

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

FERPA Disclosure

Directory information is considered public and may be released without written consent unless specifically prohibited by the student concerned. Students wishing to opt out must provide a formal written request to the Dean of Academic Affairs. Data defined as directory information includes: student name, address, telephone number, email address, major field of study, student participation in officially recognized activities, dates of attendance, enrollment status (full-, half-, part-time; undergraduate or graduate), degrees and awards received, and the most recent educational agency or institution the student has attended.

Access, Review, and Challenge of Records

Student account records are maintained by the University in permanent files. As a result of section 438 of the General Provision Act (Title IV of Public Law 90-247), students aged 18 or over have access to their personal records kept by the University. One transcript of the student's grades is provided free of charge after graduation.

Additional transcripts will be supplied per written request. Appropriate fees will apply.

All authorized university and/or school officials and third-parties who meet the definition of a school official may be granted access to student records for official purposes only. A student (or in some cases eligible parents) may have access to the student's record within a reasonable time after submitting a written request to the custodian in possession of that record. If the content of any record is believed to be in error, inaccurate, discriminatory, misleading, in violation of student rights, or otherwise inappropriate, it may be challenged and a written explanation included in the record. The student's right to due process allows for a hearing, which may be held at a reasonable time and place, at which time evidence may be presented to support the challenge. (Please see Student Disciplinary/Complaint/Grievance Procedures, *pages 82-87.*)

Student information will only be released to any person, agency or legal authority as required by subpoena/ legal process or by consent of the student (or eligible parent). Information will only be released on a consent basis where the student or eligible parent has provided written consent, signed, dated and specifying the information to be released, the reason for release and name(s) of persons to whom the information is to be released.