

FERPA for Students

What Every UA Student Should Know

Student Records and FERPA

UA complies fully with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which governs access to, and confidentiality of, student records.

As a means of complying with this act, the University has developed the UA Policy on Confidentiality of Records available at registar.ua.edu.

Student Rights Under FERPA

FERPA grants students the right to:

1. Inspect and review your educational record
2. Have some control over the disclosure of information from your educational record
3. Seek to amend incorrect information in your educational record

Student Rights Under FERPA

- FERPA rights transfer from the parent to the student
 - When the student reaches the age of 18
 - OR
 - The student attends a post-secondary institution regardless of age

Student Rights Under FERPA

The release of student educational records and personally identifiable information **may not** be released to a third party without your written consent unless that information is considered “directory information”.

No information, including directory, will be released if you have a confidentiality hold on your records.

OK to Release

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

- Name
- Local & permanent address
- Telephone number
- UA Email address
- UA School/College
- Class level
- Major(s)/degree program(s)
- Dates of attendance
- Full-/part-time enrollment status
- Degrees/honors/awards received

Not OK to Release

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

including, but not limited to:

- Social Security Number
- Date of birth
- Residency status
- Gender/race/ethnicity
- Religious preference
- Pictures

EDUCATION RECORDS Including, but not limited to:

- Class schedule
- Grades/GPA/Academic standing
- Test scores
- Academic transcripts
- Disciplinary records

Disclosures Without Consent

FERPA permits the release of SOME information without student permission including, but not limited to:

- School officials
 - Must have a legitimate need-to-know
- Compliance with a judicial order or subpoena
- Health or safety emergency
 - UAPD, Student Health Center, Parents

Notice:

This presentation is intended to raise awareness and give general information about FERPA and to acquaint you with some of the privacy issues surrounding students' educational records. It is not intended as nor is it a substitute for legal advice on any particular issue.