



University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL



TRANSFERRING TO **USA**





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ADMISSION TO USA

Academic Requirements for Admission

Transfer students applying for admission into one of USA's baccalaureate programs must be in good academic standing at their previous institution, and have a cumulative grade-point average from all colleges attended of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. In some cases, students who have less than the 2.0 grade-point average can be considered for probationary admission. Students should contact the USA Office of Admissions for further details at (251) 460-6141.

Required Official Documents

Transfer student applicants must request that an official transcript from each college or university attended be mailed to the USA Office of Admissions directly from the originating institution. If the student has earned less than 30 semester or 40 quarter hours of college credit, an official high school transcript or GED score is required. Test scores (ACT or SAT) are also required if the student graduated from high school less than five years prior to matriculation at USA or is not at least 23 years of age.

Apply Early!

The University of South Alabama has a rolling admission policy and accepts undergraduate students for all semesters, including summer. The priority deadlines are:

Fall Semester	June 1
Spring Semester	December 1
Summer Semester	May 1

The University encourages transfer students to apply as early as possible for the term they wish to enroll so adequate time is available for the Office of Admissions to complete an evaluation of transfer credit. Also, financial aid cannot be awarded and residence hall applications cannot be processed until the student has been accepted to USA.



CAMPUS VISITS

One of the best ways to find out about USA is by visiting the campus. The University campus is open weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (CST). We ask that you schedule an appointment and a tour with an Admissions Officer so we can better serve you. Also, the Office of Admissions hosts three Saturday visitation days, called "Get Acquainted Days," each year in November, February and April. To schedule an individual appointment or to get specific dates for upcoming "Get Acquainted Days" please call the USA Office of Admissions at (251) 460-6141 or (800) 872-5247. For dates for other future recruitment events and to make a reservation online for one of our three Saturday "Get Acquainted Days", go to:

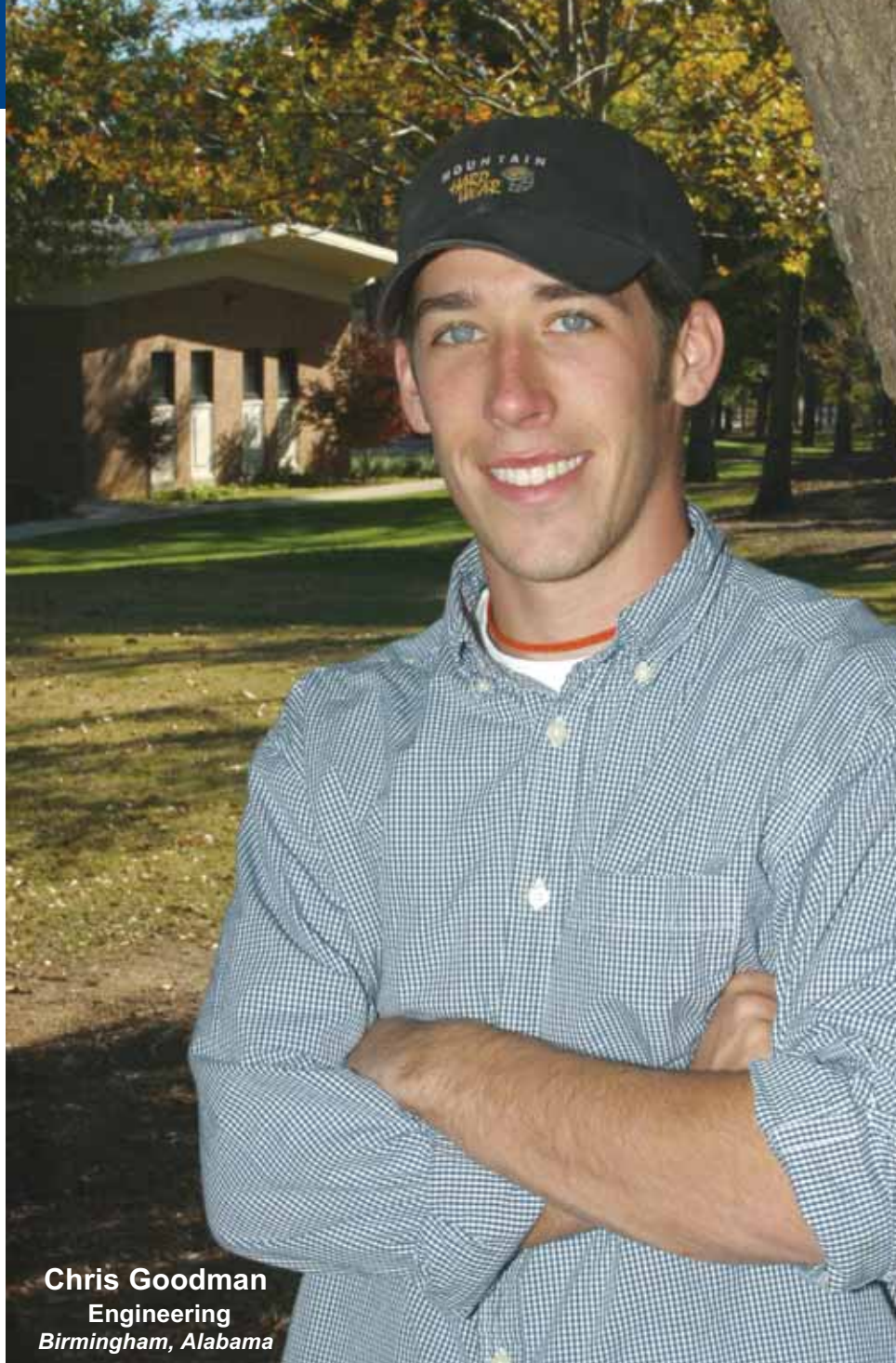
www.southalabama.edu/admissions/recruitment.html

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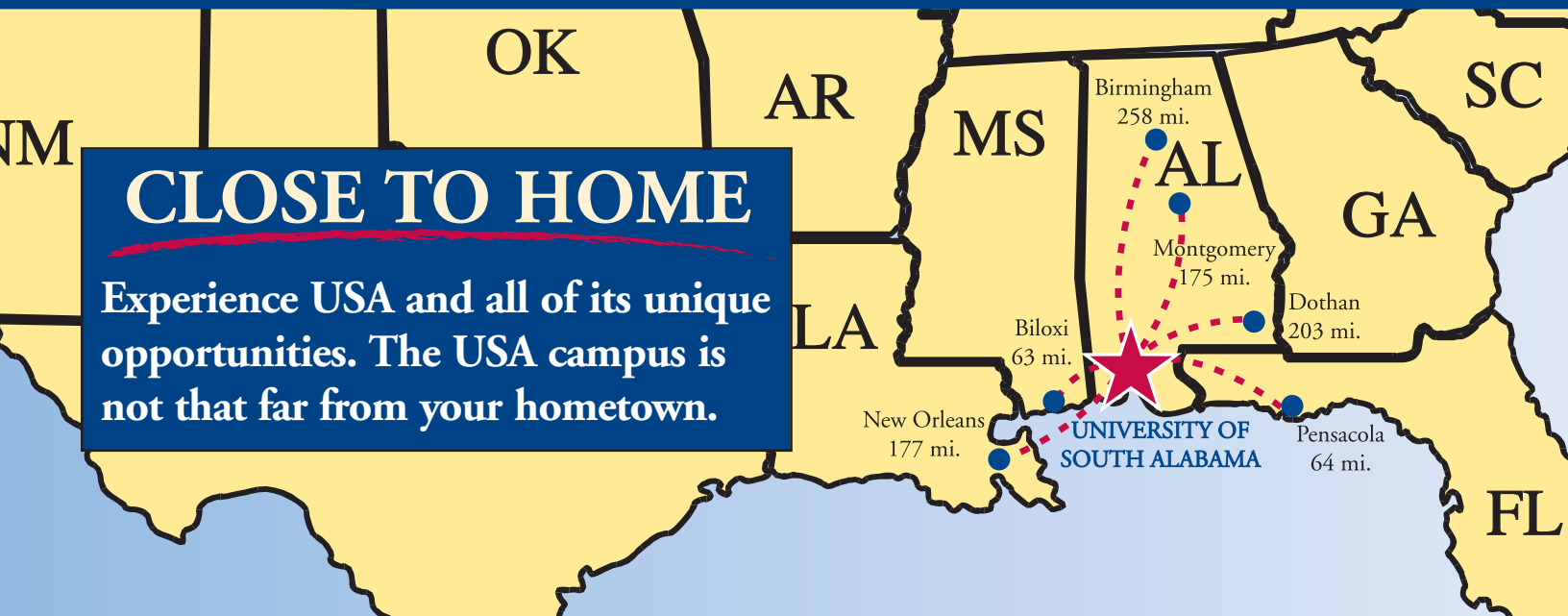
Gulf Shores	1 Hour
Montgomery	3 Hours
Birmingham	4 Hours
Dothan	4 Hours
Huntsville	5½ Hours
Florence	6 Hours

OUTSIDE OF ALABAMA

Pensacola, FL	1 Hour
Biloxi, MS	1 Hour
New Orleans, LA	2 Hours
Jackson, MS	3 Hours
Atlanta, GA	5 Hours
Tampa, FL	7 Hours
Nashville, TN	7 Hours
Houston, TX	7 Hours
Orlando, FL	8 Hours



Chris Goodman
Engineering
Birmingham, Alabama



CLOSE TO HOME

Experience USA and all of its unique opportunities. The USA campus is not that far from your hometown.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO THE

Contact Information:

Office of Admissions
University of South Alabama
182 Administration Building
Mobile, AL 36688-0002
(251) 460-6141
1-800-872-5247
admiss@usouthal.edu



**You could
be a STAR!** 

If you are transferring from a two-year public institution in the state of Alabama, keep in mind that the University of South Alabama participates in the Statewide Articulation Service known as **STARS**. This program provides information on course selection for all majors, and enables seamless transfer to USA. Visit USA's website (www.southalabama.edu) and follow the links to transfer admission for information, or contact USA's transfer coordinator at (251) 460-6141.

STATE OF ALABAMA **STARS**
AGSC *System*
Articulation and General Studies Committee

TRANSFER OF CREDITS AND ADVISING INFORMATION

TCE - Transfer Credit Evaluation

An official course-by-course tentative evaluation of transfer credit (Transfer Credit Evaluation or TCE) is completed after acceptance to the University. TCE's are prepared only for accepted students who have submitted official transcripts. Students can access a tentative evaluation online prior to the beginning of their first semester at USA. During the first-year term of enrollment, transfer credits will be further evaluated by the student's academic advisor in terms of specific degree requirements. A change of major may require a reevaluation of credits.

Four-Year College or University

USA will accept completed course work for which a grade of "D" or better was awarded from a regionally accredited four-year college or university. Students who have taken English Composition I and II must have made a "C" or better in order for the credits to transfer.

Community College

USA will accept completed course work for which a grade of "D" or better was awarded from a regionally accredited community or junior college. Students who have taken English Composition I and II must have made a "C" or better in order for the credits to transfer. Courses numbered at the 300 level or higher at USA will not be transferred from a two-year institution and no more than 64 hours of transfer credit will be accepted. *Note: USA does not award transfer credits for remedial, vocational, or technical courses from any two-year institution.*

Advising Guides

If USA is in your future and you are attending a community college in Alabama or in one of our service areas in Florida or Mississippi, you can access our Transfer Assistance Web Page which provides detailed listings of approved transfer courses. Students attending Alabama two-year institutions can participate in the Statewide Articulation Reporting System (STARS) and print a major guide to use while at the two-year school. In addition, excellent, easy-to-use advising guides are available for students attending the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College campuses, Pensacola Junior College and

Okaloosa-Walton Community College. Visit www.southalabama.edu/transfer for this information.

Feel free to contact the Transfer Admission Coordinator for assistance with information on course transfer at (251) 460-6141 or (800) 872-5247.

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Financial Aid

It is very important to apply for financial aid as early in the application cycle as possible. The applications are available in early January of each year for the upcoming academic year of August through July. You should complete the FAFSA online after you complete your federal income tax return for the preceding year.

Students are considered for financial aid after they are accepted to the University and after a completed online FAFSA has been received in the Financial Aid Office. It takes approximately six to eight weeks for the FAFSA to be processed by the federal processor, so early application is important.

For questions about financial aid, contact the Office of Financial Aid at (251) 460-6231. Information is also available online at: www.finaid2.usouthal.edu.

Community College Transfer Scholarships

Students transferring from junior or community colleges who are enrolling at USA in the Fall Semester each year will be considered for \$1,000 scholarships. Qualifications are based on the grade-point average earned at the two-year institution, as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. To be considered, students must apply for admission to USA, and have the official two-year college transcripts mailed to USA Office of Admissions by May 15. Awards are made in mid-summer. *Note: Students who have attended a four-year university are not eligible for the transfer scholarship.*

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships

USA will award four (4) Phi Theta Kappa scholarships per year. Phi Theta Kappa members enrolling in the Fall Semester each year will be considered for \$1,500 per year scholarships (two year maximum). Qualifications are based on a

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minimum grade-point average of 3.70, as computed by the USA Office of Admissions, with 30 or more earned hours at the two-year institution. To be considered, students must apply for admission to USA and have their official college transcripts mailed to USA's Office of Admissions by May 15. Phi Theta Kappa members must also submit a letter of nomination from their two-year college PTK counselor with the application for admission. Awards are made in mid-summer. No scholarship application is required, however, consideration for this award is given to applications received on or before May 15.

ALTERNATE FORMS OF CREDIT

Up to 32 semester hours of credit will be allowed for credit received through the Advanced Placement Program (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), credit by exam, correspondence courses, military service, or any other credit combination.

Military Service

Students who have successfully completed basic training in the armed forces may receive four (4) hours of elective credit and exemption from physical education by presenting a DD214, DD295, or a certificate of training to the Office of Admissions. Air Force members need only have an official transcript mailed from the Community College of the Air Force. Army members may request an AARTS (Army Registry Transcript), and Navy and Marine members may request a SMART (Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript) or a DD-295 (Evaluation of Learning Experiences in the Military).



Veterans should write or call the Office of Veterans Affairs, 240 Administration Building, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688-0002 or call (251) 460-6230 for information about VA benefits.

Advanced Placement Program

Students who took Advanced Placement courses in high school and sat for the AP examinations receive college credit in most areas, if the AP score is three (3) or higher. The credit is awarded to accepted students who have official AP score reports sent to the Office of Admissions. The AP credit will not be transferred from another college's transcript; official scores sent directly from the testing agency are required.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

At the University of South Alabama, students can receive up to 32 semester hours of credit from the General Examination and certain Subject Examinations of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Students should have official CLEP scores sent to the Office of Admissions for evaluation. Evaluations are made after students are accepted to the University. USA's Counseling and Testing Services administers CLEP examinations to students who are accepted or enrolled at this institution. For registration information, costs, and test dates, call Counseling and Testing Services at (251) 460-7051.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Housing

Transfer students have a variety of different housing accommodations available to them on campus. Housing applications are automatically mailed to students accepted for admission. Contact the USA Department of Housing at (251) 460-6185 for more information.

The Career Services Advantage

The Career Services Center can help you from the time you begin at USA until the time you graduate. The Career Services Center can help you choose a major or a career path, help you gain career-related experience, and finance your education. By assisting you in developing your resumé and cover letter, learning techniques for interviewing success, and developing networking methods, the Career Services Center can improve your job search skills. Career Services also provides you with information on graduate and professional schools. Career Services can be reached at (251) 460-6188.



MOBILE, AL

- USA is located in Mobile, Alabama's oldest and second-largest city.
- Mobile offers nearby white-sand beaches, great golf venues, along with historical homes and museums from the South's rich heritage.
- Mobile is home to such national events as the Senior Bowl football game (January), the Azalea Trail Run marathon race (March), America's Junior Miss Pageant (July), and the GMAC Bowl football game (December).
- Mobile is the Azalea Capital of the World, displaying more than 50 varieties in colors from paper white to pink, red, and translucent lavender.
- Mobile is home to the original Mardi Gras in this country, instituted in 1704, 62 years before New Orleans adopted the celebration.
- Mobile is the home of notables Jimmy Buffett (entertainer), Hank Aaron (baseball Hall of Fame), and Winston Groom (author of "Forrest Gump").
- Mobile is home to the *USS Alabama* Battleship and beautiful Bellingrath Gardens and Home.



Catch the Jaguar Spirit



The Mitchell Center is the home of Jaguar Basketball and a variety of activities, including commencement, concerts, and other entertainment. This beautiful building is one of the most well-equipped in the country and a place where you will enjoy many activities.

NCAA Division I Intercollegiate Sports

Men's

Baseball
Basketball
Cross-Country
Golf
Tennis
Track & Field

Women's

Basketball
Cross-Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball



Sports and Campus Recreation

The University of South Alabama is an active place! USA's NCAA Division I teams compete nationally in a wide range of sports. Attending an exciting Jaguar sporting event is a great way to get involved on campus and show your school spirit.

The Student Recreation Center is home base for the campus recreation program. It is a great place to meet friends for a jog around the indoor track, play a game of racquetball or basketball, participate in aerobics classes, or work out in the weight room. A busy schedule of intramural sports open to all students is available each semester and includes basketball, flag football, volleyball, water polo, softball, and many more!



USA's CAMPUS LIFE

- Over **2,000 USA students live on campus** in residence halls and fraternity and sorority houses, where many social and academic activities are sponsored.
- USA has a **student-run newspaper** (*The Vanguard*) and **television station** (Jag-TV).
- **Computers are available to students** in classrooms, computer labs, and libraries.
- **The Personal Access Web System (PAWS)** enables students to register for classes, pay fees, check grades, view your evaluation of transfer credits, check e-mail and much more online, at your convenience!
- USA has **over 160 student organizations**, including nine fraternities and eight sororities.



"USA is an excellent place to prepare me for the challenges ahead in the College of Medicine."

Bobby Kakati
Pre-Medicine
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



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Here are a few reasons why over 2,000 new transfer students choose to attend USA each year.

- Over 80 percent of the faculty have earned doctorates.
- Curriculum is broad and diverse.
- Average class size is 23.
- Faculty to student ratio is 1-19.
- Diverse student body from all 50 states and over 100 foreign countries.
- Outstanding facilities for all majors.
- Passage rate is exceptionally high on nursing, allied health, and education licensing examinations.
- USA College of Medicine and clinics offer outstanding facilities.
- Nationally recognized faculty are involved in research to help improve the quality of our lives.
- An academic institution of over 13,000 students is large enough to offer a broad selection of course offerings, yet small enough to offer individualized instruction.
- USA is a fully accredited institution (complete listing of all accrediting agencies in the *Bulletin*).



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