

Academic Structure Mapping Guidelines

The following set of guidelines has helped inform our draft recommendations on USF's academic structure and organization.

1. Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2018
2. USF BOT's approved Guiding Principles for USF Consolidation (2018)
3. Regional and programmatic accreditation – “one college only” (SACSCOC guidance, 2018)
4. Strengthening USF's position as a Preeminent State Research University and advancing toward AAU membership eligibility through developing the research capacity of each campus
5. Providing students access to, and success in, a broader array of integrated degree programs by discipline, level, mode of delivery, and location (*hosted*)
6. Meeting the local workforce needs of the communities we serve
7. Maintaining the unique identity and establishing distinctive anchor (*home*) programs on each of USF's campuses
8. Aligning colleges by academic discipline across one university
9. Establishing realistic and manageable-sized college units
10. Eliminating the need for duplication of expensive infrastructure

The intention is to increase student access to programs, align programs with campuses in a strategic fashion, and increase efficiencies across the university. To inform decision-making at USF, we have looked at comparable public institutions from among the SUS, the AAU membership and other systems whose consolidations Huron has supported.