



Structural Realignment of Departments, Schools and Colleges

USF Invests in Its Academic Future

In light of the University of South Florida's commitment to pursuing strategic priorities amid a challenging economic climate, USF Provost Ralph Wilcox has announced a realignment of academic units, including new administrative structures for the College of Arts & Sciences and the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. The realignment preserves quality and strengthens the university's academic organization for the future.

The new structure in the College of Arts & Sciences is organized around three Schools: Behavioral and Social Sciences; Humanities; and Sciences. Selected professional programs – the Schools of Aging Studies, and Social Work, as well as the Departments of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Criminology – are being realigned with the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. In addition, the Department of Economics, the Institute on Black Life and the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean will move into the College of Arts & Sciences.

Despite budget cuts, the university has preserved all tenured and tenure-earning faculty positions, academic departments, schools and colleges, as well as all degree programs. The streamlined structure provides a flexible framework that will be able to provide for any future organizational changes needed to accommodate strategic progress and any future budget challenges.

Academic and Strategic Benefits:

- **Strengthens disciplines:** Creates a larger critical mass of faculty in related disciplines or fields of inquiry, at a time when new state funding for faculty positions is unlikely in the next 2-3 years
- **Creates teams:** Promises an acceleration of scholarly progress and research productivity through increased synergies
- **Facilitates interdisciplinary opportunities:** Creates greater opportunities for scientific and scholarly inquiry at the disciplinary interstices
- **Enhances utilization of research cores:** Enhances shared utilization of instructional and research equipment and facilities, to boost core support in applications for competitive federal grants
- **Yields cost savings:** Yields cost-savings through reduction of administrative overhead
- **Enhances teaching:** Allows greater opportunities for a wider range of faculty to participate in teaching
- **Boosts liberal arts and sciences:** Establishes a more streamlined, core, discipline-based college focusing on the liberal arts and sciences

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College of Arts & Sciences New Structure

School of Behavioral & Social Sciences

Department of Africana Studies
Department of Anthropology
Department of Economics
Department of Geography
Department of Government & International Affairs
Institute on Black Life
Institute for the Study of Latin America & the Caribbean
School of Library & Information Science
School of Mass Communications
Department of Psychology
Department of Sociology
Department of Women's Studies

School of Humanities

Department of Communication
Department of English
Department of History
Department of Humanities & American Studies
Humanities Institute
Department of Philosophy
Department of Religious Studies
Department of World Languages

School of Sciences

Department of Biology – CMMB
Department of Biology – IB
Department of Chemistry
Department of Geology
Department of Mathematics & Statistics
Department of Physics

New College Structure & Name TBD

Department of Aging & Mental Health
School of Aging Studies
Department of Child & Family Studies
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders
Department of Criminology
Department of Mental Health Law & Policy
School of Mental Health Studies
Department of Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling
School of Social Work
Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute

College of Visual & Performing Arts New Name TBD

School of Architecture
School of Art & Art History
School of Music
Institute for Research in Art
School of Theatre & Dance