

**FERPA**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, is a federal law that safeguards the privacy of students' educational records. For a complete discussion of FERPA, please see the FMU FERPA Policy.

**FERPA and Directory Information**

FERPA permits the release of information identified as "directory information" without students' prior written consent. FMU has designated the following items as directory information:

- Student name
- Enrollment status
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- Eligibility for honors societies
- Most recent previous institution attended
- Mailing address
- Telephone listing
- FMU email address
- Date and place of birth
- Photograph
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams

If you wish to prohibit the disclosure of directory information, you must complete a Request of Non-Disclosure form, available in the Registrar's Office, by the end of the drop/add period for each academic term you wish the university to withhold your directory information.

Please consider that if you complete a Request for Non-Disclosure, the university is prohibited from releasing your name and other information for purposes for which you might like to be recognized (for example, announcements of scholarships, induction into honors societies, inclusion on the President's or Dean's lists, participation in university activities, et al).

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