

FERPA DECLARATION

NAME (Please Print):

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In accordance with the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA, the Federal law protecting students' academic records), I make the following declaration. Select one by checking:

1. _____ I am claimed as a dependent on the following persons' IRS Statement and therefore they have access to my Academic Information*. Such information may be obtained from Union University faculty, staff and administrators. See *Campus Life Handbook* for exceptions.

Name Daytime Phone Number E-mail Address

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In addition to those listed above by IRS declaration, I grant permission for the following persons or agencies to have access to my Academic Information*.

Name Daytime Phone Number E-mail Address

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2. _____ I am self-supporting and claimed by no one but myself or my spouse on my annual Federal Income Tax Statement. I grant my permission for the following person or agencies to have access to my Academic Information*. See *Campus Life Handbook* for exceptions.

Name Daytime Phone Number

Name Daytime Phone Number

3. _____ I am self-supporting and claimed by no one but myself or my spouse on my annual Federal Income Tax Statement. Therefore, my Academic Information* is subject to release only with my written permission. See *Campus Life Handbook* for exceptions.

Student Signature Authorizing 1, 2, or 3 above as indicated

Date

Student SSN or UU ID#

PLEASE NOTE: If enacted, this declaration is to be filed with the Academic Center. It may be amended by addition or deletion at any time in writing in the Academic Center; otherwise, Union University will use this declaration effective the date of first attendance and for your continuous enrollment plus one year following your enrollment at Union University.

Academic Information* includes courses taken, grades earned, semester and cumulative GPA, transfer credits, performance in courses, test and examination grades, class attendance, athletic eligibility, academic standing (Good, Deficiency, Probation, Suspension), eligibility to return as well as other matters related to academic performance.

Directory Information (name, address including email address, telephone numbers, date/place of birth, photograph, academic major/minor, class schedule, dates of attendance, degrees & awards received, most recent prior institution attended) is not protected by FERPA unless individually blocked by the student; for additional information refer to your *Campus Life Handbook*.

Please return this form to the Academic Center. Refer any questions to the Academic Center at 731-661-5040.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, FERPA, protects academic and other education records of students from unauthorized access. It allows the University to refuse to issue a transcript in the event of an outstanding financial obligation to the University or to a national loan program.

FERPA permits access to academic records within the University under the "legitimate need to know" clause. This allows faculty advisors, administrators, faculty and selected staff access as long as the use of such information is within the purpose of the university and for the benefit of the student.

FERPA allows access to academic records beyond the direct use of the University, or third party access, under the following circumstances:

- (1) with the student's signed release,
- (2) to the parent of the student who is legally of minor age,
- (3) to the parent of the student who is legally an adult but who continues to be the financial dependent of the parent, and
- (4) for academic research provided all personally identifiable information is removed from the data.

If a student is of minor age, grades may be discussed with parents. Parents or guardians of students 18 years of age or older must present proof of the student's financial dependence or written approval of the student to the University before discussion of grades or academic performance. The attached release form is provided for this purpose. The FERPA release does not provide additional copies of Progress Reports or Final Grade Reports to parents or other parties. If a family member, scholarship, or agency requires a copy of grades each semester, the student must sign an individual transcript request or a "send every semester" request for an official transcript; forms are available in the Academic Center and at Union Station. Official transcripts cost \$3.00 per mailed copy.

It is the policy of Union University that any official transcript or letter verifying grades or grade point average should be issued through the Academic Center and that any form affirming grades or GPA should be signed by the Registrar. A student copy of the Union transcript or verification of enrollment *for currently enrolled* students is also available to the student with his/her authorizing signature at Union Station. Any document containing grades or grade point average of high school academic records or college credits transferred to Union University should be issued from the institution that maintains the permanent record. High School transcripts and transfer transcripts on file at Union University are third party, non-transferable records and are the property of Union University.

The other type of information addressed by FERPA, directory information (name, address including email address, telephone number, date & place of birth, photograph, academic major/minor, class schedule, dates of attendance, degrees & awards received, most previous institution attended), is considered public information UNLESS the student has a signed statement on file in the Academic Center to the contrary. Publication includes on the Union webpage/student directory, news releases and phone inquiries by prospective employers, insurance companies and others. Check the *Campus Life Handbook* for additional details.