



The Right Direction for a **Brighter Future**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

# USA: The Land of Opportunity

Welcoming International Students  
with Open Arms





**Established in 1899**, South University is an institution of higher education in the United States, fostering the success of graduates for over a century.

We are proud to welcome eligible international students seeking to pursue academic aspirations and embark on a journey of personal and professional growth. We are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment where students from all backgrounds can thrive and achieve their full potential.

Many have found South University to be a place that they can call home and we are proud to foster such a caring and focused community among our students, faculty, and staff members.

## **Explore** the USA

The United States offers a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom. From breathtaking natural wonders to historic cities, the United States has much to explore and experience, along with new passions you may discover along the way. Create lifelong memories as part of your time with South University's locations in Tampa, Florida or Savannah, Georgia.





## Join the South University Family

As an eligible international student at South University, you will become part of a supportive and welcoming community. Our faculty and staff members are committed to your success as a South University student and are ready to help you with whatever questions you may have. From finding the right degree program to whatever your program entails, we're here to help you succeed.

## Why Choose South University?

### 125 Years of Experience

Our Savannah, Georgia and Tampa, Florida campuses are expanding their accessibility for eligible international students<sup>1</sup>. Both Savannah and Tampa offer access to two of the United States' exciting cities and attractions.

The Savannah campus offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree, and the Tampa campus offers the Nursing (RN to MSN), Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN), and Nurse Educator (MSN) programs, the Master of Sciences in Information Systems (MSIS) program, and Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

<sup>1</sup> South University has other campuses that are not currently part of the expanded initiative for international students.



## Campus Locations

Tampa, Florida

Savannah, Georgia





## Academic and Student Support

Much like our diverse student community, our faculty comes from multiple backgrounds and all of them are here to support you on your academic journey. They bring a variety of experiences and knowledge to the classroom to help you on your career<sup>1</sup> path.

<sup>1</sup> Credentials and experience levels vary by faculty and instructors. South University does not promise or guarantee licensure, employment or salary amounts.



## Modern and Vibrant Campuses

Our campuses have plenty of places tailored for studying, networking, and collaboration, such as libraries, lounges, and computer labs. With coursework and instruction that help simulate a modern work environment, these resources provide our students spaces to further their studies.



## Programs with Careers in Mind

Our programs are designed to meet current industry needs, offering practical knowledge and hands-on experience that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities in today's professional environment.



## Institutional Accreditation

South University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees. South University also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels.

Questions about the accreditation of South University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

## Programmatic Accreditation

In addition to our institutional accreditation, several of our academic programs have also obtained programmatic accreditation. This serves as an extra endorsement of academic quality valued by employers and industry professionals.



### BUSINESS

The following business programs at South University, the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs ([ACBSP] 11520 West 119th Street; Overland Park, KS 66213; 913-339-9356; [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org)). Other programs in the College of Business are excluded from ACBSP's scope of accreditation. These programs include: Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Public Administration, Bachelor of Science to Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Information Systems, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Leadership and Doctor of Business Administration.



### PHARMACY

South University's Doctor of Pharmacy program in Savannah, GA, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), 20 North Clark Street, Suite 2500; Chicago, IL 60602-5109; 312-664-3575; [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org).



### NURSING

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice at South University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

For programmatic accreditation available by program, please visit: <https://catalog.southuniversity.edu/> These represent the programs currently being offered to international students; however, South University offers additional programs some of which are also programmatically accredited. South University does not promise or guarantee licensure, employment or salary amounts.



# Education You Can Trust





## Savannah, Georgia

### ARTISTIC / WELCOMING & PICTURESQUE

South University's original campus, founded in 1899, is nestled in the city of Savannah, Georgia. Savannah has historic charm and a lively art scene, creating a unique culture, all with Southern hospitality. The lush greenery, historic architecture, and typically sunny weather contribute to a comfortable and inspiring setting for learning and personal growth.

#### ABOUT SAVANNAH:

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**Founded in 1733**, Savannah is one of the oldest cities of the United States.<sup>1</sup>

Savannah is home to **Forsyth Park**, a 30-acre oasis in the heart of the city that has been featured in several films such as *The Longest Yard* and *Forrest Gump*.<sup>2</sup>

With a **population of approximately 148,000**, Savannah feels lively without feeling overcrowded.<sup>3</sup>

On average, there are **216 sunny days per year** in Savannah offering a warm and inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.<sup>4</sup>

Drawing in **millions of visitors** each year, Savannah stands as a premier tourism destination in the southern United States.<sup>5</sup>

Savannah is **centrally located** between major cities such as Atlanta, Jacksonville, and Charleston. With these other cities nearby, you can access other regions in the southern United States.



#### Sources:

- [1 https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/counties-cities-neighborhoods/savannah/](https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/counties-cities-neighborhoods/savannah/)
- [2 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forsyth\\_Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forsyth_Park)
- [3 https://datacommons.org/place/geold/1369000?category=Demographics](https://datacommons.org/place/geold/1369000?category=Demographics)
- [4 https://www.bestplaces.net/climate/?c1=51378036&c2=51369000](https://www.bestplaces.net/climate/?c1=51378036&c2=51369000)
- [5 https://visitsavannah.com/info/who-we-are](https://visitsavannah.com/info/who-we-are)

**Tampa**, Florida

## SUNNY / COSMOPOLITAN / HISTORIC & CULTURAL

Tampa is a dynamic city on Florida's Gulf Coast, with an unparalleled experience for international students seeking an enriching academic journey. Home to a diverse array of educational institutions and a thriving cultural scene, this city offers a unique blend of academic excellence, recreational opportunities, and a welcoming community. The nearby beaches, parks, and other outdoor activities provide an opportunity to soak up the sun between study sessions, a great mix of study and play! Tampa could be a great place for international students to have their college experience.

### ABOUT TAMPA:

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**Founded in 1824**, Tampa is one of the oldest cities along Florida's Gulf Coast.<sup>1</sup>

Tampa is recognized for its diverse urban landscape and ample green spaces, akin to its nickname **“The Big Guava.”** The city boasts stunning parks like the iconic Bayshore Boulevard, offering a scenic waterfront stretch perfect for leisurely walks or bike rides.<sup>2</sup>

#### Sources:

1 <https://www.tampa.gov/city-clerk/info/archives/city-of-tampa-incorporation-history>

2 <https://www.sdanational.org/mpage/TampaFacts>

3 <https://datacommons.org/place/geoid/1271000?category=Demographics>

4 <https://www.visittampabay.com/media/news/post/tampa-bay-tourism-soars-to-its-best-year-ever/>

5 <https://www.globaltampabay.com/living-in-tb/iii-climate.php>

With a **population of approximately 398,000**, Tampa stands as an enticing destination that beautifully blends its historical heritage with contemporary attractions.<sup>3</sup>

Drawing in over **26.7 million visitors** in 2023, Tampa serves as a premier tourism hotspot in Florida.<sup>4</sup>

Tampa averages around **243 days of sunshine** each year, creating an inviting atmosphere for both residents and tourists to enjoy outdoor activities and coastal living.<sup>5</sup>

Tampa is situated **between major cities** such as Miami, Orlando, and Jacksonville. Its convenient location enhances accessibility and makes it a starting point for exploring the many attractions within the state and the southern region of the United States.



## Campus Life

Our international campus locations are designed to provide a learning environment that may help you realize your potential with the knowledge and skills to make a difference in the industry.

Regardless of your chosen field of study or campus location, we provide exceptional teaching using industry-standard facilities and equipment. Our campuses boast modern amenities and prioritize a service-oriented approach to student life, ensuring a fulfilling educational experience.

### Our facilities include:

#### On Campus Libraries and Study Spaces:

Students have access to libraries on-campus and online stocked with diverse resources and study materials. Additionally, the study spaces are designed to facilitate group discussions, teamwork, and creative thinking, fostering an environment that encourages learning and academic growth.

#### Convenient Locations with Access to Local Amenities:

Our campuses offer easy access to local restaurants, cafes, parks, and nearby attractions. This ensures a well-rounded student experience beyond the classroom, allowing students to explore and enjoy the surrounding community while balancing their studies.





## Student Life and Support

Welcome to an exciting student life experience, tailored to support your international student journey through South University. From academic excellence to personal well-being, our range of student support services and diverse opportunities extend beyond the classroom.

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### Community Outreach:

Engage, connect, and make a meaningful impact beyond the campus through our community outreach opportunities.

### Be Well at South:

Here at South, we prioritize your mental, physical, and emotional wellness. We have a dedicated team committed to supporting students when they need it the most.

**BE  
WELL**  
AT **South**

### Career Services:

We are dedicated to guiding students towards successful career<sup>1</sup> pathways by providing personalized resources, expert guidance, and valuable opportunities. From resume review, career resources, and networking events, we are committed to empowering students to navigate the ever-evolving job market confidently.

1 South University does not promise or guarantee employment or salary amounts.

### Alumni Association:

Upon completion of your program, students automatically become members of our Alumni Association, fostering lifelong connections and providing ongoing support as you embark on your professional journey.

### Office of Student Affairs:

South provides comprehensive support and guidance to international students throughout their academic journey. From visa and immigration assistance, academic advising, and cultural integration programs. The office strives to ensure that international students feel welcomed, informed, and supported.



# Academic Programs



## GRADUATE DEGREES

### Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The MBA program distinguishes itself with a process-based curriculum, deviating from traditional functional approaches. Foundational courses establish a strong knowledge base in economics, decision-making, behavioral sciences, and strategic environments, while core studies delve into complex short and long-term decision-making scenarios crucial for effective service delivery. Guided by our program's key learning outcomes, our graduates emerge equipped to navigate diverse and global business landscapes. They use critical thinking as they examine both qualitative and quantitative data, then synthesize and evaluate the information for use in problem recognition and problem solving.

### Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS)

The MSIS program is STEM master degree that prepares students for a career or advancement within the Information Systems (IS) profession, or related fields. The MSIS program draws on recognized industry frameworks, best practices, and standards through alignment with certifications established by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA®), the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL®), and the Project Management Institute (PMI®). To aid the academic and professional advancement of students through hands-on experience, the MSIS program incorporates technology resources via the IBM Academic Initiative. The program emphasizes project-based learning and students perform an IT/IS industry analysis of skills, certifications, technologies, and methodologies required in their targeted careers. This leads to the development of a portfolio of projects, which is vetted by industry experts. This approach is also supported by an elective internship course. Master of Sciences in Information Systems (MSIS)

### At a Glance (MBA)

Available at the Tampa campus

Program Duration	✓ 24 months
Number of Credits	✓ 48 credits
Awarding Degree	✓ Master of Business Administration
Start Dates	✓ October, January, July

### At a Glance (MSIS)

Available at the Tampa campus

Program Duration	✓ 24 months
Number of Credits	✓ 48 credits
Awarding Degree	✓ Master of Science in Information Systems
Start Dates	✓ October, January, July

*The stated credit loads are suggested and may not be typical of all students. While achievable, taking the stated number of credits each semester may be demanding. Please speak to your advisor to help determine the appropriate credit load and completion time for you along with the process and repercussions of adding and dropping classes.*



## At a Glance (MSN)

Available at the Tampa campus

Program Duration	✓ 24 months
Number of Credits	✓ 62 credits
Awarding Degree	✓ Master of Science in Nursing
Start Dates	✓ October, January, July

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## At a Glance (PharmD)

Available at the Savannah campus

Program Duration	✓ 36 months
Number of Credits	✓ 219 credits
Awarding Degree	✓ Doctor of Pharmacy
Scholarships	✓ Yes
Start Dates	✓ June

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## Master of Science in Nursing Programs (MSN)<sup>1,2</sup>

The Master of Science in Nursing degree program (MSN) is designed to develop and enhance the knowledge and skills of registered nurses. It is also designed for those nurses who want to pursue advanced positions in today's challenging healthcare environment. The program, based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Master's Essentials, blends nursing theory with advanced practice concepts that prepare students to work within a healthcare organization or educational setting. All applicants to the MSN program must hold a valid and unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the US.

### DOCTORATE DEGREE

## Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

The PharmD program is designed to prepare graduates to pursue their choice of pharmacy practice<sup>2</sup> setting and to provide excellent care to those they serve. Our graduates may excel in community practice, hospital practice, residence training, the pharmaceutical industry and business.

The role of pharmacists in the medical field is changing and evolving to meet the demands of the profession and society. The PharmD program's curriculum at South University is structured to produce graduates who can adapt to the profession's changes while also maintaining high standards of pharmacy practice. South University's progressive curriculum is designed to incorporate hands-on instruction in addition to a traditional classroom setting.

1 Some specializations have additional licensure options, please see the academic catalog for more information.  
<https://catalog.southuniversity.edu/>

2 It is up to each student to review the national and state licensure requirements for licensure, as well as the eligibility criteria to sit for licensure exams. South University cannot guarantee each graduate will pass the required licensure examinations. Outside agencies control the requirements for taking and passing certification/licensing exams and are subject to change without notice to South University. Students must pass the required licensure to work in their respective field.



## We are committed to building a vibrant, diverse community

Our students, staff, faculty, and alumni constitute a rich network that extends well beyond your time at school. As a South University student, you will become a part of this extended family that will help you identify goals while in school and then the means to achieve them.

## Unlock Your Career<sup>1</sup> in the USA

**Understanding Optional Practical Training (OPT)** for International Students. Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a beneficial program in the United States that allows eligible international students on F-1 visas to gain valuable hands-on work experience directly related to their field of study. It provides an opportunity to apply classroom learning to practical, real-world settings, enhancing professional skills and knowledge. You can apply for OPT after you finish your program of study, known as post-completion OPT.

**Post-Completion OPT** You have the opportunity to request 12 months of OPT for each educational level—meaning you can potentially have 12 months of OPT after completing your bachelor's degree and an additional 12 months after achieving your master's degree. Upon approval for post-completion OPT, you'll need to engage in full-time work, committing to 20 hours or more per week.

All our programs including the BSN, MSIS, MBA, PharmD and MSN are eligible for 12months post-completion OPT.

**STEM OPT Extension** If you're an F-1 student pursuing an academic program in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM), you might qualify for the STEM OPT extension. This extension could extend your post-completion OPT for an extra 24 months. Our MSIS program is eligible for the STEM OPT extension.

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## Service for International Students







### **Predeparture Orientation:**

Our dedicated international team will prepare you with essential information, resources and insights to ensure a smooth transition into your new academic and cultural life in the USA.

### **Student Support Service:**

We offer comprehensive international student support, including accommodation guidance, in-country assistance, and any other help our international students may need to feel at home.



### **Practical Training:**

International students are guided through the process of seeking full-time employment in the U.S. upon completion of their degree through OPT opportunities.<sup>1</sup> Graduates will secure their post completion employment opportunity, and our Designated School Officer (DSO) will help you navigate the requirements to apply for OPT.

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## Students Spotlight See What Our International Students Have to Say<sup>1</sup>



**Dennis M. Korkory Jr.**

Ghana, Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)  
Currently enrolled at South University,  
Savannah 2024



**Leticia Sheppard**

Brazil, Masters of Science  
Human Resources Management  
Currently enrolled at South University, Tampa 2024



**Zikora Nnabugwu**

Nigeria, Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)  
Resources Management, Currently enrolled at  
South University, Savannah 2025

“ South University is a great school with systems that help in student success. There are fun activities, including sports, food truck days, and student competitive activities. Communication is effectively executed through the student email system hosted on the student portal. ”

“ I think South University's curriculum is well designed, providing me with the necessary knowledge and skills in my field of study. I also feel like the diverse and inclusive environment provides a cross cultural communication that prepares me for a globalized workforce. ”

“ South University is effectively preparing me for my future career in pharmacy through its comprehensive curriculum and practical training opportunities. ...The university's commitment to experiential learning, such as internships and hands-on clinical experiences, provides invaluable practical skills that will be essential in my future career. ”

<sup>1</sup> Testimonials have been provided by students/  
alumni in their own words and without coercion.

## Begin Your Academic Journey at South University

At South University, we believe in the power of diverse prospective and global experiences. We welcome eligible international students to join our academic community.

**Application Assistance:** Our dedicated international admissions team is here to guide you through the application process, ensuring you have the support you need every step of the way.

**F-1 Student Visa Support:** Our international office provides comprehensive assistance and guidance throughout the F-1 student visa application process, ensuring students have the necessary support and resources to navigate visa requirements and smoothly transition to studying in the United States.

## Connect With Us

Apply today and unlock a world of opportunities, an enriching academic experience, and a global network of students making their mark in the world.

**Email: [International@southuniversity.edu](mailto:International@southuniversity.edu)**

Scan the QR code to learn more about South University





# South

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ESTABLISHED 1899

Since 1899, South University has been committed to providing a warm, supportive learning environment that encourages you to engage with a community of faculty, staff, and students eager to play a role in helping you achieve your educational goals.

Contact our international office, explore our programs, and start your journey of a lifetime with South University today!

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Admission requirements vary by program. For specific information about your program of choice, see <https://catalog.southuniversity.edu/> and email: [International@southuniversity.edu](mailto:International@southuniversity.edu). International Students (requiring Form 1-20 sponsorship) will follow International Student Admission Policies outlined in the South University Catalog.

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