Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO)
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A copy of the Act, more details about your rights, and any University policies related to the Act are available from the Office of Academic Records at this page.

Questions concerning FERPA should be referred to the Office of Academic Records or the Office of Legal Counsel.

Directory Information
Release of student record information is generally not done at Fordham University without the expressed, written consent of the student. There are, however, some exceptions.

For example, Fordham University, at its discretion, may release the following Directory Information without the student's consent: student's name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status (e.g. undergraduate or graduate; full-time or part-time), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received (e.g., Dean's List recognition), and the most recent educational agency or institution attended, and other such similar information.

Please note that you have the right to withhold the release of directory information. To do so, you must complete the Educational Record Sharing (FERPA) Block form, also available on the My.Fordham Student tab under “Electronic Forms.” Please note two important details regarding placing a “No Release” (FERPA Block) on your record:

- Fordham University receives many inquiries for directory information from a variety of sources outside the institution, including friends, parents, relatives, prospective employers, scholarship programs, the news media and honor societies. Having a “No Release” on your records will preclude release (block the sharing) of such information, even to those people.
- A “No Release” applies to all elements of directory information on your record. Fordham University does not apply a “No Release” differently to the various directory information data elements.

Dependent Status of Undergraduates
Generally, undergraduate students are considered holding “dependent” status unless written notification and adequate documentation of “independent” status has been submitted to the Office of Academic Records—Enrollment Group.

Veteran Information
Veterans enrolled at Fordham University utilizing education benefits programs—such as Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill–Active Duty, Montgomery GI Bill–Selected Reserve and the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP)—must present their Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and DD214 to the Office of Academic Records at the time of registration or as soon as possible thereafter. Those utilizing the Vocational Rehabilitation Chapter 31 benefit should ensure that their counselor has authorized them for the semester and should inform the Fordham school certifying officials. Please refer to the VA website, www.gibill.va.gov, for eligibility criteria as well as type of education or training benefits available under each program. The VA can also be reached at 888 442-4551. Veterans who do not have such a letter (COE) must follow the same procedure for payment of tuition as all other students. Specific tuition questions should be directed to the Financial Aid office of your home school.

For information on Fordham University’s participation in the Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, please refer to: https://www.fordham.edu/info/20731/veterans_admissions.

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