Confidentiality Statement

When students enter the University, their privacy rights are protected through a federal law called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This means that what they discuss with their advisor remains confidential (unless the student shares a concern regarding the health and safety of themselves or another individual as governed by Title IX). Furthermore, the relationship between the College of Arts and Sciences and student is particularly important in the student’s academic career. The ideal advisor/student relationship is one of mutual respect and sharing of important, and sometimes sensitive, information.

Therefore, students may not expect the College of Arts and Sciences advisors, administrative staff, graduate students, and undergraduate student employees to release specific information (e.g., grades, class attendance, and academic progress) about a student without the student’s expressed written permission to anyone, including family members. Nor will advisors release to anyone, including students themselves, sensitive and confidential information via e-mail or phone.

By signing the document below, this individual is agreeing to the confidential nature of all information located in the students’ academic file (both electronically and physical) as well as any information disclosed during an advising meeting or other interaction.

Signature: ___________________________    Date: ________________