

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

College of Saint Mary is in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Any student at College of Saint Mary may personally inspect, review, and at the student's expense, have a copy made of any records (except another school's transcript) kept regarding her college career. Where more than one student is involved in a record, the student may have the information concerning only her transmitted orally.

Listed below are the records presently kept by the College. A student wishing to examine any record should make a request of the appropriate administrator. Requests have to be in writing. The record will be made available within 45 days.

Student Record Administrator

Academic record -Registrar

Department record -Advisor or Program Director*

Financial record -Bursar**

Health record -Alegent Occupational Health

Financial Aid record- Financial Aid Director**

Graduation requirements checklist -Academic Advisor

* Where a student has declared a major, the student should file a request with the Program Director; otherwise, with the advisor.

** Students may not examine any item revealing financial information about their parents.

The Registrar's academic file for a student contains the latest transcript, academic action letters, test results, credit by exam, change of grade/major/curriculum, academic plan, name change, transfer credit evaluation, any documentation related FERPA hearings, and any relevant correspondence. These records are scanned and stored permanently off site. The information in the advisor file is usually a duplicate of this file or personal correspondence and does not need to be retained after the student graduates or leaves.

Directory information is information not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. This information includes, but it is not limited to: name, address, telephone listing, field of study, weight & height of athletes, most recent previous school attended, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and dates of attendance, degrees, and awards.

Directory information may be disclosed without prior written consent unless the student has notified the College not to release this information. Written notice must be made to the Registrar's Office within 10 days following the beginning of each semester. Any student choosing to have this information withheld should note that her name will not be released for Dean's List or other honors, nor will it be included in the commencement program.

In order to protect the right to privacy, the College will not make any records not designated as directory information available, without the student's written consent, to anyone other than College of Saint Mary officials with a legitimate educational interest, officials of other schools to which the student has applied, certain governmental officials, parents who establish student's dependency status, and certain persons in connection with an application for financial aid.

If a student concludes that her record contains inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data, the student may request an informal meeting with the appropriate administrator to see if, through discussion, a satisfactory agreement can be reached concerning correction, explanation, or deletion of material.

If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached informally, the student may file with the Vice President for Academic Affairs a written request for a hearing before the Academic Appeals Board of the College.

Any member of the board having a direct interest in the case may not participate. The board's decision will be rendered in writing within a reasonable period of time and is final.

The student has a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by College of Saint Mary to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

Students may request a copy of any such records (except transcripts) in College of Saint Mary's possession at a cost of 10 cents per page. Anything in a student's record that the student does not understand will be explained. The records are reviewed and materials expunged periodically.