

FERPA at National Louis University: What You Need to Know

What is FERPA?

In compliance with the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974**, also known as the Buckley Amendment or FERPA, National Louis University protects the rights of students related to the accuracy and privacy of their educational records.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, National Louis University has established basic policies to prevent the release of any personally identifiable information regarding any of its students, without first having received the consent of the student.

What Can Be Shared Without Student Consent?

The law permits certain categories of information to be designated as directory information and to be released without requiring written consent. The University has designated as directory information the following categories:

- Student's name
- Local address, telephone numbers, and NLU email address (of currently enrolled students only)
- Dates of enrollment
- Major field of study
- Diploma or degree awarded
- Honors or awards received
- Announcement of public performances and ceremonies officially recognized by the University

What Does This Mean For Me?

No other personally identifiable information about a current or former student may be released to any person or agency outside the University except by the written, signed, and dated request of the student (or parent where appropriate) specifying the information to be released and to whom it is to be released.

Interested in Learning More About FERPA?

The US Department of Education offers FERPA training for free: studentprivacy.ed.gov/training/ferpa-101-local-education-agencies

All partners of NLU are strongly encouraged to complete this training.