

University of West Florida - Division of Academic Affairs
Collection and Use of Social Security Numbers

In accordance with Florida Statute 119.071(5), students should be aware the University of West Florida Division of Academic Affairs collects and uses social security numbers for the purpose of performing certain university duties and responsibilities as follows:

- Identification and verification of student records, including admission, registration, academic records, financial records as well as verification of identity in connection with the provision of the University's services;
- State and federal reporting of student data as required by law. UWF does not use social security numbers for student identification; instead the University assigns each student a UWF student identification number (UWF ID). Florida Statute 1008.386 requires school districts to request the Social Security numbers of enrolling students for recordkeeping purposes, and FS 119.071 governs the use of those numbers. You are not, however, required to provide your child's Social Security number as a condition of enrollment.

Department	Purpose	Statutory Authority	Mandated, Authorized, or Business Imperative
Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships	Student record management, identification and verification of student records	Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, Section 483 and 484 Section 119.071(5)(a)(2)(a)(II), F.S	Mandated
Office of Undergraduate Admissions	Student record management, identification and verification of student records	Section 119.071(5)(a)(2)(a)(II), F.S	Authorized, Business Imperative
Office of Graduate Admissions	Student record management, identification and verification of student records	Section 119.071(5)(a)(2)(a)(II), F.S	Authorized, Business Imperative
Office of the Registrar	Student record management, identification and verification of student records	Section 119.071(5)(a)(2)(a)(II), F.S	Authorized, Business Imperative