has a goal to increase the number of working age adults in Tampa Bay with a degree or high-quality certificate to 60 percent by 2025.



FUSE Scholarship

- ▼ With the help of regional funders such as the Helios Education Foundation, 3 million dollars in scholarship funds were raised in just 13 months.
- ▼ Pell-eligible FUSE students receive \$5,500 in increments each semester as they take classes first at the local college and then at the local university.



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FUSE Student Tracking – FUSE vs. Comparison Students

Term of Enrollment		To	Stu
Grad Path	Grad Path Desc.		
AA Degree	A.A.– General Transfer Track (control students)		
AA.FUSE.BIOMED	B.S. in Biomedical Sciences		
AA.FUSE.CRIM	B.A. in Criminology		
AA.FUSE.CSD	B.A. in Communication Science & Disorders		
AA.FUSE.EMED	B.S. in Elementary Education		
AA.FUSE.FIN	B.S. in Finance		
AA.FUSE.MKT	B.S. in Marketing		

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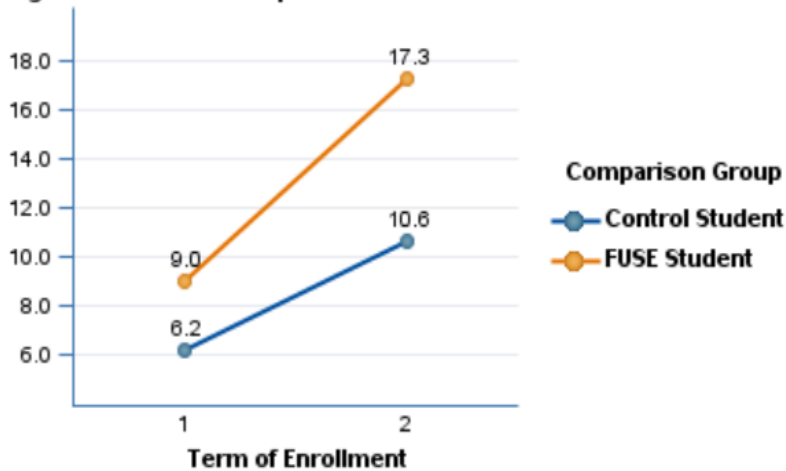


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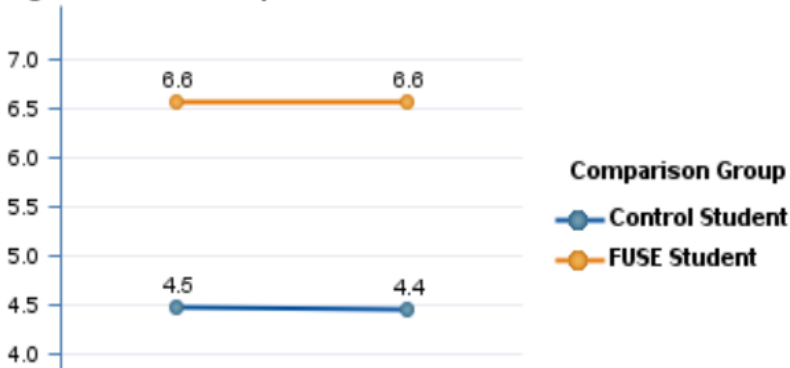
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Avg. Total Credits Attempted on Grad Path



Term of Enrollment	1		2	
	Total Students	Avg. Total Credits Attempted on Grad Path	Total Students	Avg. Total Credits Attempted on Grad Path
Grad Path				
AA Degree	3,074	6.2	3,074	10.6
AA.FUSE.BIOMED	4	6.8	4	10.0
AA.FUSE.CRIM	4	12.0	4	24.3
AA.FUSE.CSD	1	12.0	1	21.0
AA.FUSE.EMED	2	10.5	2	15.0
AA.FUSE.FIN	3	9.0	3	20.7
AA.FUSE.MKT	2	4.5	2	13.5

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AA.FUSE.CRIM	4	9.0	4	9.0
AA.FUSE.CSD	1	12.0	1	12.0
AA.FUSE.EMED	2	4.5	2	4.5
AA.FUSE.FIN	3	9.0	3	9.0

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- **Save money** - Tuition at SPC costs half that of Florida universities
- **Save time** - Clear degree path with no wasted credits
- **Professional support** - Dedicated advisors help keep you on track
- **Student Life** - Access to USF and SPC clubs and events

WHY.SPC.EDU/FUSE

STEP BY STEP:

1. EXPLORE FUSE PROGRAMS
2. SPEAK WITH AN ADVISOR AT ANY SPC CAMPUS
3. WORK TOWARD YOUR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND PARTICIPATE IN FUSE ACTIVITIES.



ENJOY USF ACTIVITIES WHILE YOU ARE A STUDENT AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE:

- Football and basketball games
- Education workshops
- Homecoming events
- University lecture series
- Mentorships
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SPEAK WITH AN ADVISOR ABOUT FUSE TODAY!

For more information and a full list of FUSE transfer plans please visit:

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“ For students that plan to attend SPC and later transfer to USF, FUSE is the best option! It provides guaranteed admission to USF. It saves time, effort and money! ”

— Kirill Baklykov, SPC FUSE Student



SPC St. Petersburg College



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Orientation and Events



Next Steps

- ▼ All eight FCS institutions are now participating as of 2017-2018
- ▼ Processes are becoming more streamlined and electronic
- ▼ All advisors will have access to add FUSE students to program plans and master lists
- ▼ Additional majors are being added





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QUESTIONS?

