

STUDENT DATA PROTECTION

Why we protect student information

- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Higher Education Act (HEA)
- Graham Leach Bliley Act (GLBA)
- Red Flags Rule
- Information Security at UVA: <https://security.virginia.edu/>
- FIN-031: Prevention, Detection, and Mitigation of Identity Theft: <https://uvapolicy.virginia.edu/policy/FIN-031#Procedures>
- It's the right thing to do

FERPA at a Glance

The intent of FERPA is to protect the rights of students and to insure the privacy and accuracy of education records. It applies to students who are or have been in attendance at a school. At UVA, a student is considered to be "in attendance" once enrolled in courses for his/her initial term of enrollment. Information protected by FERPA cannot be disclosed without the student's consent. Alternately, directory information may be disclosed to third parties without the consent of the student unless the student has restricted the release of this information. At UVA, directory information includes data such as:

- Name
- Home and school address
- Home and school phone number
- Email address, UVA computing ID
- School of enrollment
- Major field of study
- Level and year in school
- Expected graduation date

Some examples of information that cannot be released includes:

- Student ID
- University ID
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender
- Grades

School Official Exception: Student information may be released to faculty and staff only for legitimate educational interests. A legitimate educational interest is when the information on the student's record is needed to perform his/her duties for the University.

For more information about FERPA, visit: <http://www.virginia.edu/registrar/privacyact.html>

HEA at a Glance

The HEA restricts the use of data reported on and derived from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the application, award, and administration of federal student aid programs, state aid, or aid awarded by eligible institutions. This means that third parties, such as scholarships organizations or study abroad programs, cannot receive information from the student's FAFSA or receive financial aid award eligibility. However, this information can be disclosed directly to the student.

Data Sharing Decision Tree

