

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Part 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations the University provides the following notice regarding students' education records and personally identifiable information.

To the extent provided by law, students may inspect their education records by contacting the Registrar's Office. Students may also seek amendment of their education records if they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise believed to be in violation of the student's privacy rights. Students must request an amendment to their education record in writing to the Registrar's Office. The University will respond within a reasonable time to a student request and if the University decides not to amend the student's record the student may request a hearing pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations 34 CFR 99.21.

The University may not disclose information that personally identifies a student or one of their family members, or makes either the student or one of their family members easily traceable, unless the student consents to such disclosure or the situation calling for disclosure is permitted without consent under FERPA (See FERPA and the Code of Federal Regulations 34 CFR 99.31 for a list of permitted disclosures). In cases where disclosure of personally identifiable information is subject to University discretion under FERPA the University reserves the right to make such disclosures.

A student may file a complaint with the Department of Education concerning alleged violations by the University of the student's rights under FERPA and Part 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Students desiring to file a complaint with the Department of Education should refer to the Code of Federal Regulations, 34 CFR 99.63 and 99.64, for the applicable procedures.

The University has a policy of disclosing education records, which may include personally identifiable information, to University officials and faculty members that have a legitimate educational interest in such information. University officials or faculty members have a legitimate educational interest in accessing or reviewing a student's educational records, if the faculty or staff member is:

- performing a task that is specified in his/her position description or contract;
- performing a task related to a student's education or to student discipline;
- providing a service or benefit related to the student or student's family;
- maintaining safety and security on campus, or
- otherwise pursuing a legitimate business interest of the University.

A "university official," for the purposes of this section, is any employee of the University who must access or review educational records of students in order to efficiently and effectively perform any part of her/his employment duties or responsibilities and any employee or agent of the University authorized by the President to perform duties or take action on the behalf of the University that requires access to student educational records.