

EMILY MEJIA

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EDUCATION

University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Criminology | Expected May 2027

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Manager — TRAIL Academy

University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL | 2026 – Present

- Oversee the day-to-day operations and development of TRAIL Academy, a trauma-informed educational initiative focused on translating research into practical training and community-based programming
- Supervise and coordinate academy fellows by assigning projects, establishing deadlines, reviewing progress, and ensuring that team deliverables meet program goals and expectations
- Lead the development of facilitator guides, training curricula, and educational materials designed to help community and professional partners better understand and respond to trauma
- Collaborate with faculty, researchers, and community organizations to identify training needs and incorporate evidence-based trauma research into accessible, applied educational resources
- Plan and lead team meetings, establish project priorities, coordinate responsibilities, and maintain accountability throughout the development and implementation of academy initiatives
- Support the continued growth of TRAIL Academy by strengthening community partnerships, refining program materials, and helping develop new opportunities for trauma-informed education and outreach

Research Assistant — Trauma & Adversity Research Lab

University of South Florida | 2025 – Present

- Conduct literature reviews on trauma, victimization, childhood adversity, and coping behaviors
- Synthesize scholarly research and develop annotated bibliographies to support ongoing projects
- Assist with qualitative research, including transcription, data coding, and interview preparation

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Vice President — Criminology Club

University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL | 2025 – Present

- Assist in coordinating club meetings, campus events, and criminology-focused programming
- Collaborate with the executive board to support student engagement, recruitment, and professional development

CERTIFICATIONS

Global Career Accelerator | 2025

AI Professional Skills | Data Analysis | Data Visualization | Intercultural Skills

SKILLS

Research & Literature Review | Qualitative Research | Academic Writing | Program Management | Project Coordination | Leadership | Trauma-Informed Education | Data Analysis | Data Interpretation | Excel | Tableau | Microsoft Office | Professional Communication