

FERPA and Privacy of Student Records

The University respects the rights and privacy of students in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The University may disclose certain items of directory information without the consent of the student, unless the student submits a written non-disclosure request, verified by University personnel or a notary.

Students are required to file requests for non-disclosure with the Office of the Registrar. Non-disclosure requests remain in place permanently, unless the office is notified otherwise. Students may grant online access to select individuals via the student information system (auxiliary access); requests to grant online access cannot be processed by the Office of the Registrar.

The University is prohibited by federal law (FERPA) from releasing student records, including grade information, without the express written authorization of the student. Students may grant online auxiliary access to any designated individuals via the student information system. Auxiliary access is "view only" and does not permit the person who has been granted auxiliary access to act as an agent of the student, or to act upon the student's behalf. Students are required to login to the ERNIE (Embry-Riddle Network for Information Exchange) portal, go to "Student Service Center," find "Personal Information" section, and complete "Auxiliary Access" to designate up to three individuals to make payments and access student records.

Directory information consists of:

- Student name
- Permanent or local mailing addresses and telephone numbers*
- ERAU e-mail or box address
- Non-ERAU email addresses or account information*
- Date of birth*
- Major courses of study and areas of specialization
- Dates admitted, attended, and graduated
- Enrollment and class status
- Campus, school, or college attended
- Degrees sought or earned, and dates received or anticipated
- Awards, honors, and special programs or recognitions
- Most recent previous school attended
- For student-athletes and scholarship recipients, the ERAU ID and photograph
- Information from public sources

** Though directory information may be released without student consent, information of this nature is only released for compelling reasons.*

The University shall obtain written consent from students before disclosing any personally identifiable information from their education records with the exception of the directory information. The receipt of a written request to release an education record electronically satisfies this requirement.

Such written consent must specify:

1. The records to be released
2. The purpose of the disclosure
3. Identify the party or class of parties to whom disclosure may be made and their address(es)
4. Do not designate a recipient fax number for requests, including academic transcripts; transcripts are not available via fax. If urgency

exists, students are advised to request the delivery of an electronic transcript, via Parchment.

5. Must be signed and dated by the student or former student

An institution may release personally identifiable information from a student's educational record without the student's written consent as required under federal law if the disclosure meets one or more of the conditions as defined under the Exceptions to Written Consent Requirement (§99.31). The law authorizes students and former students the right to inspect and review information contained in their education records.

Consent for release is not required for disclosure:

- to school officials, including the National Student Clearinghouse, with legitimate educational interests;
- to state, federal and local authorities conducting audits, evaluations or enforcement of education programs, or to organizations working on their behalf;
- to accrediting organizations;
- in connection with financial aid;
- to parents of a dependent child when the most recent tax return is provided;
- in compliance with a lawfully issued subpoena;
- in a health or safety emergency.

Students can submit written requests to the Office of the Registrar. Once a request is received, the Office of the Registrar is required to make the records available for inspection and review within 45 days. FERPA allows disclosure of educational records or their components under certain conditions.

Students desiring additional information regarding FERPA may review the ERAU FERPA Notification in ERNIE or contact Office of the Registrar.